OUR SPACE

AN INSPIRING SCRIPTURE

"[Jesus Christ] shall make intercession for all the children of men; and they that believe in him shall be saved" (2 Nephi 2:9).

In this scripture, the word *intercession* has great meaning. It means "acting as a mediator to help two parties resolve a problem." In this case, the Savior is the mediator who helps all people who have become separated from Heavenly Father because of sin.

This scripture helped me know the importance of our Savior, Jesus Christ. I am grateful for His Atonement. Only through Him can we live again with our Father in Heaven. Hanisha A., India





WHO WANTS TO PRAY?

n my mission, my companion and I taught a family with several children. During one of our planning times, we prayed and discussed what lesson we should teach the children next, and we both agreed to teach about prayer.

When we came to their house, the grandmother and the kids were so excited. We began the lesson with a prayer. The children were quiet and ready to listen. We explained to them how and why to pray. To end our lesson, we asked them, "Who wants to give a closing prayer?" All of them wanted to pray! So we made a schedule for them to give the prayers each time we came to give a lesson. We also invited them to pray when we were not around.

After that lesson, I thought, "Why do little children find it easy to pray while our older investigators have a hard time praying?" I found an answer in the Bible Dictionary: "As soon as we learn the true relationship in which we stand toward God (namely, God is our Father, and we are His children), then at once prayer becomes natural and instinctive on our part (Matt. 7:7–11). Many of the so-called difficulties about prayer arise from forgetting this relationship" ("Prayer"; see also Guide to the Scriptures, "Prayer," scriptures.lds.org).

From that time on, I tried to help people understand their true relationship with our Father in Heaven. Our Father in Heaven wants to talk to His children, just as our earthly parents want to talk with us. He loves us, He wants to talk to us, and He wants us to talk to Him. Jarrel M., Philippines