

Cleaning the Temple Grounds



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In Kentucky, in the southern United States, it gets hot and muggy during the summer. One day people noticed that green mold was growing on the fence around the Louisville Kentucky Temple. And not just a little—there was a lot!

So the Primary children of the Crestwood Second Ward in the Louisville Kentucky Stake decided to do something about it. One warm June day they had an activity. “We took rags and buckets of water and soap to clean the fence and help keep our Heavenly Father’s house clean,” said Sara M., age 10. She got soaked, but “it was fun because all our friends were there.”

Josh H., age 9, said he got a little tired cleaning the high parts of the fence. But he had lots of help. In fact, almost all of the Primary children came, about 75 in all. Many brought their brothers and sisters and moms and dads to help.

The children knew they were on the temple grounds, so they tried to be reverent. And no one complained about the hard work. “We had to scrub really hard because the stains had been there for a while,” said Megan H., age 6. But it was worth it. “I knew we were taking care of our Heavenly Father’s home.”

Sara felt the same way. “I really felt the Spirit because I knew Heavenly Father was happy we were doing that,” she said.

After the work was done, the group gathered at the Church building next door to eat hot dogs and to talk about what they learned.

The Primary children can’t wait until they can go in the temple themselves to do baptisms for the dead.

But for now, they are happy knowing they helped the outside look beautiful—just like Heavenly Father’s house should. ●