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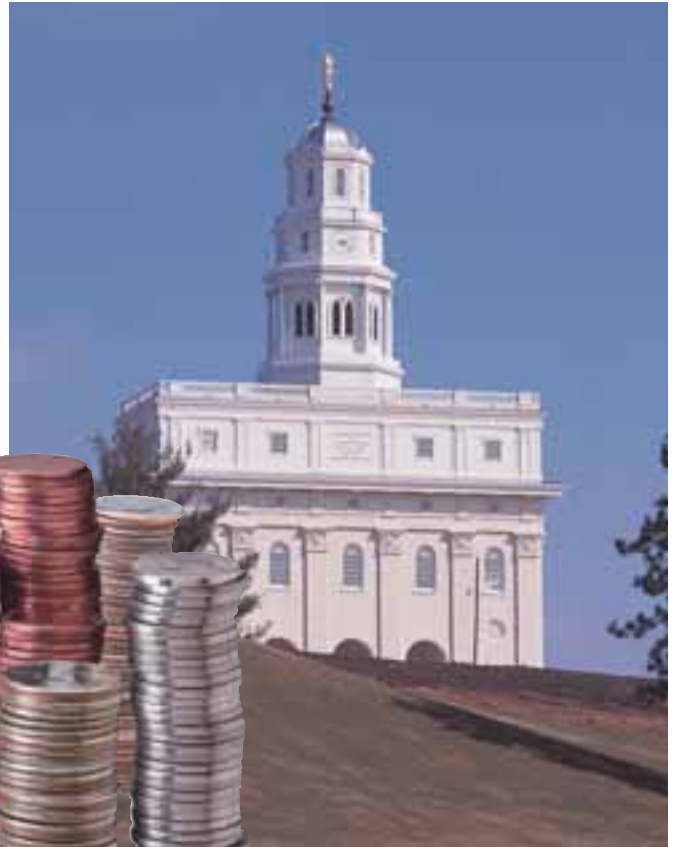
## Nauvoo Temple Money



When President Gordon B. Hinckley announced the construction of the Nauvoo Temple, everyone was excited. He said that members could give money to help build the temple, and I wanted to help.

I had been saving my money for a long time to buy a new pet that I wanted, but I decided to give that money for the temple, just like the children did when the first temple was built there. When I gave the envelope to the bishop, I felt great, knowing that someday I will visit the Nauvoo Temple with my family.

Eric Smith, age 9  
Provo, Utah



## Keeping a Journal



I have been trying to follow the counsel of the prophets by keeping a journal. When I started, I hadn't yet learned to read or write. I'd save something, like a pamphlet or ticket from an activity we had gone to, and put it in my journal. My mom then helped me write the things I remembered beside the item. I love to go back through my journal and remember all the different things I have done. I have kept my journal for over a year now. I am now learning to read and write, and I love to write down memories for myself.

Rachel Averett, age 6  
Waterloo, Iowa

Joshua 1:9. It says, "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."



When I go to bed now, I think of "Be not afraid, . . . God is with thee." This helps me go to sleep without being afraid.

Cassie Fernelius, age 8  
Shippensburg, Pennsylvania

## Joshua 1:9

Sometimes when I go to bed at night, I am afraid. I pray to go to sleep quickly and to not have bad dreams. One day when my sister Courtney gave a family home evening lesson, she used the scripture

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## HIDDEN CTR RING

The Savior is our great example, and we try to follow Him by the things we do every day. In each issue of the *Friend* this year, we have hidden a CTR ring to remind us to always choose the right and follow Jesus Christ. Look for it in this issue.



Come Listen to  
a Prophet's Voice

# Covenants



**President James E. Faust has made it clear that covenants are not just words we speak. If we keep our covenants, they will change our lives for the better.**

**BY PRESIDENT JAMES E. FAUST**  
Second Counselor in the First Presidency

**W**e should always honor and keep sacred the saving covenants we make with the Lord. If we do, He has promised, “Thou shalt receive revelation upon revelation, knowledge upon knowledge, that thou mayest know the mysteries and peaceable things—that which bringeth joy, that which bringeth life eternal” (D&C 42:61).

Many covenants [have to be made and kept in order to have] happiness here and hereafter. Among the most important are the marriage covenants made between husband and wife. From these covenants flow the greatest joys of life.

The covenant of baptism, with its ordinance of confirmation, opens the gate for eternal life.

Temple covenants are the basis for attaining the greatest blessings the Lord has for us.

We have the great privilege of partaking of the sacrament, the Lord’s Supper. Renewing our baptismal covenants as we partake of the sacrament protects us against all manner of evil. As we worthily partake of the bread and water in remembrance of the Savior’s sacrifice, we witness unto God the Father that we are willing to take upon us the name of His Son and always remember Him and to keep His commandments which He has given us. If we do these things, we will always have His Spirit to be

with us (see D&C 20:77, 79). If we partake of the sacrament regularly and are faithful to these covenants, the law will be in our inward parts and written in our hearts. Let me illustrate this with a story from the *Church News*:

“A group of religion instructors [were] taking a summer course on the life of the Savior and focusing particularly on the parables.

“When the final exam time came, . . . the students arrived at the classroom to find a note that the exam would be given in another building across campus. Moreover, the note said, it must be finished within the two-hour time period that was starting almost at that moment.

“The students hurried across campus. On the way they passed a little girl crying over a flat tire on her new bike. An old man hobbled painfully toward the library with a cane in one hand, spilling books from a stack he was trying to manage with the other. On a bench by the union building sat a shabbily dressed, bearded man [in obvious distress].

“Rushing into the other classroom, the students were met by the professor, who announced they had all flunked the final exam.

“The only true test of whether they understood the Savior’s life and teaching, he said, was how they treated people in need.

“Their weeks of study at the feet of a capable professor had taught them a great

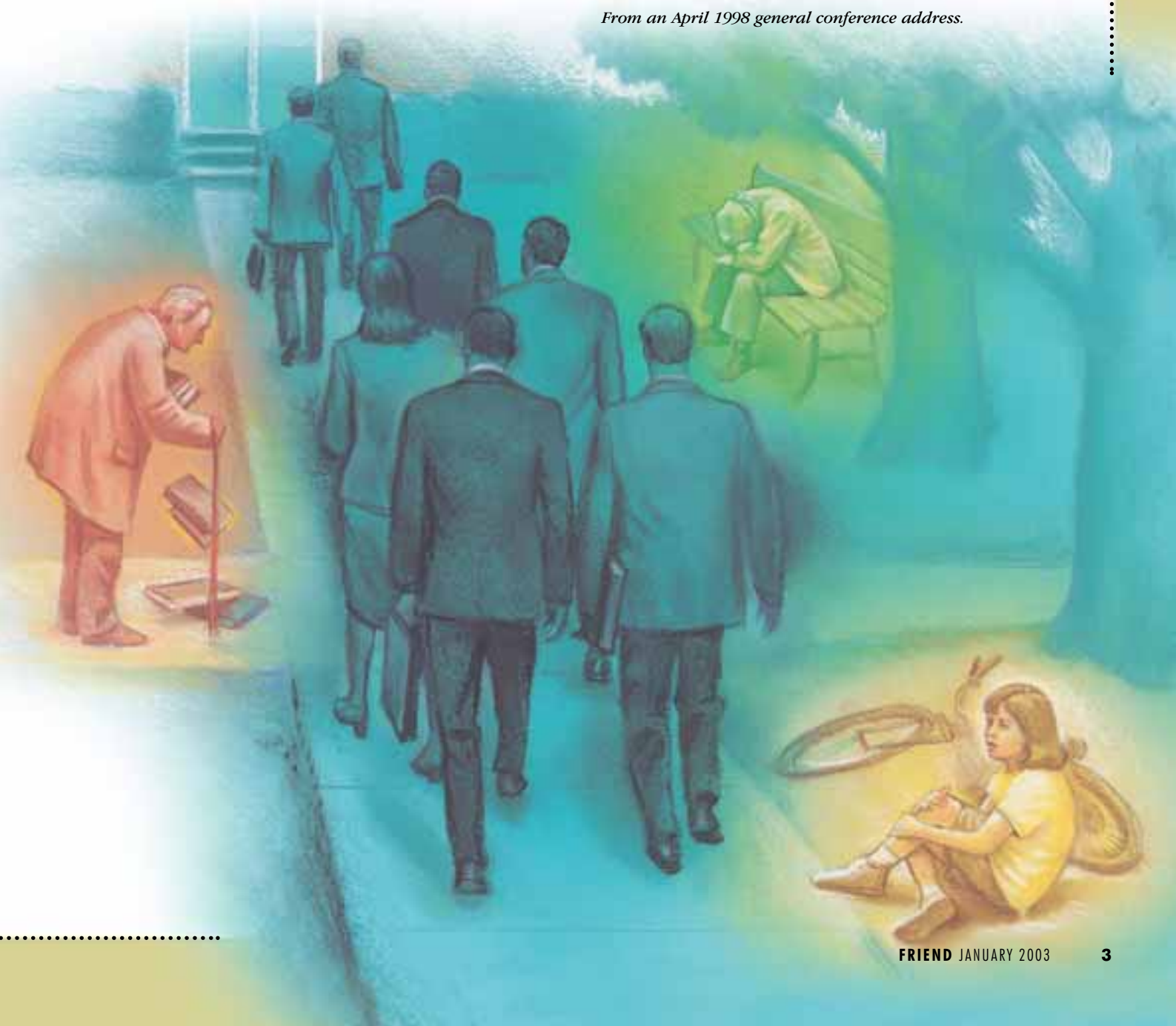
deal of what Christ had said and done.” They learned the letter but not the spirit. Their neglect of the little girl and the two men showed that the message of the course had not entered into their inward parts.

We must at times search our own souls and discover what we really are. Our real character, much as we would wish, cannot be hidden. It shines from within us. Attempts to deceive others only deceive ourselves. We are often like the emperor in the fairy tale who thought

he was arrayed [dressed] in beautiful garments when he was in fact unclothed.

Christlike [behavior] flows from [deep within] the human heart and soul. It is guided by the Holy Spirit of the Lord, which is promised in gospel ordinances. Our greatest hope should be to enjoy the sanctification [being made holy] which comes from this divine guidance; our greatest fear should be to [lose] these blessings. ●

*From an April 1998 general conference address.*





# Brother Dan

BY PATRICIA REECE ROPER  
(Based on a true story)

**One is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren** (Matthew 23:8).

**D**aniel dressed quickly in his Sunday clothes. He knew how to button his shirt all by himself. He pulled his sweater carefully over his shirt and straightened the collar on the outside, just like Mom had shown him. He couldn't tie his Sunday shoes all by himself, but he could get started. Mom would be coming into the living room with the video camera in just a minute to videotape Daniel on his first day of Primary.

Looking into the mirror, Daniel liked the clean, neat little boy who looked back at him. The only thing missing was a necktie. He wished he had one just like Dad's. Then he would be really grown up.

Daniel knew that Mom had to take care of his little brother before she could come and videotape him. He felt very big getting dressed by himself. Now he could help Mom on Sundays even more, just like a grown-up man. Men in the Church were called "brethren." Or if you were talking about just one all by himself, he was a "brother." Now that Daniel was going to be in Primary, he felt like one of the brethren.







“OK,” Mom said, coming in with the video camera. “Why don’t you sing ‘Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam’?” (*Children’s Songbook*, pages 60–61.)

Daniel frowned. “I don’t want to sing that.”

“But you’re a Sunbeam now,” Mom told him. “And all the children sing.”

“The big kids, too?” Daniel asked.

“Of course.”

Daniel sang “Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam” as loudly as he could. He showed Mom how he was going to sit during Primary with his arms folded reverently. He walked back and forth in front of the camera to show how he would walk to his Sunbeam class. He felt very good and big inside.

“Well,” Mom said, turning the camera off, “it looks like you’re ready for Sunbeam class.”

Daniel beamed.

“Thank you very much, Mr. Daniel Dee Roper,” Mom told him.

Daniel looked crushed. “Mom, I’m not Mr. Daniel Dee Roper!” he cried out.

Mom was surprised. “Well, if you’re not Mr. Daniel Dee Roper, who are you?”

Daniel put his hands on his hips in exasperation. “I’m *Brother* Daniel Dee Roper!”

Mom nodded. “You’re right,” she said. “From now on we’ll call you Brother Dan.” ●



“All men and women on this earth are the [children] of God, spirit brothers and sisters. What a powerful idea!”

**Elder Dallin H. Oaks**  
Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles  
From an October 1995 general conference address.



# When Peter Went Fishing

BY BONNIE COMPTON HANSON

Peter was a fisherman  
in old Galilee.  
He and Andrew had a boat  
that sailed upon the sea.  
One day Jesus said to them,  
“Come and follow me.”  
Peter threw his nets right down.  
A disciple he would be  
To “fish” for men by telling them  
Christ came to set them free.



# Baptism

**BY ELDER ROBERT D. HALES**

Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

**A**t baptism we make a covenant with our Heavenly Father that we are willing to come into His kingdom and keep His commandments from that time forward, even though we still live in the world.

Entering into the kingdom of God is so important that Jesus was baptized to show us “the straitness of the path, and the narrowness of the gate, by which [we] should enter” (2 Nephi 31:9). “Notwithstanding he being holy, he showeth unto the children of men that, according to the flesh he humbleth himself before the Father, and witnesseth unto the Father that he would

be obedient unto him in keeping his commandments” (2 Nephi 31:7).

He set the example for all of us to humble ourselves before our Heavenly Father. We are all welcome to come into the waters of baptism. He was baptized to witness to His Father that He would be obedient in keeping His commandments. He was baptized to show us that we should receive the gift of the Holy Ghost (see 2 Nephi 31:4–9).

When we are baptized, we take upon ourselves the sacred name of Jesus Christ. Taking upon us His name is one of the most significant experiences we have in life.

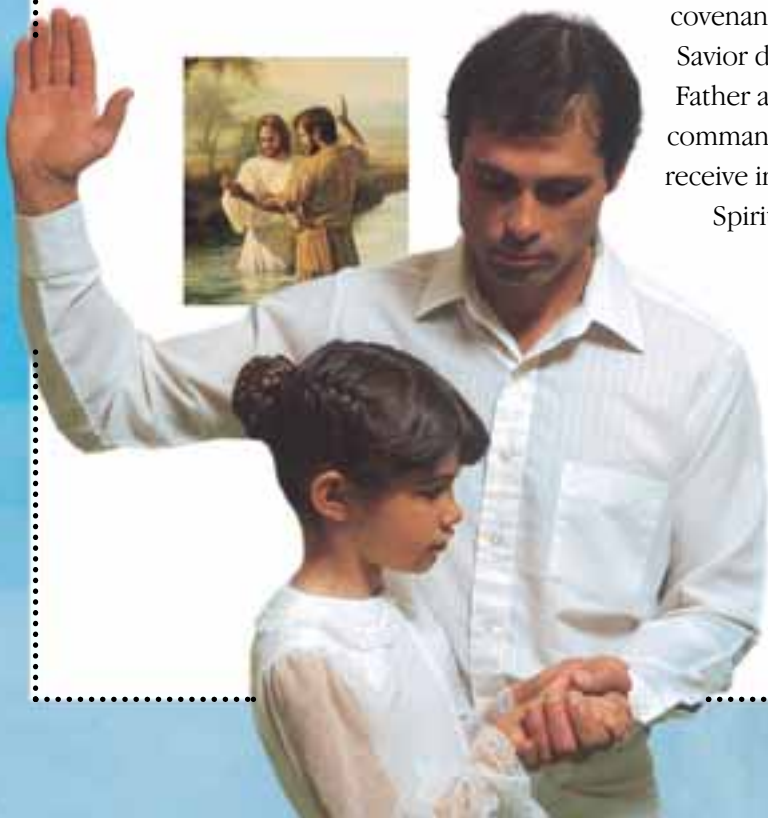
Each week in sacrament meeting we promise to remember the atoning sacrifice of our Savior as we renew our baptismal covenant. We promise to do as the Savior did—to be obedient to the Father and always keep His commandments. The blessing we receive in return is to always have His Spirit to be with us.

I feel great gratitude for my baptism and confirmation into The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I am grateful for the spiritual strength and guidance the gift of the Holy Ghost has given me throughout my life. ●

*From an October 2000 general conference address.*



**Did you know that Elder Robert D. Hales lived in New York State but would spend summers on his relatives’ farms in Utah? He learned how to bale hay, ride a horse, and care for sheep and cows. Here he teaches us the importance and meaning of baptism.**



# If We Do What's Right, All Will Be Well!



From an  
interview with Elder  
L. Whitney Clayton  
of the Seventy;  
currently serving  
in the South  
America South Area  
Presidency; by  
Jan Pinborough

*Blessed is every one that . . . walketh in [the Lord's] ways. . . . Happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.* (Psalm 128:1–2).

I was born in Salt Lake City, and my father had pioneer ancestors, so you might think my family was very active in the Church. But my mother did not become a member of the Church until shortly before I was born, and my family did not attend church very often when I was a child. I remember attending Primary a few times, and we sometimes went to sacrament meeting and Sunday School.

When I was very young, my family moved to southern California. Our property had an orange orchard, where we loved to play. When my family invited other families over for barbeques, we played games of hide-and-seek with dozens of children.

In elementary school, I knew only one other LDS boy. I attended a Scout troop that was sponsored by another church, the Society of Friends, or Quakers. It was a wonderful troop. Our leader was an expert on history. From experience, I learned that Heavenly Father loves all

people of all faiths.

Just before I entered sixth grade, we moved to a new house. A few boys at my new school made fun of me, called me names, and wouldn't let me play ball. When I told my dad about it, he said that instead of getting mad and trying to make those boys as unhappy as they had made me, I should try to make friends with them. So I

invited them to come over and do something at my house. Neither of them could come, but from then on, they were my friends instead of my enemies.

When I was about eleven, something wonderful happened to my family. My parents decided to start going to church. A few years later, my family traveled to Salt Lake City to be sealed in the temple. It was a very cold day in January, snowy and foggy. The temple was strikingly beautiful. For some reason, I remember its engraved doorknobs. I also remember walking into the beautiful sealing room and seeing my family, aunts, uncles, and family friends. It was so wonderful to have everyone there!

Much later in my life, one of my little



At age 12



**Elder Clayton  
with his family,  
skiing in Alta, Utah**



nephews died of cancer. By this time, I had been married in the temple myself.

But when that little boy died, I felt so much more grateful than ever before for the sealing power of the temple. I know that my little nephew can be with my brother and his wife again someday.

After I finished high school in California, I went to the University of Utah. I joined a fraternity, which is a kind of club for college students. Some of my fellow fraternity members kept Heavenly Father's commandments. Others did not. It was clear to me that the ones who kept the commandments were the ones who were going to have happy lives. I knew that I, too, needed to keep the commandments if I wanted to be happy.

After my first year of college, I went on a mission to Peru. I met lots of wonderful people who were happy even though they had very few things that money can buy. They had great joy in the gospel and in the love of their families.

When I returned to the University of Utah after my mission, I began to date Kathy Kipp. Her father was a good man but not a member of the Church, and her parents were divorced. Kathy and her sister faithfully attended Primary together as young girls. Sometimes Kathy's father wanted the family to do things on Sunday that were not appropriate on the Sabbath Day.



**At age 4**



**Elder Clayton and his wife, Kathy**

Kathy knew that she needed to obey her father, but she went to church when she could.

When we began dating, I learned how strongly Kathy felt about keeping the Sabbath Day holy. Because of her devotion, our family has always tried hard to make Sunday a special day. We don't watch TV on

Sunday or go to sporting events. We listen to sacred music, write letters, and spend lots of time talking together. Our younger children liked to read stories from the *Friend* and from scripture readers. As a result, we have enjoyed a spirit of peace in our home on the Sabbath.

Heavenly Father loves all children and wants them to be happy. He designed the gospel to make us happy. One of my pioneer ancestors, William Clayton, wrote the hymn "Come, Come, Ye Saints" (*Hymns*, no. 30). He wrote it

when the Saints had been driven out of their beautiful city of Nauvoo and were looking for safety. The chorus of that song reminds us that when we do what is right, "all is well." That does not mean we will not have any problems. But when we follow our Heavenly Father's plan of happiness, all will eventually be well. ●

**At age 8 (left),  
with his brothers,  
Craig (1), John (4),  
Weath (6)**



# THE TEN VIRGINS

Chapter 47



Jesus told a story about ten young women who went to a wedding. They waited at the door for the bridegroom (the Son of man) to come and let them in. They didn't know just when He would come.

**Matthew 25:1, 13**



The ten women had oil-burning lamps. Five of the women were wise. Besides the oil in their lamps, they had extra oil with them.

**Matthew 25:2, 4**



The other five women were foolish. They had only the oil that was in their lamps.

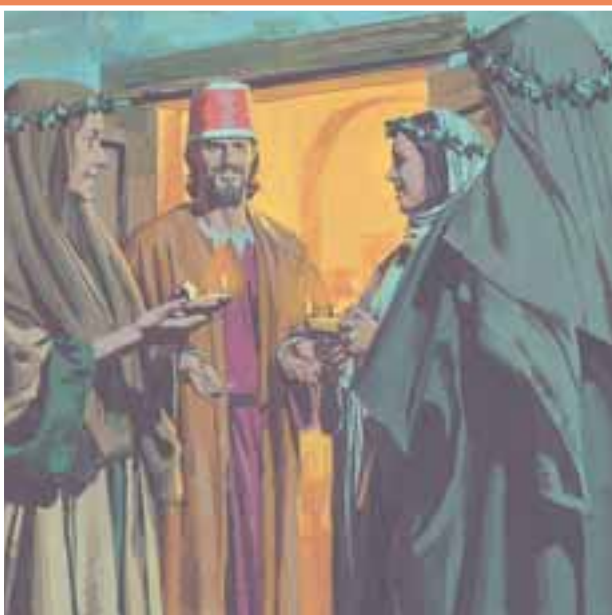
**Matthew 25:3**





The bridegroom did not come for a long time. When all the oil in the lamps was gone, the five wise women put their extra oil into their lamps. The five foolish women had to go buy more oil.

**Matthew 25:5-9**



While they were gone, the bridegroom came. He let the five wise women in the door. They went to the wedding.

**Matthew 25:10**



When the five foolish women returned, the door was closed. They could not go to the wedding.

**Matthew 25:10-13**



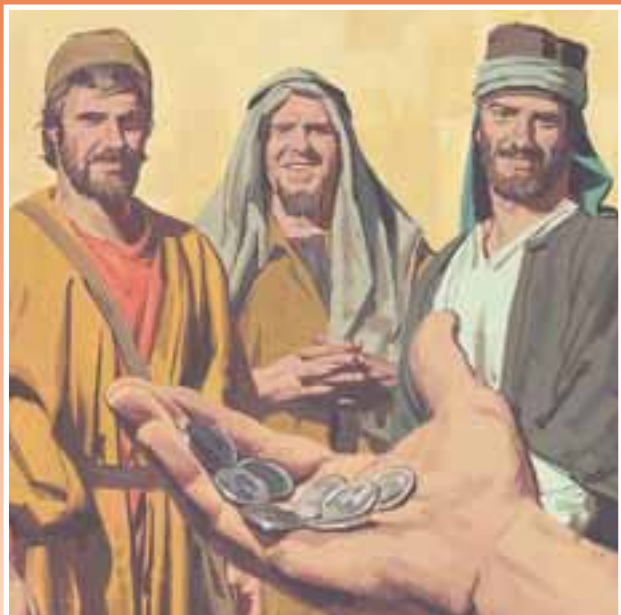
Jesus, the Son of man, is the bridegroom in this story. The members of the Church are the ten women. When He comes again, some members will be like the wise women. They follow the Spirit's promptings and obey God's commandments, and so they will be ready when Jesus comes again. Others will be like the five foolish women and will not be able to be with the Savior.

**3 Nephi 25:1-2; Doctrine and Covenants 88:86, 92; 45:56-57; *Jesus the Christ*, pages 576-580**



# THE TALENTS

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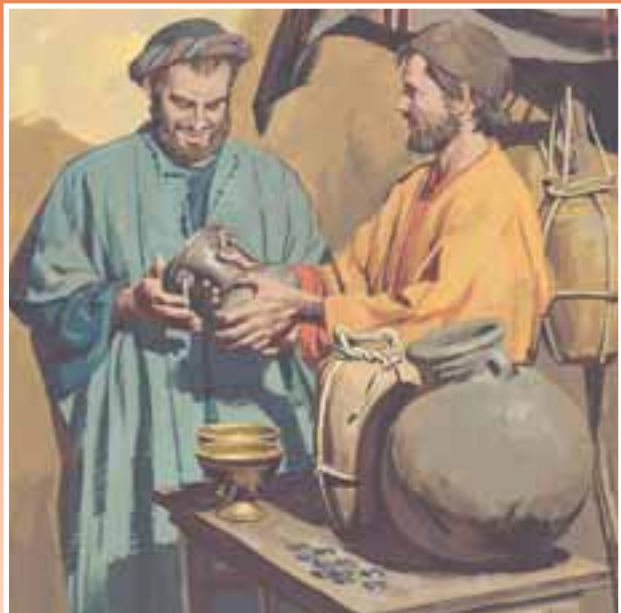
Jesus told his disciples a story about a man who gave his servants some talents, a kind of money.

**Matthew 25:14-15**



The man gave one servant five talents. He gave another servant two talents. He gave another servant one talent. Then the man went on a journey.

**Matthew 25:15**



The servant with five talents worked hard and made five more talents. Then he had ten talents.

**Matthew 25:16**



The servant with two talents also worked hard and made two more talents. Then he had four talents.

**Matthew 25:17**



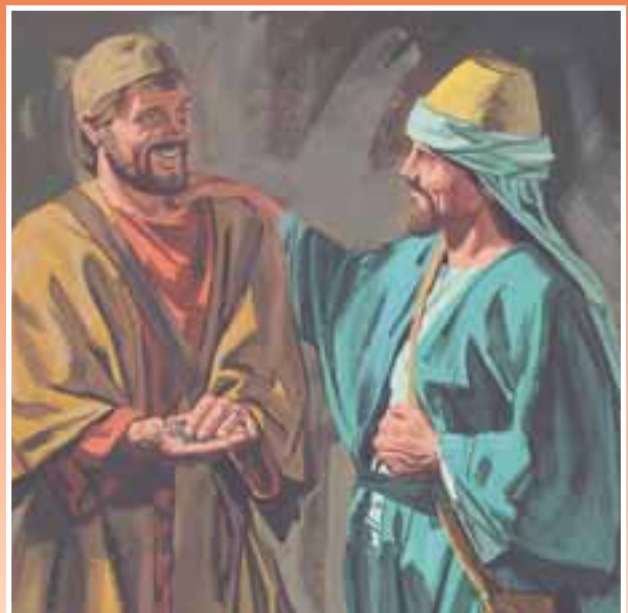
The servant with one talent just buried it in the ground. He was afraid that he would lose it. He did not make any more talents.

**Matthew 25:18**



When the man came home, he asked the servants what they had done with their talents.

**Matthew 25:19**



The first servant brought ten talents to the man, which made the man happy. He made the servant a leader over many things and told him to be joyful.

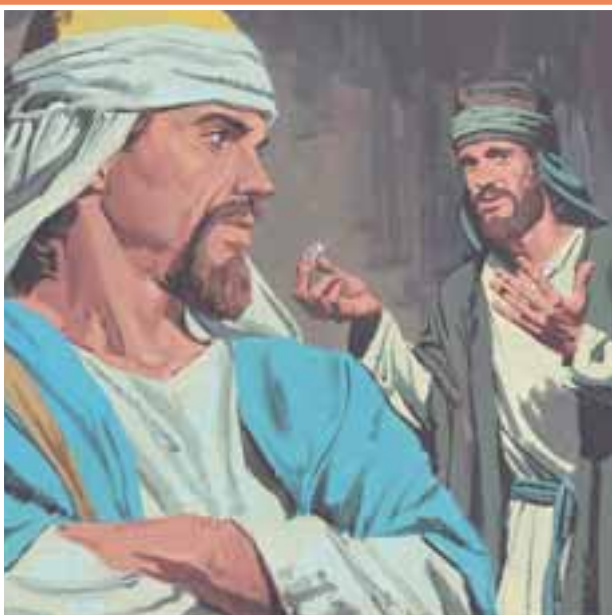
**Matthew 25:20-21**





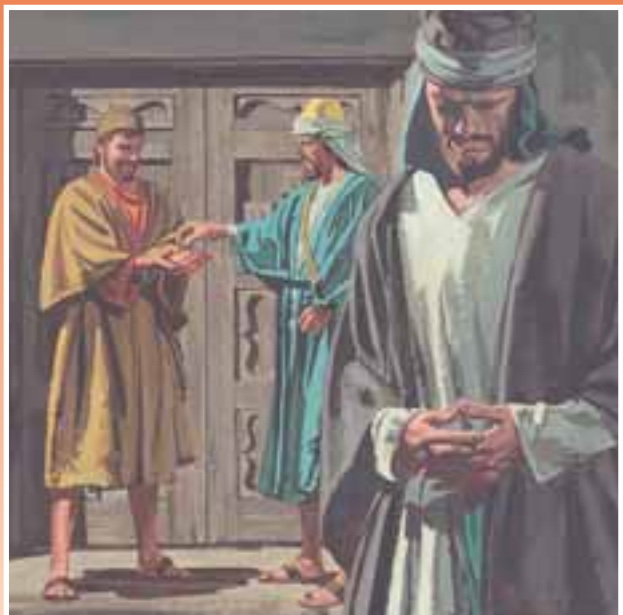
The second servant brought four talents to the man, which also made the man happy. He made the second servant a leader over many things, too, and told him to be joyful.

**Matthew 25:22–23**



The third servant gave the man back the talent he had buried. The man was not happy with the third servant. He said that the servant was lazy, that he should have worked hard and made more talents.

**Matthew 25:24–27**



The man took the talent from the third servant and gave it to the first servant. Then the man sent the lazy servant away. The man in the story is Jesus, and He will judge how His disciples have used the gifts they have been given.

**Matthew 25:28–30**

# Jaden Goes Shopping

*And be ye kind one to another* (Ephesians 4:32).

**BY RUTH KATHRYN DAY**

(Based on a true story)

Jaden was hungry. “Mama, may I have a candy bar?”  
“No, dear. As soon as we get home, I’m going to make dinner.”

Reluctantly Jaden put back the candy bar. As he walked beside the shopping cart Mama was pushing, he looked in and saw spaghetti, peanut butter, cereal, oranges, and lots of other good things. His mouth watered, just thinking about the tomato sauce and cheese that would cover the spaghetti.

His little sister, Anna, was sitting in the cart. She laughed and pulled several packages of spaghetti noodles off the shelf. Mama sighed as she put back all but one package, then returned to reading the label on a can.

Jaden peered at the can. It had a picture of soup on the label. His stomach growled. Mama smiled. She put the soup into the cart and moved on.

At last they finished shopping and headed for the checkout line. The store was crowded with shoppers. Mother glanced at the lines and chose the shortest one. Even so, there were two carts full of food in front of them. Jaden felt hungrier than ever.

He watched impatiently as the clerk scanned boxes and cans from the cart in front of them. Then he got bored and turned to look behind him. An old man carrying a carton of milk and a package of lightbulbs was walking slowly up and down the checkout lines, looking for a short one. He finally got in line behind Jaden.

Jaden smiled at him, and he smiled back. He looked tired. He shifted from one foot to the other, swaying gently back and forth.

Jaden looked at the cart they had filled with food. He was sure it would take a long time to scan it all. He tugged Mama’s sleeve. “Mama, I think that man should go first.”

Mama turned to the old man. “You have only two items. Why don’t you go ahead of us?” The man smiled gratefully, nodded, and went to the front of the line.

While the clerk scanned his milk and lightbulbs, the old man turned to Jaden. “Thank you very much, young man. I heard you tell your mother to let me go first. You are a very kind boy.” Jaden waved and smiled as the man walked out the door. The spaghetti would taste good, but this tasted even better. ●







# Grandma's Gift

BY SUZANNE F. HOLMES

My grandma made me the perfect gift!  
It's so many things to me—  
A flying carpet for my toys,  
A ship out on the sea,  
A magic cape, a hiding place,  
An indoor cave I built.  
Cozy and warm at the end of the day,  
I'm under my favorite quilt!





# Places in Which We Worship

**W**e can worship Heavenly Father in our hearts wherever we may be, indoors or outdoors, alone or in a crowd. But at least three special and sacred places have been set apart for worship. They are chapels, temples, and homes. Which one do you spend the most time in?

Cut out the chapel, temple, and home at the top of this page and glue each to heavy paper; trim. At a family home evening, lead a discussion on how we worship in each place. Each time you hand one of the three buildings to someone, he or she names one way in which we worship there. Here's a question for the whole family: Can we worship through joyful singing, giving thanks for something good, or praising someone who has done something kind?

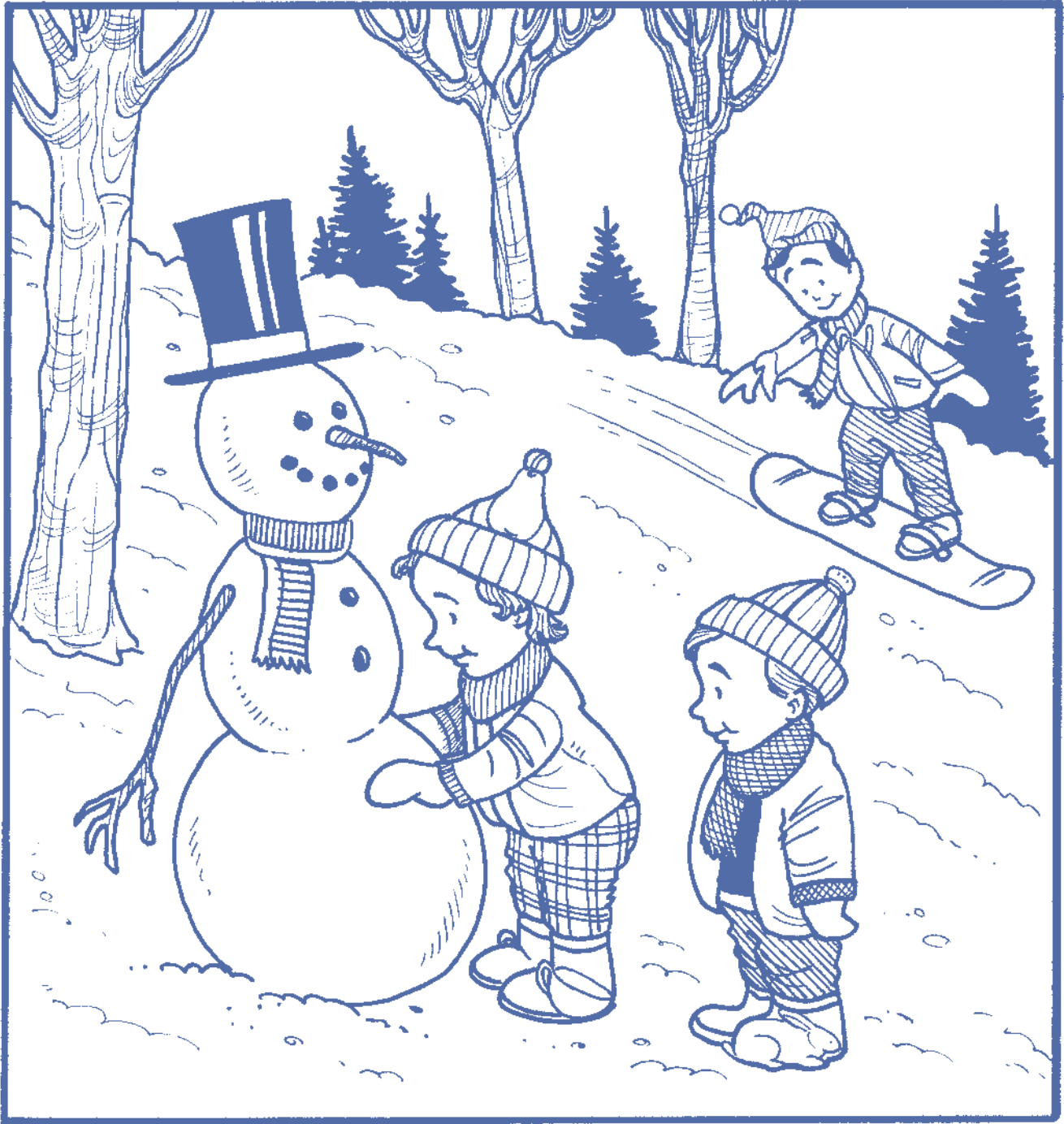
# Snow Art

You will need: several spray bottles and different food colorings.

Fill the bottles with water and add several drops of food coloring to each bottle. Adjust the nozzles for a thin stream, spray-paint outlines of pictures in the snow, then adjust the nozzle for a wider stream and fill in the outlines with color.



ILLUSTRATED BY BRAD TEARE



# Winter Fun

BY ROBERT PETERSON

While the children in the picture have fun in the snow, enjoy yourself indoors by finding a boot, a carrot, a comb, a cup, a man's shoe, an oar, a pear, a pencil, a rabbit, a saltshaker, a seal, and a sugar bowl. Then color the picture.

# Darla Miles

*of El Centro, California*

WRITTEN AND PHOTOGRAPHED BY MELVIN LEAVITT

**L**ong rows of the finest vegetables grow in the rich desert soil of southern California's Imperial Valley. Fine people grow there, too. One of them is Darla Miles (9) of El Centro. El Centro is 45 feet (about 14 m) below sea level, but Darla's goals are as high as the land is low. She loves the San Diego California Temple on the other side of the mountains and plans to be married there someday. In the meantime, "I want to go to college and get a good education. Then I want to go on a mission like my *tía* (aunt)."

Darla's mom, Alma Puga, and her dad, Blake Miles, were both single parents when they met, fell in love, and married. Blake was the father of Jordan, and Alma was the mother of Pedro, Daniela, and Gabriela.

Later, when Darla was born, she became another strong bond binding two families into one.

Darla is easy to get along with and eager to make others happy. If a plateful of cookies is swiftly disappearing, she is sure to take one—not for herself,

***Darla enjoys visiting nearby sand dunes with her family.***



but for her dad. She is a natural peacemaker, and a little bit of a matchmaker, too. She often grabs her mom's hand and puts it on her dad's hand. Other times, she'll write her mom a love note as if it came from her father, and then write a note to her dad from her mom.

If she should have a disagreement with a brother or sister, she'll ask, "Will you forgive me?" Then, she says, "I'll draw something for them or write them a note. If Mom and I are unhappy with each other, I'll write a note to her and ask a brother or sister to give it to her. Then she will write a note back to me, and we'll get together."

These same tender feelings reach to heaven. "I love Heavenly Father because when I can't find something or when I cry or when I'm scared or feel really bad, I pray and He helps me a lot. When somebody else is sad, something inside me tells me to go do something for him or her. One time, my sister couldn't find a library book. She was sad because she thought she would have to pay for it. I prayed for her, and then I found the book. I'm thankful for my great mother and father and all the things Heavenly Father has made for us."



**Darla with her family, except Pedro, who is away, attending Brigham Young University**

She likes learning about some of those creations in school. A good student, she especially enjoys reading and math. She stays ahead of her grade level in most subjects and usually gets 100 percent on spelling tests.

Darla is responsible for dusting, cleaning her own room, and taking care of her many small fish, all of them named either Cheetah (boy fish) or Xena (girl fish). Without being asked, she has started feeding Marcy, the family dog. Sometimes she also takes care of Mizzy, the neighbor's pup who thinks she belongs to the Miles

family and keeps digging under the fence to join them.

The whole family enjoys reading, especially the scriptures. Darla received a set of scriptures when she was six years old and immediately began reading the Old Testament.

They are all musical, as well. Darla plays the piano, as do her brothers and sisters. Everyone enjoys camping, too. They often camp among pine trees in the mountains or go four-wheeling on nearby sand dunes. One year, the family went on a trip to Washington, D.C., and Church history sites without

**A rare variety of the Crown of Thorns bush grows only in a small colony in California's Imperial Valley.**



**Darla greets Marcy and Mizzy.**



once staying in a motel. They were plagued by mosquitoes but enjoyed the wonder of fireflies. Darla's favorite part of the trip was visiting the Sacred Grove in Palmyra, New York.

The Mormon Battalion came through the Imperial Valley in 1847. The family often joins a hike retracing a part of that historic trek. Darla has been three times on a nine-mile (more than 14 k) segment of the hike, which takes place at night to escape the fierce summer heat.

When she was eight, Darla was baptized by Jordan and confirmed by her dad. "I felt good," she recalls. "I felt clean." At the baptism, Brother Miles demonstrated how *not* to pray for inspiration, using a telephone as a prop. He picked up the receiver. "Hello. Good-bye," he said and hung up. He explained that it isn't enough to ask for help. We must also listen for the answer.

Christmas is Darla's favorite holiday because it celebrates Jesus' birth and because she likes to make presents. On Christmas Eve, her mom lets her stay up late to make pictures for everyone in the family. She gives them out on Christmas morning.



**Darla has earned Student of the Month awards.**

The family really celebrates two Christmases. They celebrate a "Rubio Christmas" on Christmas Eve. The Rubio Christmas includes a large, extended-family fiesta with piñatas, singing, and such delicious foods as homemade tamales and *menudo* soup, Darla's favorite. *Menudo* is made from cows' intestines. Tamales are made with meat, potatoes, olives, and seasonings wrapped in cornmeal and steamed inside corn husks. They are far better than the canned or

plastic-wrapped tamales in stores. Another Christmas favorite is *champurado*, a drink made with chocolate milk and coarsely ground meal.

On Christmas morning, the immediate family members exchange gifts the American way. Then they enjoy an American Christmas dinner of mashed potatoes and gravy, yams, and turkey with cranberry sauce. The season is twice blessed by the two cultures.

Above all, Christmas and every day is blessed by Darla's love for Jesus Christ. "Jesus is my Friend and my Savior." Just as the waters of the Colorado River make it possible for crops to grow in this desert, His gospel has helped Darla grow into the wonderful person she is. ●

**Darla climbs a tree, poses at a Mormon Battalion monument, and enjoys the view from the treeless tree house in her backyard.**



## Church Words

BY GLORIA GUNN

Find these twenty-five words that pertain to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by reading forward, backward, down, up, and diagonally. All the words have at least one letter that is not used in any other word, so it's important to find the longest words first.



Alma	Nephi	P R O M I S E A S I H E L
Baptism	Promise	R J C O V E N A N T U S N
Bible	Prophet	O L E M S I T P A B H E O
Blessing	Reveal	P E G S A C R E D T T E M
Book of Mormon	Reverent	H L N A U A L M A R I R R
Chapel	Sacrament	E N I C O S O N T U M E O
Covenant	Sacred	T I S R D O C T R T S V M
Doctrine	Seer	L A S A N M Y H E H H E F
Home	Son	A T E M P L E V R B P R O
Hymn	Sustain	E S L E P A H C T I E E K
Jesus Christ	Temple	V U B N E P H I H B S N O
Joseph Smith	Truth	E S E T E M O H E L O T O
Lehi		R E D O C T R I N E J O B



ENGLEMAN.

Maybe we should have rubbed him down with sunblock.

## Funstuf Answers

*Happy New Year!*: A=12, B=30, C=56, D=24, E=81, F=32, G=27, H=35, I=64, L=28, M=18, N=45, O=72, P=16, R=40, S=42, T=49, U=15, V=63, W=48, Y=21.

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth”

(Romans 1:16).

*Who's on Ice?*: penguin.





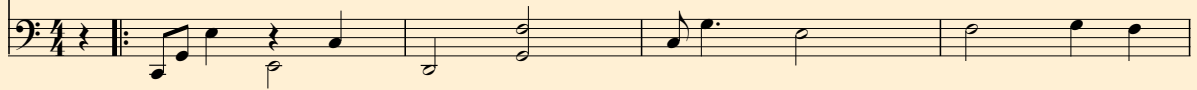
# I'll Follow Him in Faith

Words and music by  
Janice Kapp Perry

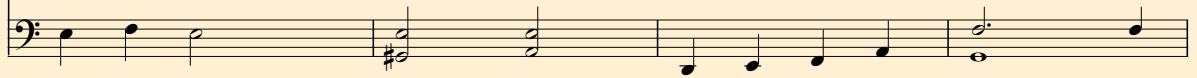
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1. The Lord has blessed me with gos-pel truth. I have learned His ways in my ear-ly youth. I will  
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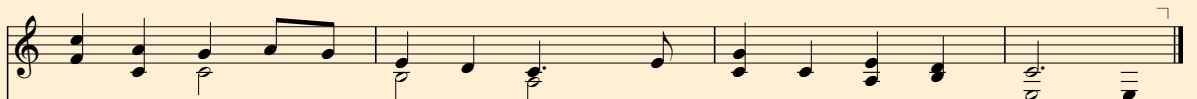
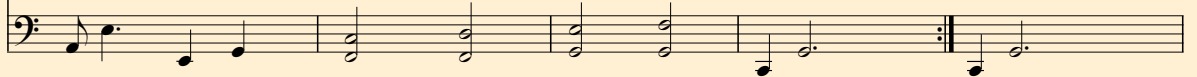
share my light for I know it's right To tes-ti-fy of Him. The  
all I do, I'll be faith-ful to The things I know are true. The



Lord has blessed me with sim-ple faith. If I pray for help, He will give me strength. I will  
Lord has blessed me in man-y ways. With a thank-ful heart I will sing His praise. I will



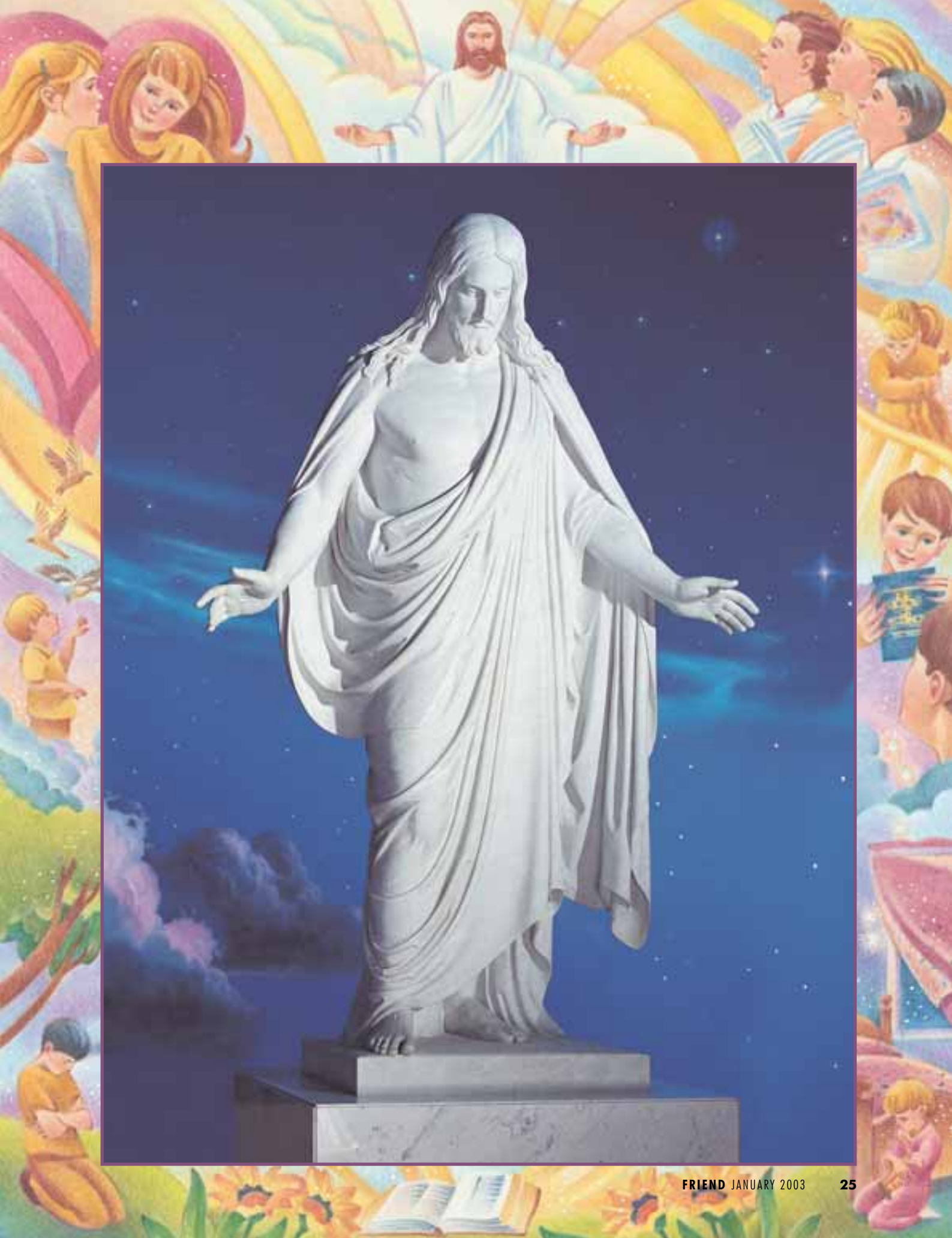
do His work. I will glad-ly serve. I'll fol-low Him in faith. 2. The  
raise my voice and pro-claim my choice To fol-low Him in faith. He has



shown the way, and through all my days, I'll fol-low Him in faith.



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## Happy New Year!

BY WILLIAM SCHLEGL

“Happy New Year!” is traditionally declared at the end of the old year and the beginning of the new year. To discover something members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints should declare *all* year, write the answer to each multiplication problem by its letter. Then place that letter on each blank in the code that has that number below it.

**A**  $3 \times 4 =$

**B**  $6 \times 5 =$

**C**  $7 \times 8 =$

**D**  $4 \times 6 =$

**E**  $9 \times 9 =$

**F**  $4 \times 8 =$

**G**  $9 \times 3 =$

**H**  $5 \times 7 =$

**I**  $8 \times 8 =$

**L**  $4 \times 7 =$

**M**  $3 \times 6 =$

**N**  $5 \times 9 =$

**O**  $8 \times 9 =$

**P**  $4 \times 4 =$

**R**  $5 \times 8 =$

**S**  $6 \times 7 =$

**T**  $7 \times 7 =$

**U**  $3 \times 5 =$

**V**  $9 \times 7 =$

**W**  $8 \times 6 =$

**Y**  $7 \times 3 =$

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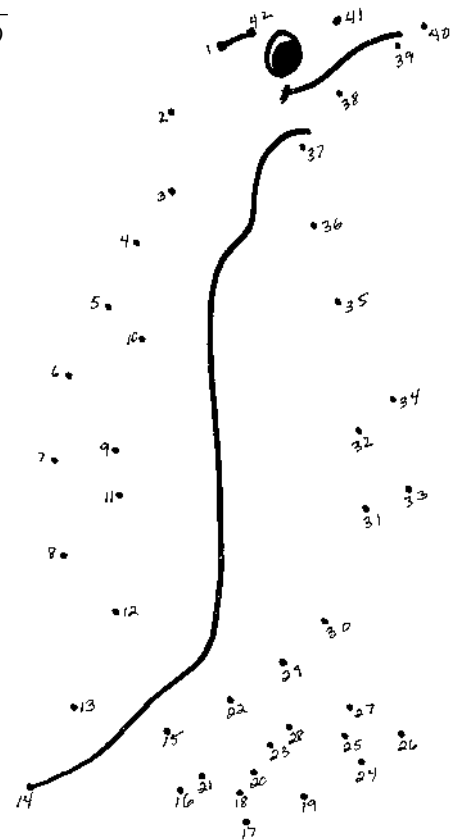


(See answers on page 23.)

## Who's on Ice?

BY SHERRY TIMBERMAN

Connect the numbered dots to find one of God's creations who likes cold weather.







# TO DO HIS BEST

BY VIANN PRESTWICH  
(A true story)

*Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage* (Joshua 10:25).

“Come on,” Benjamin said to the other man on guard duty. “We can’t stop.” Benjamin Platt’s throat felt tight. Swallowing was difficult. He talked between clenched teeth to keep his throat from hurting. If he had felt this sick back in England, he would have gone to bed. As a member of the Martin Handcart Company, however, he couldn’t stop and wait to get well.

Blowing snow blocked the two men’s vision. The frozen ground was uneven, and they often stumbled.

“We have to keep moving.” Benjamin spoke with as much force as he could. “We need to check the other side of the camp.”

“Why?” his friend asked. “What are we guarding?”  
“The camp’s provisions.”

The other man laughed quietly. “We have no provisions. We have nothing.”

Benjamin knew the man was right. The camp had very little. His stomach hurt with the pain of no food. His breath was shallow, his fatigue great. All he wanted to do was lie down on the frozen ground and sleep, but he knew that doing so meant sure death. So he urged himself and his companion on. They shuffled around the borders of the camp, waiting for light to ease the cold blackness.

Yesterday the handcart company had made little progress from the Platte River. Much of the snow had melted during the day, turning the trail to mud. Mud caked onto the travelers’ clothes. When the sun set behind the gloomy clouds, the heavy mud had frozen. No

one was clean. Benjamin recognized most of the hand-cart company by their eyes and voices rather than their faces. What was not covered with rags was covered with mud and dirt.

"I can't go anymore," his partner said now. "I've done my best, and it isn't enough."

Benjamin looked at his tired companion. Dirt caked his face and was frozen into his hair. His hands were wrapped with rags. His pants were ripped and showed skin purple from the cold. Tears slid down his face as he grieved over not being strong enough.

Benjamin put his hand on the other man's shoulder and helped him around the camp. "It's OK, Brother. Just remember a poem my father used to tell me:

*"For great and low,  
There's but one test.  
'Tis that each man  
Shall do his best."*

After one more painful tour of the camp, Benjamin's companion crawled into a tent to rest. Benjamin began his rounds again. He heard the wind blow, and the branches of a few scattered cedar trees creaked with the weight of the snow and force of the wind. As the wind heaved one hearty blow, Benjamin saw the large tent the man had just crawled into collapse.

Benjamin started forward. His wife, Mary, and at least 20 other people had been sleeping in that tent and were now trapped beneath tent poles, tent fabric, and heavy snow. With numb hands, Benjamin struggled to pull up the icy fabric. The snow weighed the canvas down, smothering those underneath. The tent stakes had been pounded into muddy ground. Now that ground was frozen. Those on the inside of the tent could not pull the stakes out.

Straining every muscle, Benjamin pulled harder. A small girl was screaming under the tent. A woman began sobbing as she tried to free herself from the icy canvas that was suffocating her. Unseen hands pushed

upward at the tent. The group was trapped.

Scrambling frantically around the outside of the tent, Benjamin found the opening. Quickly scraping off snow, he forced himself into the opening and under the wet material. Slowly, a little at a time, he stood up with the tent on his shoulders.

Benjamin yelled hoarsely, "This way. Crawl this way." Few people heard the soft voice coming through his sore throat. Benjamin shouted louder. This time, two men understood and crawled toward his voice. When they got to where Benjamin had lifted the tent, the brethren stood up and helped him support more of the wet material. Gradually all the people in the tent crawled out into the snowy night.

With frying pans and cooking pots, the awakened Saints scooped the snow off the downed tent. Dawn streaked the sky with soft light, so they rolled the tent up and prepared for a long day's trek in the snow.

When the first three rescuers arrived from Salt Lake City seven days later, the Saints cheered. Benjamin did not join in the cheering. His throat was raw and tight. But he had yelled his best when it had mattered most. ●

Based on the history of Benjamin Platt, written by his daughter.



"The only thing you need to worry about is striving to be the best you can be. And how do you do that? You keep your eye on the goals that matter most in life, and you move towards them step by step."

**Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin**  
**Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles**  
**From an October 2001 general conference address.**









## Trying to Be Like Jesus

*He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life* (John 8:12).

### Helping Others

By Donna Nightingale



**A**my is in first grade, and she is new in her school. During the first week of school, a boy in her class dropped his lunch tray. Amy left the lunch line to help him pick up the mess. Then she went back to the

*Amy Nightingale, age 6, is a member of Oakdale Ward, Oakdale Minnesota Stake.*

lunch line with him and helped him get a new lunch.

Her teacher says that Amy is always kind and helpful to her classmates. One day a girl spilled her snack on the floor. Amy went over and helped her clean it up. She told the girl, "It's OK. It happens to everybody."

Amy wouldn't tell you about these things, but if you asked her about them, she'd say, "That's why I'm on this earth—to help people and to help them have fun."

### My Brother's Keeper

By Cody Seth Hatchard



**M**y little brother, Jacob, and I do everything together. We are two years apart but almost the same size. People always ask if we are twins.

One day when we were playing, Jacob cut his finger really bad. We rushed inside to run water on his finger. While Mom checked his finger, I put my arm around him to make him feel better. He was really scared.

Mom decided that Jacob needed to go to the hospital so that they could treat his finger. Our neighbor offered to watch our little sister and

asked if I wanted to go with them. I looked at Jacob. He begged me to go with him. Even though I knew it would be a long wait at the hospital, I decided to go with him. He needed me.

On the way to the hospital, Mom had me say a prayer for Jacob. When we arrived, I tried to make sure he was





comfortable. We brought a water bottle with us, and I made sure I offered him lots of drinks to take his mind off his finger.

When we finally saw the doctor, I was a little scared. I didn't know if my brother would need stitches. I knew it might hurt.

While they worked on Jacob's finger, he screamed and cried. Mom didn't want me to watch, so I stayed in a corner of the room while she held Jacob's hand. Seeing him in pain made me cry, too.

Soon Jacob's finger was bandaged and we were able to go home. Mom told me that I had been "my brother's keeper." She said that in a small way, I had felt how Jesus feels about us when we are sad and hurting. I am glad I was able to be there for my brother when he needed me.

## Keeping the Sabbath Day Holy

By Liz Peterson



*Taylor Peterson, age 11, is a member of Dacula Ward, Lilburn Georgia Stake.*

**T**aylor seems to have a special "gift" for playing basketball and has been shooting hoops ever since he could walk. In 2001, he and his family moved to a town near Atlanta, Georgia, where they have been glad for the opportunity to share the gospel with many new friends and neighbors.

Since moving there, Taylor has had the opportunity to play on both a city and an all-star basketball league. He enjoyed playing on both teams but decided it would be more challenging to try out for the city Elite Basketball Team. Knowing that only twelve boys would make the team, he practiced hard. He was thrilled when he made the team. His parents were happy for him and were committed to his schedule of practicing

two hours a day, three days a week for the next five months, when the season would be over.

Then his mom received a phone call from his new coach. He told her that one of the three practice days each week would be on Sunday and that attending *all* practices was mandatory. He knew that Taylor was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and said that he was sorry that one practice day was on Sunday. He knew that Taylor was one of the best players on the team and had been looking forward to being his coach. Even so, he would try to understand if the decision was made to not attend the practice and have to leave the team.

Taylor was heartbroken. He wanted very badly to play on the team. He had earned his position and felt it was unfair to have practices on Sundays. However, he was a baptized member of the Church and had covenanted with Heavenly Father to choose the right and keep the commandments. He knew that if he kept the Sabbath Day holy, Heavenly Father would bless him.

He decided to keep the Sabbath Day holy. His dad called the coach, and the coach was sorry but said that he understood.

Later that evening, Taylor's dad received a phone call from the coach. The high school basketball coaches who oversee the city Elite Team were running the drills during Taylor's tryouts. When they learned that Taylor was giving up his place on the team because of his religious beliefs, they decided to make an exception to the rule for him. They allowed Taylor to miss every Sunday practice and still be eligible to start in the games as the point guard.

Taylor was overcome with happiness—and gratitude, for he knew he had witnessed a miracle. He had set a wonderful example for his family, friends, coaches, and team. Best of all, he knows in his heart that he truly did make the right choice, whether he was on the team or not.

# I Belong to the Church of Jesus Christ

BY VICKI F. MATSUMORI

*And they who were baptized in the name of Jesus were called the church of Christ (3 Nephi 26:21).*



You belong to many groups. Can you name some? You belong to a family. You belong to a school. You may belong to a Cub Scout den or an Achievement Day group. You may belong to a sports team or a performance group. But one very special organization that you belong to is The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This organization is different from all the rest, and it is much more valuable because it is sacred.

Every group, team, or organization has a leader. The leader might be a president or a coach or a teacher. In a family, it is usually a parent or guardian. In The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the leader is the Savior Himself.

When Jesus Christ was on the earth, He organized His church. He called and “ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach,

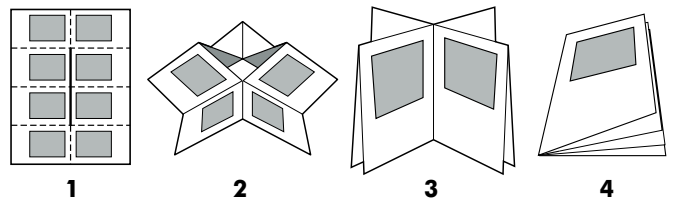
“And to have power to heal sicknesses” (Mark 3:14–15).

These twelve Apostles were given the authority to govern the Church of Jesus Christ after He was gone.

Today the prophet and the Apostles have the same priesthood, or authority, to govern His church that Jesus Christ gave His Apostles when He lived upon the earth. When the Apostles of His church today speak to you at general conference or send messages through a stake president or a bishop, they represent the leader of this special organization to which you belong: The Church of Jesus Christ.

## “The Church of Jesus Christ” Booklet

To help you remember the words to the song “The Church of Jesus Christ” (*Children’s Songbook*, page 77), make this booklet. Remove page 33 from the magazine and mount it on heavy paper. Cut the solid line in the middle of the page, being careful to not cut any broken lines. Fold the page in half, long way. Then follow the diagrams to fold the pages into the booklet.



## Sharing Time Ideas

(Note: All songs are from *Children’s Songbook* unless otherwise indicated; GAK = Gospel Art Kit; TNGC = Teaching, No Greater Call)

1. Help the children understand the important part they play as members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. President Hinckley said: “You who are members of this Church must have a loyalty to it. This is your church. You have as great a responsibility in [what you do] as I have in [what I do]. It belongs to you just as it belongs to me.” (*Ensign*, Jan. 2001, 9–10.)

Draw a body on a piece of paper and cut it into puzzle pieces. Place the pieces in a container, leaving one piece out. Have the children take turns choosing a puzzle piece and assemble the body. Ask what is wrong with the body. Have the children locate 1 Cor. 12:14–20 and then help them read the scripture aloud together. Discuss its meaning, and talk about how every member of the Church is important. Add the final piece to complete the body. Sing “The Church of Jesus Christ” (p. 77).

Draw or trace a paper doll for each child to color and, on the back, write or draw something he/she can do to be a good member. Testify of the blessings you receive from your membership.

2. The New Testament teaches us about the Church during Jesus’ time on earth. Have the children learn about the Church at that time by having them locate and read scriptures. Write the following scripture references in random order on one side of a chalkboard: Matthew 3:13–17; Matthew 6:9–13; Mark 3:14–15; Mark 12:41–44; Luke 22:19–20; John 5:39; Acts 5:42; 1 Corinthians 15:29; Ephesians 4:11–12; Ephesians 5:19. On the other side



*I believe in the Savior,  
Jesus Christ.*



*I'll follow Him in faith.*



*I know God's plan.*



*I know who I am.*



*I'll honor His name.*



*I'll do what is right;  
I'll follow His light.*



*His truth I will proclaim.*



*I belong to The Church  
of Jesus Christ  
of Latter-day Saints.*



of the chalkboard, write these terms: “baptism,” “prayer,” “priesthood,” “tithes and offerings,” “sacrament,” “scriptures,” “temple,” “baptism for the dead,” “Apostles and prophets,” and “singing songs.” Choose a scripture. Have the children locate it and read it aloud. Have another child draw a line from the reference to the correct phrase. Discuss how these aspects of the gospel are the same today; sing songs about each one.

3. For younger children: Post these GAK pictures in random order around the room: John the Baptist Baptizing Jesus (208); Baptism (601); Jesus Healing the Blind (213); Administering to the Sick (613); The Last Supper (225); Passing the Sacrament (604); Boy Jesus in the Temple (205); Young Couple Going to the Temple (609); Go Ye Therefore (235); Missionaries Teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ (612).

Sing “When Jesus Christ Was Baptized” (p. 102) and ask the children to locate the two pictures that deal with baptism (208, 601). Invite two children to get the pictures and post them side by side on the chalkboard. Discuss how we learn about the Church during Jesus’ life when we read from the New Testament. Tell the account of John the Baptist baptizing Jesus, and read Matt. 3:17 aloud. We can see that The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has the same ordinance today.

Repeat the process with other songs, pictures, and stories-with-scriptures, such as “The Priesthood Is Restored” (p. 89) (GAK 213, 613) / Mark 3:14–15; “The Sacrament” (p. 72) (GAK 225, 604) / Luke 22:19; “I Love to See the Temple” (p. 95) (GAK 205, 609) / Luke 2:46; “I Want to Be a Missionary Now” (p. 168) (GAK 235, 612) / Matt. 28:19–20.

4. Help the children understand how the Apostasy changed the Church. Use small boxes or blocks to build a building. As each child adds a block to the building, have him/her name something that existed in the Savior’s church and then all sing an appropriate song, such as baptism—“When Jesus Christ Was Baptized” (p. 102); sacrament—“Before I Take the Sacrament” (p. 73); tithing—“I Want to Give the Lord My Tenth” (p. 150); temples—“I Love to See the Temple” (p. 95); priesthood—“A Young Man Prepared” (pp. 166–167); Apostles—“The Fifth Article of Faith” (p. 125); Prophets—“Follow the Prophet” (pp. 110–111).

Have the children read Ephesians 2:20 aloud. As you explain how the Apostasy caused division in the Church, dismantle the building. Divide the blocks among several classes and have them use them to build smaller buildings. Explain how no single church had all of the same parts as the Savior’s church. Help the children memorize Article of Faith 1:6. Sing “The Sixth Article of Faith” (p. 126).

Note: Save the blocks for next month, when you teach about the Restoration. At that time, repeat the process of building the Church in New Testament times, dismantling and building small buildings to represent churches after the Apostasy. Then help the children understand that we have the same principles and ordinances and priesthood offices as the Church did in Jesus’ day by rebuilding the original building to represent His church today.

5. Help the children understand the special calling of an Apostle. Have them read Matt. 4:18–22. Discuss what these men were asked to do (follow Jesus and be “fishers of men”). Discuss how these men followed Jesus (they “straightway left their nets, and followed him”) and what the phrases “follow Me” and “fishers of men” mean to us.

To help the children learn more about the men Jesus called to be Apostles, make twelve slips of paper. On each slip, write the name of one



of these men; on the back, write the Bible Dictionary page number where information about that Apostle can be found—Peter, p. 749; James, p. 709 (#1); John, p. 715; Andrew, p. 608; Philip, p. 750, (#1); Nathanael, p. 737; Thomas, p. 785; Matthew, p. 729; James, p. 709 (#2); Judas, p. 719 (#4); Simon, p. 775 (#2); and Judas, p. 719 (#2). Place the slips in a container.

Have a child from each class draw a slip from the container. The class then locates the information and some of the scriptures listed in the Bible Dictionary

about that Apostle. Have each class present the information to the Primary. The class may choose to read a scripture about that Apostle as a choral reading (see *TNGC*, p. 163), or dramatize (see *TNGC*, p. 166) a scene from that Apostle’s life. If the latter is chosen and the incident includes the Savior, have the teacher or a child hold a picture of Him and quote His lines from the scriptures. “If the Savior is portrayed, it must be done with the utmost reverence and dignity. Only people of wholesome personal character should be considered for the part. Only scriptures spoken by the Savior should be spoken by the person who portrays Him.” (*TNGC*, p. 166.)

Have a child locate and read “Disciple” in the Bible Dictionary (p. 657). Help the children understand that they can be disciples, or followers, of Jesus Christ. Sing “Love One Another” (pp. 136–137). Challenge them to strive to be better disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the week.

*For a class presentation:* Have each member of the class locate information (see above) on one or more Apostle, then prepare a short report to share with the Primary. During Sharing Time, display a picture of the Last Supper (GAK 225) while the class members make their reports. With the help of the music leader, have the class help the Primary learn the signing for “Love One Another” (pp. 136–137). The teacher concludes by bearing testimony about the current Apostles and their divine calling, about the importance of every child being a disciple, or follower, of Jesus Christ, or about the blessings of membership in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

6. *Song Presentation:* Explain that “The Church of Jesus Christ” (p. 77) is a song of commitment to things the children know and do. Ask the children to count the number of times the word *I* or *I’ll* is used in the song. Sing the song. Have the children hold up a finger for each *I* or *I’ll* (10 times). Sing, stopping after each phrase to discuss what it means.

Give each child a small piece of paper shaped like a brick or a stone, and a pencil. Divide the Primary into nine groups. Have each group illustrate one phrase, such as “I belong to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.” Have each child in the group draw a picture on the brick/stone of something that shows their membership, such as being baptized or taking the sacrament or wearing a CTR ring. Ask the pianist to quietly play the song while the children draw.

Invite each group to stand and show their pictures as they sing their phrase. Then have the children place their brick/stone pictures on a simple outline drawing of a church (allow space for each child’s picture in an area for his/her group’s phrase). Have the Primary sing the entire song again. Point to each section of the church that reminds the children of that phrase. Have each group stand as their phrase is sung.

7. Additional *Friend* resources: Sharing Time Idea #2, Mar. 1999, p. 43; “The Basics Have Not Changed,” Sep. 1998, IFC. *Ensign* resources: “At the Summit of the Ages,” Nov. 1999, pp. 72–74; “From the Beginning,” Nov. 1993, pp. 18–20; “Apostasy, Restoration, and Lessons in Faith,” Dec. 1995, pp. 25–31.



## Friends in the News



**Zachary Zimmerman**, 11, Nederland, Texas, has earned his On My Honor Award and has memorized the Articles of Faith. He likes to play baseball and was on the all-star team in his age group last year.



When **Ashley Marie Koser**, 10, San Diego, California, was baptized, she said that it was the best day of her life. She likes Primary, Achievement Day, playing soccer, swimming, shopping, and her two pets.



From Beijing, China, **Hao Niu Yang**, 9, now lives in Las Vegas, Nevada. He has earned the Faith in God Award and the Gospel in Action Award. He already attends junior high school.



**Rebecca Schiess**, 9, Shelley, Idaho, loves going to Achievement Day with her sister and mom. She recently earned her Gospel in Action Award. She likes to play the piano, and she is very kind to people.



**Tyler Monson**, 6, Bloomington, Indiana, likes to read, draw, go to school, and play with friends and family. He volunteered to bear his testimony about Joseph Smith in the Primary program.



**Alyx Seila Pollard**, 8, Syracuse, Utah, was adopted from Romania. She likes to sing Primary songs and to play soccer. When she was four, she was sealed to her family in the Bountiful Utah Temple.



A good artist, **Connor Hughes**, 5, Layton, Utah, won two medals and three ribbons in an art contest at school. He likes kindergarten, and his favorite part of family home evening is making crafts.



**Jessica Hardy**, 10, Foster City, California, is a friend to everyone. She likes to sing, dance, play the piano, play soccer, and read the scriptures. She read the Book of Mormon when she was nine.



**David Rappleye**, 11, Port Neches, Texas, likes to swim. He enjoys daily scripture study with his family and is looking forward to turning 12 so he can do baptisms for the dead.



**Katie Miles**, 8, Caldwell, Idaho, likes basketball, singing, and playing with her brothers and sisters. She does well in her schoolwork, and she is a great helper.



**Max Magee**, 4, London, Ontario, Canada, is excited to be a CTR 5. He likes to clean with Mommy, play airplane with Daddy, and hug his sister, Corina. He enjoys singing "Nephi's Courage."



**Abigail Rilla Weaver**, 3, Placentia, California, likes nursery and playing with her friends. During family home evening, she likes to lead the music. She loves horses and enjoys being with her cousin Sam.



**Zach Tanner**, 7, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, likes to play basketball and soccer. He also likes to ride his bike. He often bears his testimony on fast Sunday.



**Bethany Campbell**, 10, Littleton, Colorado, likes art and music. She plays the viola. She also likes playing soccer, riding her scooter, helping, sharing, and reading books.



**Taylor Doman**, 5, McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey, likes to draw. He also loves to help with his younger brother, **Jacob**. He shares his toys with Jacob and reads stories to him. He is a good example.



**Paige Moffat**, 7, Media, Pennsylvania, is learning the Articles of Faith. She is a great reader and likes school. She plays soccer, likes to draw, and is excited to go to Achievement Day activities.



**Avery Burner**, 11, Chico, California, is active in Scouts and is learning to play the piano. He enjoys flag football, soccer, handball, reading, and drawing. He likes camping with his dad, too.



**Erica Nelson**, 8, Mesa, Arizona, was recently baptized. Her favorite family home evening activities are going to the Mesa Arizona Temple Visitor Center and reading New Testament stories about Jesus.



**Jared Barrett**, 6, Boise, Idaho, moved there from England, and he misses his English family and friends. He is a good brother to Bradley and Daniel, and he's a great helper to his mom and dad.



A fine actress, **Jenny Young**, 11, St. Lazare, Quebec, Canada, plays the flute, dances, loves animals, and likes to share with everyone. She is a peacemaker and a joy to her family.



**Patrick Markley**, 7, Anchorage, Alaska, has a strong testimony and enjoys reading the scriptures with his mom. He likes swimming, skiing, and going to Primary. He has also lived in Japan and Germany.



**Amanda (Mandi) Elgen**, 8, Craig, Colorado, likes to dance, visit her grandma, and play dress-up. She wants to learn how to play the violin like her grandmother. She bears her testimony on fast Sundays.



**Timmy Beckrich**, 5, Shakopee, Minnesota, likes learning and singing new songs. He enjoys his Primary class. He loves Heavenly Father, Jesus, and his family very much.

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# From the Life of President John Taylor



## Preparing for the Call

He gets to start next.

President John Taylor's family lived in England when he was born. He was the second of ten children. Several events in young John Taylor's life helped him prepare for his calling as third President of the Church.

John attended a local church with his family every week. His parents taught him to pray, pay tithing, and go to church.

Thank Thee for the blessings . . .

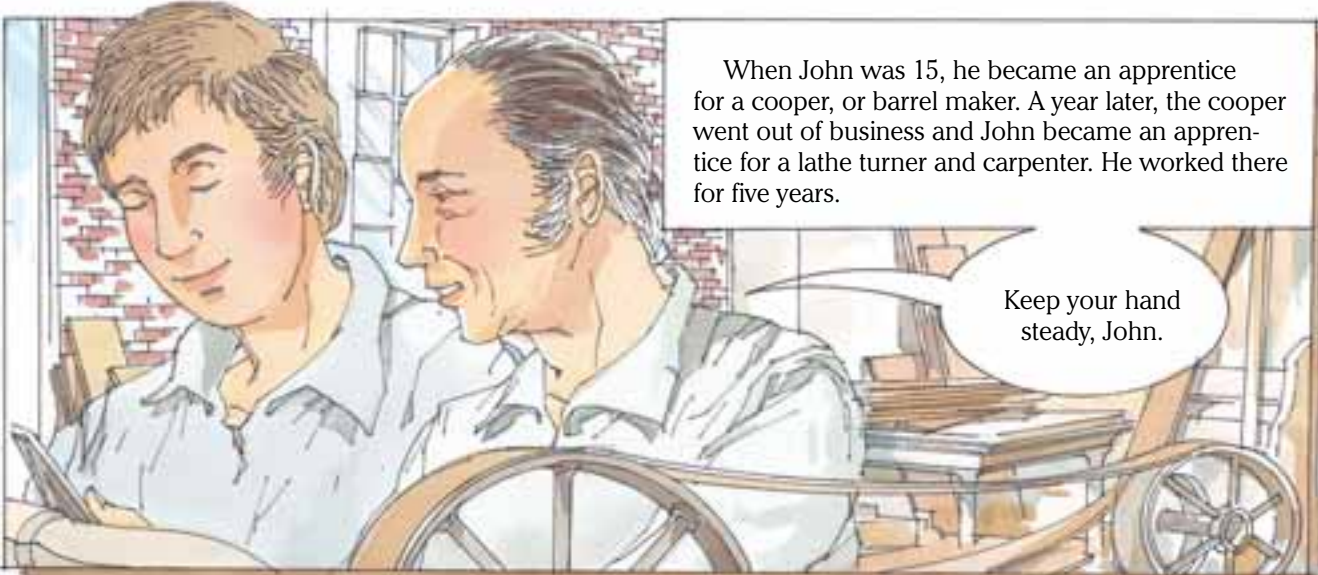
When he was young, he saw a vision of an angel holding a trumpet to its mouth.

What could this mean?

On the Taylor farm, John learned to work hard. His chores included milking cows, ploughing, sowing seed, and haymaking.

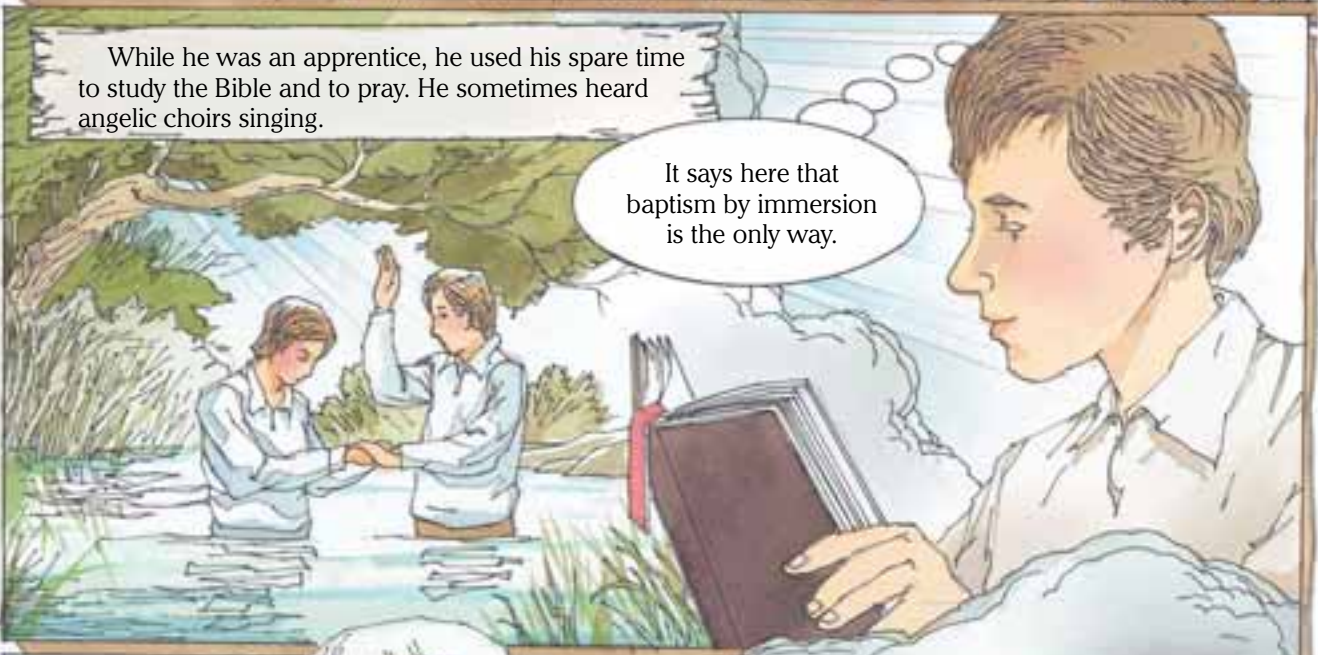
Come on, girl, we need to finish by sundown.





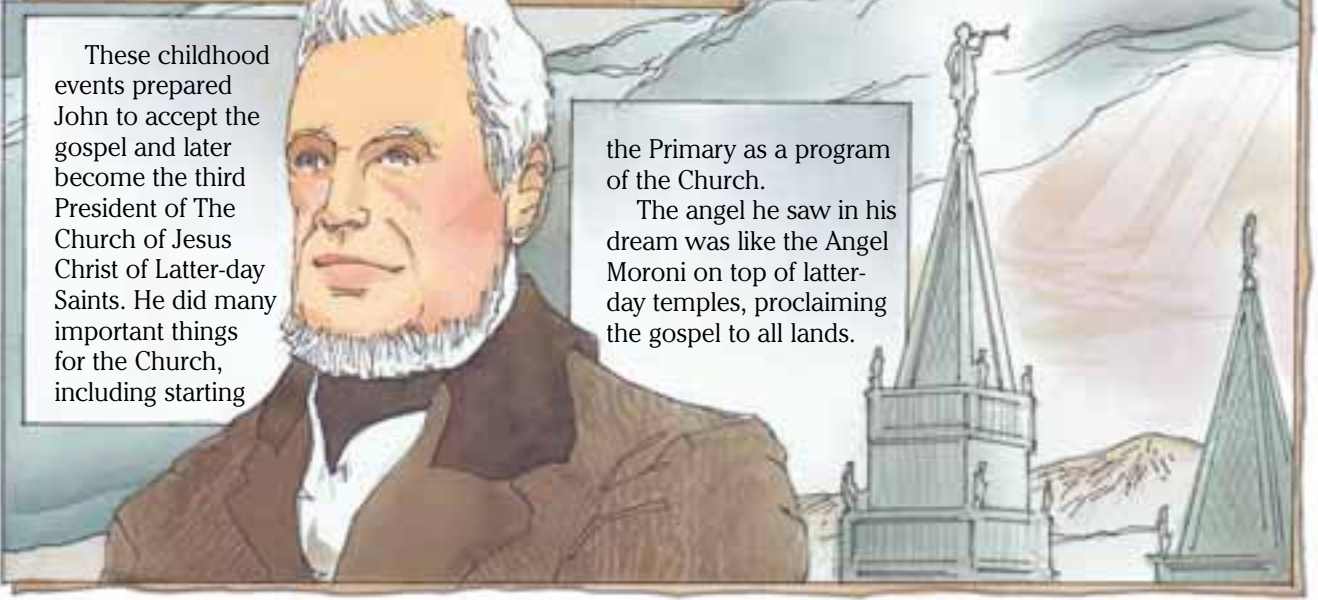
When John was 15, he became an apprentice for a cooper, or barrel maker. A year later, the cooper went out of business and John became an apprentice for a lathe turner and carpenter. He worked there for five years.

Keep your hand steady, John.



While he was an apprentice, he used his spare time to study the Bible and to pray. He sometimes heard angelic choirs singing.

It says here that baptism by immersion is the only way.



These childhood events prepared John to accept the gospel and later become the third President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He did many important things for the Church, including starting

the Primary as a program of the Church. The angel he saw in his dream was like the Angel Moroni on top of latter-day temples, proclaiming the gospel to all lands.



# Great-grandma's Funeral



**BY JANE MCBRIDE CHOATE**

(Based on a true story)

*Ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God* (Ephesians 2:19).

Laurie Baldwin wiped at the tears that stung her eyes during the long trip to Denver. Great-grandma, her mom's grandma, had died yesterday after being sick a long time. The whole family—Laurie, Mom, Dad, and Laurie's two older sisters—was going to the funeral.

When they arrived at Great-grandma's house, Laurie met the cousins, aunts, and uncles who had gathered there.

"How are we going to put together a funeral in only two days?" Aunt Christy asked. "We don't know anyone here."

Mom didn't look worried. "I know where we can find help," she said, reaching for the phone book.

Laurie listened as Mom called the bishop of a Denver ward and explained the situation.

"Why did you call a bishop?" Laurie asked after Mom replaced the phone. "Great-grandma wasn't a member of the Church." Mom was the only member of her family who belonged to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

"Even though Grandma wasn't a member of our Church, we can still ask for help in preparing for her funeral. That's part of belonging to the Church—being able to go anywhere and know that there are people who are willing to help us."

Laurie would always remember that.

Soon the phone started ringing. Her mother spent the next hour taking calls and making others. She was smiling after the last one.

"Everything's taken care of," she announced to the family. "The bishop called some people. The Relief Society president is going to arrange a meal for the family after the funeral. She'll also find someone to play the organ and lead the music."

"Why are they helping us?" Aunt Christy wanted to know. "We don't live here. We don't even know them."

"In our church we call each other 'Brother' and 'Sister.' That's because we're all brothers and sisters in the gospel and help each other whenever we can."

Laurie thought about that—brothers and sisters in the gospel. She liked the sound of it.

Mom spoke at the funeral and told some things about her grandmother's life. A lady with a pretty voice sang "How Great Thou Art" (*Hymns*, no. 86), which had been Great-grandma's favorite song. Mom was crying and smiling at the same time.

After the funeral, Mom thanked the bishop and everyone who had helped with the music and food. "I don't know what we would have done without you."

The bishop took her hand. "We were happy to help. Your grandmother must have been a remarkable woman."

Laurie heard the quiet sincerity in his voice. The family spent the rest of the afternoon and evening talking about Great-grandma.

"I want to find out more about your church," Aunt Christy said.

Laurie listened as Mom began to explain. "We belong to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. . . ." ●



"Bishops, home teachers, visiting teachers, and members of priesthood quorums and of Relief Societies . . . all stand ready to help. . . .

"Of course, your brothers and sisters in the Church are not to solve your problems for you. . . .

But your brothers and sisters will be at your side to strengthen you, encourage you, and help you."

**Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin**  
**Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles**  
*From an April 2000 general conference address.*

## Our Creative Friends

### The Church

I enjoy singing the music at church.  
It fills the room with the Spirit at work.

We are told to follow our prophet, and so  
I truly believe this is the only way to go.

I am trying at nine years old to prepare  
So one day I'll visit the temple because I care.

There's a lot to understand about this church  
But in time I know His plan does work.

Choosing the right is what it's all about.  
Being baptized is when I found that out.

Saying my prayers helps me to stay  
Focused on living the prophet's way.

*Karlee Olive, age 9  
Rochester, Washington*

### Little Girl Dressed in White

Little girl dressed in white, how her eyes are shining bright.  
She can think with all her might, little girl dressed in white.

Little girl dressed in white, through her baptism she is sure  
That, like her dress, she'll be pure, little girl dressed in white.

Little girl dressed in white, all the hands upon her head,  
And some special words are said, little girl dressed in white.

*Mary Seamons, age 8  
Graysbott, England*

### A Son's Prayer

Once I said a prayer to the One I love the most,  
to my Heavenly Father, but for my father dear.  
I prayed that he would be safe and would sparkle with delight.

So I got back into bed and knew from deep inside my heart.  
I knew that he would be safe  
because of the prayer I said tonight.

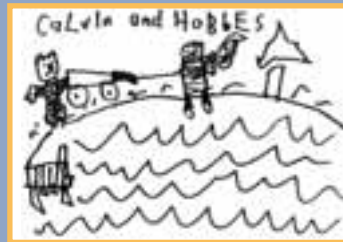
So when you are discouraged, all you need to do is pray  
to your Heavenly Father,  
the One who watches over you.

*John-Michael Bradley, age 8  
West Plains, Missouri*

### The Savior

Jesus Christ will always love you, no matter what.

*Sandra Woodruff, age 8  
Greenfield, California*



*Adam McCaffery, age 13  
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada*



*McKenzie Buchanan, age 4  
Acworth, Georgia*



*Caleb El Hansen, age 5  
Windbam, Maine*



*Kennedy Bingham, age 5  
Weston, Idaho*



*Jordan Ringer, age 8  
Las Vegas, Nevada*



*Angela Cluff, age 4  
Battle Ground, Washington*



*Ivan Rodriguez, age 7  
Yorba Linda, California*



*Cassandra Breanna Solis, age 11  
Port Richey, Florida*



*Riley Neilsen, age 6  
Bigfork, Montana*



*Caley Carlson, age 8  
Maynard, Massachusetts*



## I Am

I am an 11-year-old, auburn-haired dance lover.  
I wonder what it will be like in the future.  
I hear my cat purr.  
I see my brother and sister play.  
I want to be a singer.  
I am an 11-year-old, auburn-haired  
dance lover.

I pretend I am an angel.  
I feel the sun against my face.  
I touch the sky.  
I worry about what happens in the world.  
I cry when I'm sad.  
I am an 11-year-old, auburn-haired dance lover.

I try to understand everything.  
I say I'm happy.  
I dream of flying.  
I try to be nice.  
I hope to live a long life.  
I am an 11-year-old, auburn-haired  
dance lover.

*Kylee Edwards, age 11  
Meridian, Idaho*

## The Temple

I love to see the temple.  
I'm going inside some day.  
I'll wait for four years.  
I'll listen and obey.

*Talmo Herbert, age 8  
Temple View, New Zealand*

## Snow

Snow, snow, on the ground,  
So graceful, so light and white.  
You look so beautiful, you look so nice.  
You fall so swiftly, so soft, so fast.

*Janae Campbell, age 8  
Pullman, Washington*

## Temples

**T** is for tithing, which helps build temples.  
**E** is for excitement when we are sealed.  
**M** is for marriage, which takes place in temples.  
**P** is for peace, the feeling temples bring.  
**L** is for the Lord, who guides us today.  
**E** is for eternal life together if we are sealed.  
**S** is for the Savior, who truly owns the temples.

*Jessica Dionne, age 11  
Gainesville, Virginia*

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## Missionaries

Missionaries, missionaries—  
Coming, going,  
Teaching, preaching,

Always there,  
Always here,  
They're always there  
When you need them—

Helping, saving time,  
Giving, and sharing  
The gospel,  
Their testimony,  
And hope for faith.

Always kind,  
Always loving,  
They're always there  
For you.

*Vera E. Jackson, age 10  
Provo, Utah*



*David Contreras, age 7  
Riverside, California*



*Karen Sant, age 11  
Cincinnati, Ohio*



*Westin Funk, age 9  
Tucson, Arizona*



*Maddie Angus, age 6  
Superior, Colorado*



*Ty Kennington, age 6  
Clovis, California*



*Anna Marie Jacobsen, age 11  
Las Vegas, Nevada*



*Lantz Hartley, age 7  
Kaysville, Utah*



*Hillary Bennett, age 8  
Taber, Alberta, Canada*



*Joseph Walters, age 9  
Buffalo, Wyoming*



*Allie Wright, age 11  
Lehi, Utah*

# Members of the Savior's Church

(A POSTER  
FLANNEL-BOARD STORY)

*And they who were baptized in the name of Jesus were called the church of Christ* (3 Nephi 26:21).

**Instructions:** Read, or tell in your own words, the story below. When a number appears in the story, put up the flannel-board figure with the same number (or move it to a new place—see diagrams—or point to it, if it is already in place). Save the flannel-board figures to use with next month's Poster Article.

Heavenly Father loves us and wants us to return to live with Him (1). As part of the plan of salvation, Jesus Christ (2) came to earth to overcome death and to atone for our sins if we repent and obey the commandments. He also organized His church (3) so that with the proper priesthood authority, members would have the ordinances they need to return to live with Heavenly Father.

The first ordinance needed is baptism. The Savior (2) explained this to a man named Nicodemus (4) one night. He told this ruler of the Jews, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God [The Church of Jesus Christ]" (3) (John 3:5).

Before a person is baptized, he or she must have faith (5) in Jesus Christ. He said, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

The person must also repent (6) of his or her sins. Then, when he or she is baptized (7), his or her



sins are washed away. John the Baptist (8), who held the Aaronic Priesthood, explained to those he baptized, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance" (Matthew 3:11).

When Jesus Christ (2) came to him to be baptized, John did not understand, because he knew that the Savior was sinless. Jesus told him to do it

"for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15). That is, by having John baptize Him, they were showing people how important the ordinance of baptism is.

When the Savior was baptized, Heavenly Father testified to the importance of baptism, too: "The heavens were opened, . . . and lo a voice from heaven [said], This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:16–17).

But that is not all. After a person is baptized, he or she is confirmed a member of the Church and given the gift of the Holy Ghost (9). That is what Jesus (2) meant when He told Nicodemus (4) that a man must be born not only of water but of the Spirit.

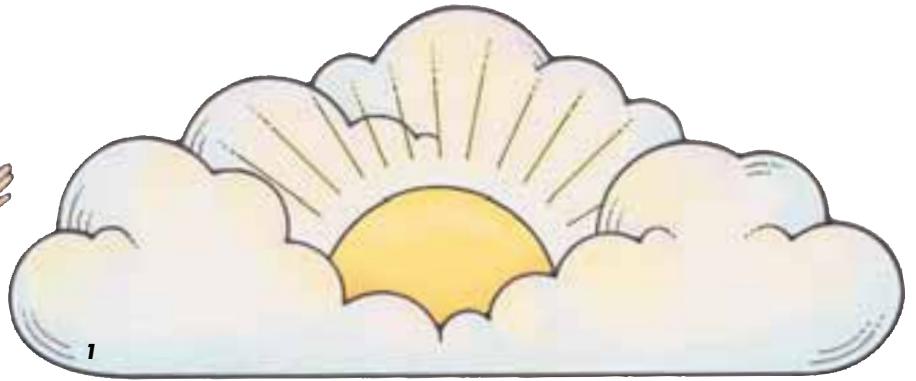
The gift of the Holy Ghost is important in the plan of salvation because the Holy Ghost can help us have greater faith in Jesus Christ and guide us in making right choices so that we obey the commandments and repent when we need to. When we do those things—and obtain the further blessings of temple ordinances (10)—thanks to the Atonement of Jesus Christ, we can live with Heavenly Father again (1).●





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Jesus Christ



1

Celestial Kingdom

5  
Faith in the Lord  
Jesus Christ

9  
Gift of the  
Holy Ghost

6  
Repentance

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Temple  
Ordinances

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Baptism



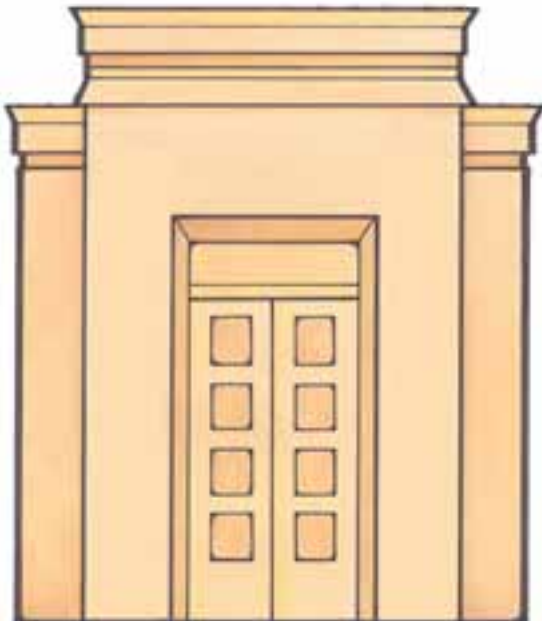
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Nicodemus

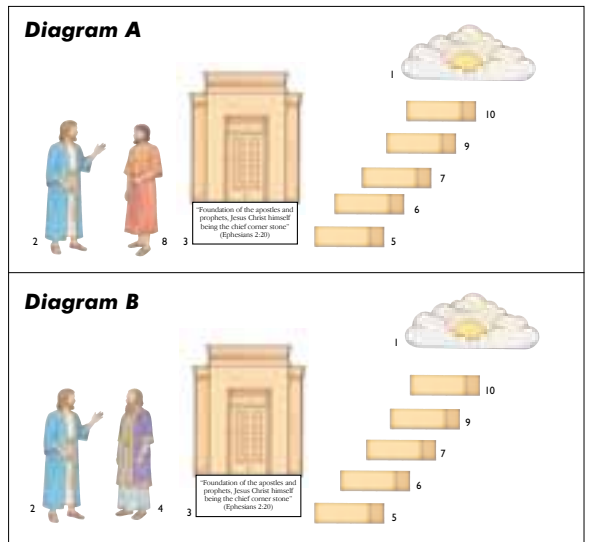


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John the Baptist



3  
“Foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone” (Ephesians 2:20)





# How Do You

BY PAULA HUNT

(A true story)

*If ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost (Moroni 10:4).*

**W**hile he was President of the Church, Heber J. Grant had a chance to meet many important people in the business world. Mr. Fred W. Shibley, an officer of the Bankers Trust Company of New York, was one of them.

In 1934, President Grant met with Mr. Shibley in Chicago, Illinois, to discuss business. After the meeting, President Grant took the opportunity to be a missionary and gave Mr. Shibley two pamphlets about the Church. One of them was *Joseph Smith Tells His Own Story*. As both men were to travel on trains to New York City—Mr. Shibley on a fast train and President Grant on a slow one—President Grant asked Mr. Shibley to read the pamphlets while he was on the train. Mr. Shibley promised that he'd take the time to read them.

Later, when he arrived in New York City, President Grant called on Mr. Shibley. He asked him what he thought about the pamphlets, especially Joseph Smith's story.

Mr. Shibley said:

“By every rule of my life to arrive at the truth, I have to acknowledge this story of Joseph Smith as true. . . . No liar ever did write or could write such a story as the story told by Joseph Smith. . . . A liar would never think, in describing an angel, to say his feet did not quite touch the floor. It would not enter his head. Nor to say that he had on a loose robe that he could see into his breast. No liar ever deals in details, and this story deals in nothing but details—the hour, the place, the circumstances, the spot, the people—everything. Liars would not dare tell a story like that. They could not do it.’

“He said, ‘Of course, you know it is generally conceded that liars ought to have good memories and they are always deficient in that particular. Liars in business

never give you a detailed statement. They just give you a lot of high points. . . .

“This man had the visions he claims to have had. I do not expect to join your Church, but that story, by every rule of my life, is the truth. . . . I say that no honest man who believes in the Bible can get away from the proofs this man has given, with scriptural references, to sustain your doctrine.’” (Joseph Anderson, *Prophets I Have Known*, 45–46.)

This man received a testimony of Joseph Smith's vision by logic. He could tell that it was a true story just by what Joseph said. Liars usually don't give details.





# Know It's True?

Liars tell a brief story and sometimes change what they say. Joseph Smith never changed his testimony. He stood by his story of the First Vision and gave his life for it.

Why didn't Mr. Shibley join the Church? The Holy Ghost converts people to the gospel. Just plain reason does not touch a person the way the Spirit does. Remember Moroni's promise: "If ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost" (Moroni 10:4). Moroni was talking about the Book of Mormon, but it works for all truth.

Mr. Shibley admitted that he did not believe in Jesus Christ or Heavenly Father. He did not pray to know if Joseph Smith was a true prophet. His mind told him that Joseph Smith told the truth, but to be really converted to the truths of the gospel, he needed to ask Heavenly Father.

That is the blessing that is given to all of us. We can ask Heavenly Father in the name of His Son, in prayer, if things are true. Did Joseph really see the Father? Is the Book of Mormon true? Is President Hinckley really a prophet? Yes, and everyone can know, just as Moroni promised. ●





**BY MYRNA M. HOYT**  
(Based on a true story)

*For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you (John 13:15).*

*I Will!*  
*I Will!*

**F**ive-year-old Jodi loved to sing, especially Primary songs. She and her older sister, Mickell, were often asked to sing for programs and for other special occasions in their ward and community.

One afternoon Mom received a phone call from Sister Crofts. As she hung up the phone, Mom said, "Sister Crofts has invited our family and a few other families from our ward to go to the care center where her father lives to hold a special family home evening."

"What is a care center?" Jodi wanted to know.

"A care center is a place where people live who need nurses and other trained people to help care for them. Sister Crofts would like us to do some musical numbers there. She also said that maybe our families could go to the public indoor swimming pool after the program."

Jodi's eyes lit up with excitement. "That sounds like fun! Can we go? Please?"

"We'll have to ask the rest of the family what they think, but I feel sure that everyone will agree."

The rest of the week, Mom helped Jodi and Mickell prepare two of their favorite Primary songs for the program. Soon the special day arrived.

Jodi felt nervous as she walked into the large room at the care center. She thought that most of the people looked very old because they had gray hair and many of them sat in wheelchairs. Some of them glanced up and smiled at her, but some of them looked sad.

Jodi's family quietly found a place to sit until their turn to sing. Jodi soon realized that the girl sitting next to her wasn't very old. But she looked different from anyone Jodi had seen before. She wore a helmet on her head and a large towel was tied around her neck. Jodi noticed that the girl could only use one side of her body. She could not talk, either, but she did make some happy-sounding noises when she heard the music.

A nurse explained that the girl and her mother had been in a car accident a few years before. The mother had been killed, and the girl had suffered severe brain damage. She had to wear the helmet to protect her head, and she had to keep a towel around her neck because she did not have very much control over her body and often drooled. The nurse told them that the girl enjoyed listening to music, and she loved having children come to visit.

Jodi felt sad to think that the girl had lost her mother and that she had been hurt so badly in the accident.

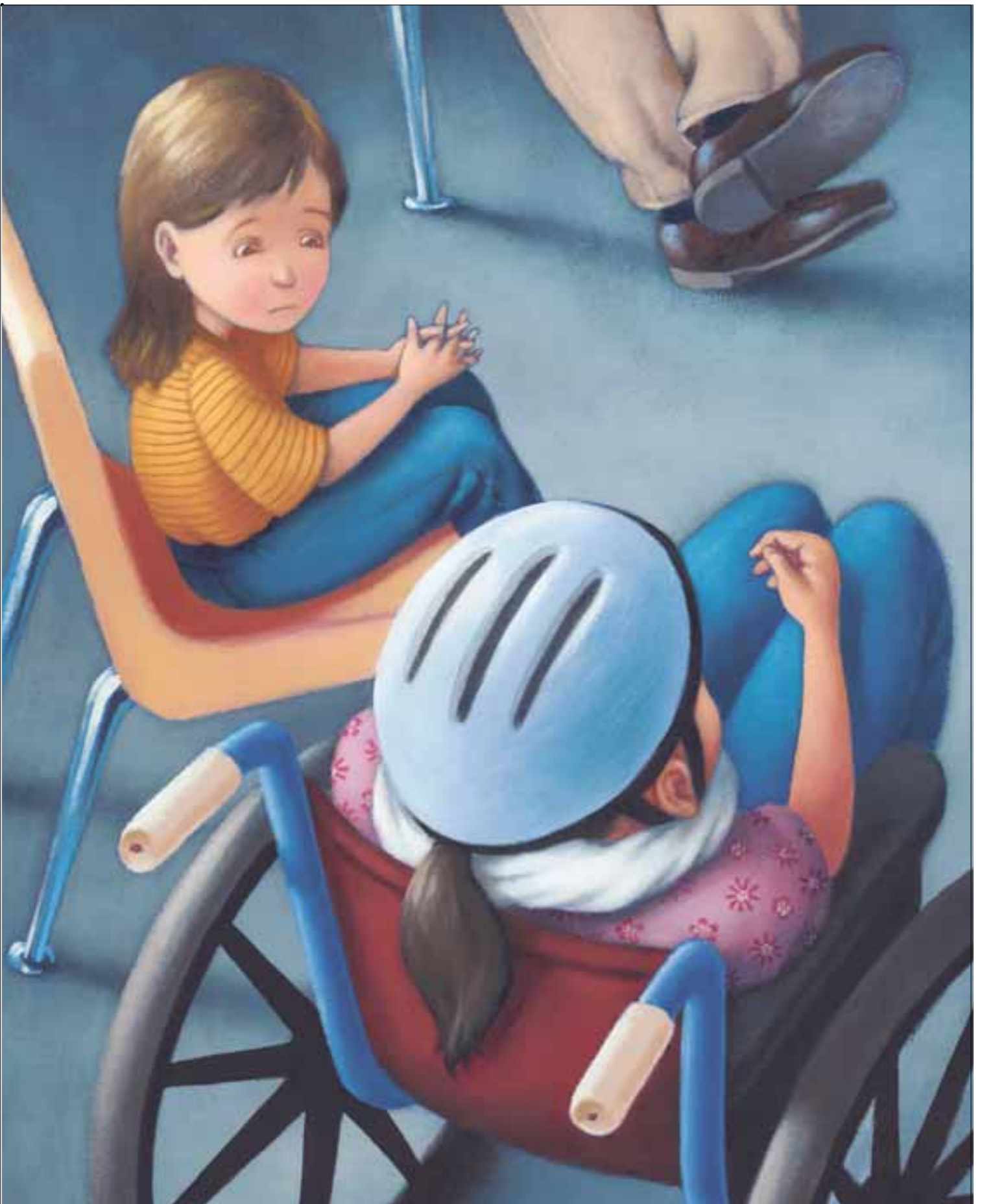
Jodi and Mickell sang their very best, and they were happy that nearly everyone in the room looked up and smiled at them as they sang, and clapped loudly as they finished. One lady even shouted, "Beautiful! Beautiful!"

Jodi felt very warm inside and was happy that her family had come that night.

Sister Crofts thanked Jodi's family for helping with family home evening. She said that her father and the others had enjoyed the program and were glad that they had come.

After leaving the care center, the group ate a picnic and then enjoyed a few hours of swimming at the indoor pool. It had been a great family home evening!

That night as Mom was helping her get ready for







“How [Jesus Christ] lived His life is the example we should follow. His way should be our way. ‘Therefore, what manner of men ought ye to be? Verily I say unto you, even as I am.’ (3 Nephi 27:27.) He showed us that we must go about doing good.”

**Elder Robert J. Whetten  
Of the Seventy**  
From an April 1999 general conference address.

bed, Jodi said, “I had fun singing for those people at the care center, but I felt bad for some of them.”

Mother smiled as she put her arm around Jodi. “It was wonderful that we could sing for them, but we probably should have taken the time to give each one of them a hug. There are some people who don’t have anyone to give them hugs.”

“I like hugs.”

“Everyone *needs* hugs.” Mom gave Jodi a hug that only mothers can give. Then, noticing the look of concern that crossed Jodi’s face, she asked, “What’s wrong, honey?”

“Mom,” Jodi said in a hesitant voice. “I don’t think I could have hugged that girl I sat by.”

Mom smiled at Jodi’s honesty. “Jodi, do you think Jesus would hug that girl?”

Jodi thought for a moment.

“I know that Jesus would hug her. He loves everyone.”

Mom smiled and asked Jodi to follow her to the piano in the family room. She opened *Children’s Songbook* to pages 140–41, one of Jodi’s favorite songs. As her mom played, Jodi sang:

*“If you don’t walk as most people do,  
Some people walk away from you,  
But I won’t! I won’t!*

*If you don’t talk as most people do,  
Some people talk and laugh at you,  
But I won’t! I won’t!*

*I’ll walk with you. I’ll talk with you.  
That’s how I’ll show my love for you.  
Jesus walked away from none.*

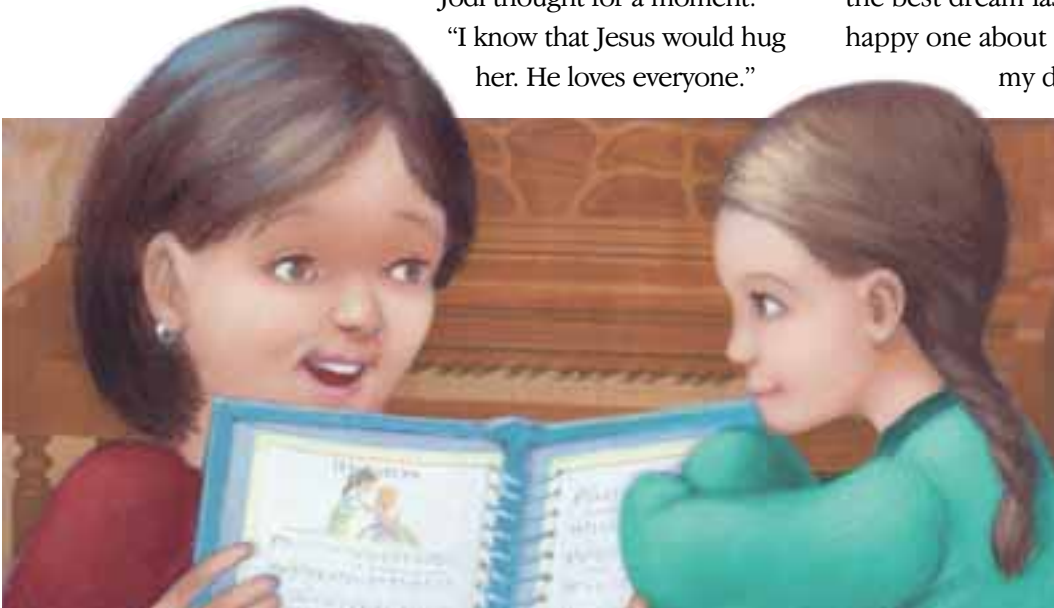
*He gave his love to ev’ryone.  
So I will! I will!”*

That gave Jodi something to think about. “Thanks, Mom,” Jodi said as she gave her mother a hug and a kiss. Then she went to say her prayers before climbing into bed.

The next morning, Jodi jumped up with excitement and ran to find Mom. “I had the best dream last night! It was a very happy one about that girl I sat by. And in my dream, I gave her a hug!

May we please go to the care center again soon?”

“I think that’s a great idea!” Mom said with a smile. ●





*The Guide to the Friend can help you find stories or articles for preparing lessons or talks for church or for family home evening. Look for the FHE symbol on the pages mentioned in the Family Home Evening Ideas. The Primary theme for January is "I belong to the Church of Jesus Christ."*



## Family Home Evening Ideas

1. Tell the story "To Do His Best" (pages 27–29). Memorize the poem on page 28 so you can remind yourself to always do your best. Read "Covenants" (pages 2–3) by President James E. Faust. Pretend you are walking by the people in the story. Decide what you would do to be your best in that situation. Repeat the poem, and promise one another to always try to do your best to follow the Savior.

2. Follow the instructions for "Places in Which We Worship" (page 18). As you think of ways in which you can worship, make a list for each picture. Hang the pictures and the lists somewhere in your home where you can see them during the week.

3. Ask a family member to tell the story "I Will! I Will!" (pages 46–48). Spend some time singing some of

your favorite hymns. You might want to learn "I'll Follow Him in Faith" (pages 24–25). Choose someone to serenade as a family this week.

4. Read together "Baptism" (page 7) by Elder Robert D. Hales. Talk about the blessings we receive when we are baptized and about the promises we make in return. Then tell the story "Jaden Goes Shopping" (page 16). How did Jaden follow the Savior? How can you?



See page 18.

5. Using the pictures, tell the New Testament stories "The Ten Virgins" and "The Talents" (pages 10–15). Talk about the importance of making right choices now, about being prepared, about not putting off till tomorrow what you should be doing today. Have each family member write down two things that he or she can do this week to follow the Savior.

### Special Announcement

## Satellite Broadcast for Children

The First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles invite children of the Church to attend a special satellite broadcast on 8 February 2003 at 2:00 p.m. mountain standard time. A member of the First Presidency and members of the Primary general presidency will address the children.

"We hope children will remember this all their lives," says Sister Sydney S. Reynolds, first counselor in the Primary general presidency, noting that broadcasts especially for children are rare.

The theme of the broadcast is "I'll Follow Him in Faith." "We want to help parents strengthen their children's faith in the Savior, because He is ultimately the source of comfort, peace, and direction," Sister Reynolds says.

Primary children ages 7–11, their parents, and Primary leaders are invited to attend the broadcast. The occasion takes place during the 125th anniversary year of the Primary organization and is the first broadcast for children to take place in the Conference Center. It will be broadcast in many languages, with rebroadcasts scheduled to accommodate time zones throughout the world.

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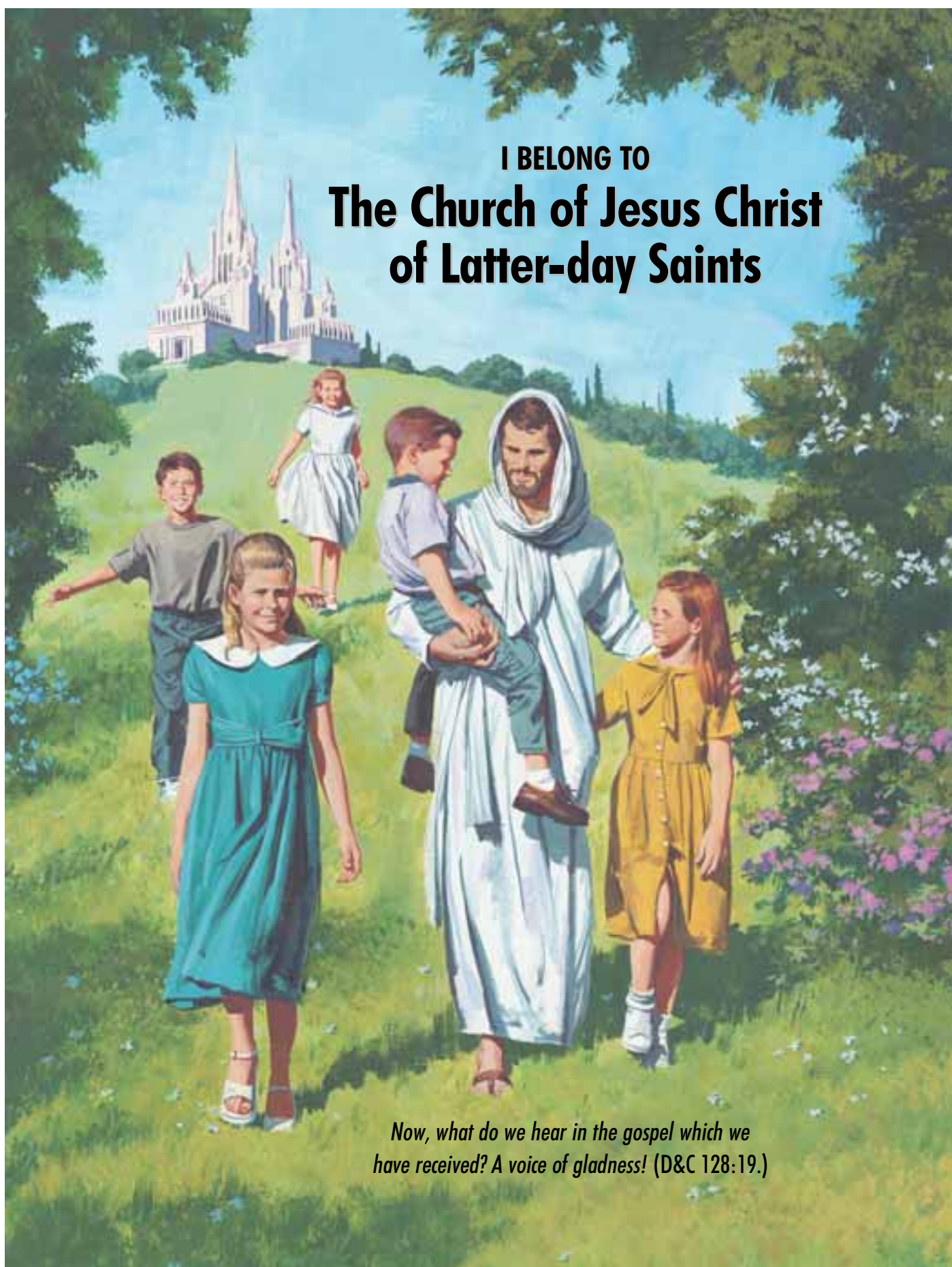


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*I wonder, when he comes again,  
Will I be ready there . . . ? Each day  
I'll try to do his will. . . . Then,  
when that blessed day is here,  
He'll love me and he'll say, . . .  
"Come unto my arms to stay."  
(Children's Songbook, 82–83.)*



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*Now, what do we hear in the gospel which we  
have received? A voice of gladness! (D&C 128:19.)*



## I BELONG TO The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

**W**hen Jesus Christ lived on the earth, He taught His gospel and organized His Church. He laid His hands on each of the Apostles' heads and gave him the priesthood. Because people killed the Apostles and would not believe the gospel, the Church was taken from the earth. In these latter days, the Lord called Joseph Smith to restore the gospel, the priesthood, and the Church.

As members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, we receive many blessings that help us be happy. Reading the scriptures referred to on this year's poster and presenting the poster article/activity in family home evening will help you learn about the blessings and responsibilities that come from being a member of the Church. Your faith in Jesus Christ and desire to keep His commandments will become stronger, too.

### Instructions

1. Open the staples, remove the poster, then reclose the staples.
2. Cut out the puzzle pieces and place them in an envelope. Glue the poster on lightweight cardboard (optional) and hang it up.
3. At the beginning of each month, read the theme and the scripture for that month listed on the poster. Find the correct puzzle piece for that month in the envelope and glue it in place. Then read and prepare the poster article/activity in that month's *Friend* (see Contents—Poster Article). Plan with your parents when you can present it in family home evening.

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