

How to Contribute to the *Friend*

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The *Friend* is published by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for children up to 12 years of age.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your desire to share your talents and experiences with our readers. The *Friend* could not fulfill its purpose without the help of contributors like you, and we welcome your submissions. We hope this guide will be useful, but the best way to get an accurate feel for what the *Friend* publishes is to read a number of recent issues. You can find the *Friend* online at www.friend.lds.org.

WHAT WE NEED

True Stories: We need stories that show the gospel of Jesus Christ at work in the lives of Latter-day Saint children. Stories may be set in any nation or culture where Latter-day Saints are found, and all must be based on true incidents. Names, dialogue, and details may be fictionalized to better shape the story, but the main events must be factual. While any gospel truth may provide the theme for a story, we do not want stories *about* these truths. We need stories *about real children* discovering or applying gospel truths in overcoming real-life temptations and conflicts.

Experiences from your own childhood or the lives of your children are rich sources of story ideas. However, these should not be reported in straight narrative form as if they were news items. Follow the rule of “show, don’t tell,” pulling the reader into the experience with dialogue, sounds, sights, and smells. The reader should experience the story from a child’s point of view. If you are writing about someone who is not a family member, please obtain his or her permission to write the story.

We prefer stories of not more than 900 words. We also need very short pieces (up to 250 words) for younger readers and preschool children. If you submit historical stories, please include source references.

Photo Stories: We are looking for short features (200–300 words) about children who have done interesting or noteworthy things, and groups of children who have done out-of-the-ordinary service projects. These stories may be written either by a child or by an adult. Please send 6–10 usable photos with the story.

Poetry: We are looking for easy-to-illustrate poems with catchy cadences. Poems should convey a sense of joy and reflect gospel teachings. We especially need brief poems that will appeal to preschoolers.

Activities: The *Friend* publishes family- and gospel-oriented puzzles, games, and cartoons. We also welcome simple recipes and handicraft projects that appeal to children.

Music: We occasionally publish short songs or hymns. All music entries should be submitted to the Church Music Committee.

Children's Submissions: We welcome children's submissions for a variety of departments:

Friends by Mail: Children share their spiritual experiences and testimonies.

Friends in the News: Children tell about their hobbies and favorite things. Readers tell about activities and service projects their stakes, wards, and branches have done.

Trying to Be Like Jesus: Children share the experiences they have had as they try to follow the example of Jesus Christ.

Our Creative Friends: Art and poetry from our friends around the world.

Submissions should be addressed to a specific department and include the child's photo, age, and address. Submissions should not exceed 200 words. The *Friend* does not pay for children's contributions. Due to the number received, they cannot all be published, nor can they be returned.

Please note: Children's submissions must include a written statement by a parent or legal guardian giving permission to publish the child's submission and photo.

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR MANUSCRIPT

1. Print your manuscripts double-spaced on one side of 8 1/2-by-11-inch white paper. Include your name, address, and telephone number with each manuscript.
2. Address manuscripts to *Friend* Magazine, 50 East North Temple Street, Room 2432, Salt Lake City, UT 84150-3220, USA. Or you can e-mail your submission to friend@ldschurch.org. Please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope if you would like your manuscript returned. The *Friend* discourages multiple submissions.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. A sample copy of the magazine is available for \$1.50. Please include a 9-by-12-inch addressed envelope with four first-class stamps.
2. Two copies of any issue containing your work will be sent to you upon publication.
3. Accepted manuscripts will usually not appear for at least a year and often much longer.

OPTIONS TO DONATE OR RECEIVE PAYMENT

We invite you to consider donating your material when submitting it to the *Friend*. If you wish to be paid, we are pleased to send you payment. Payment varies depending on the type of manuscript submitted (story, poem, activity) and the complexity of the work. Choosing to request payment will not affect how we review your work. The *Friend* does not pay for children's submissions.

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