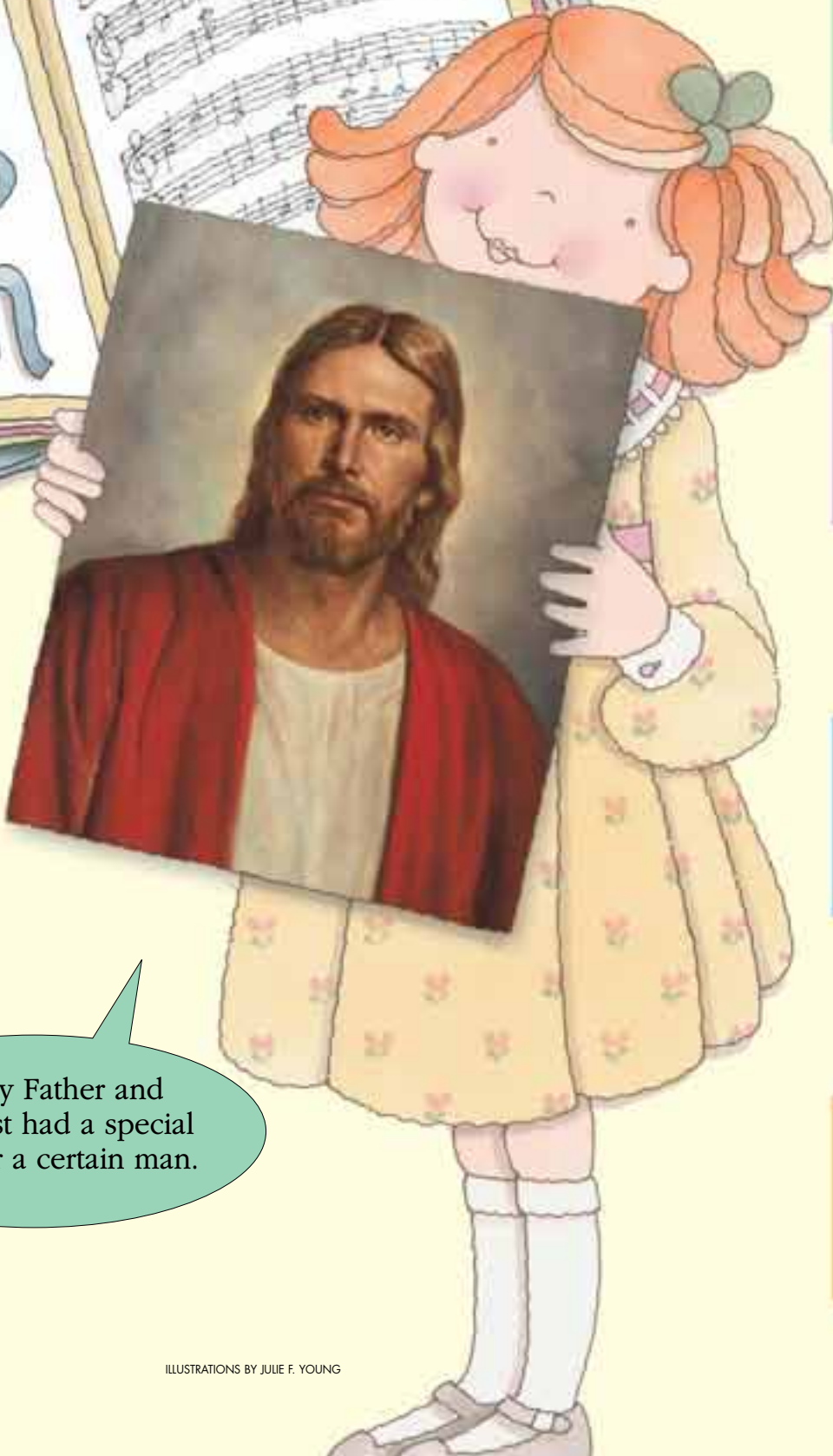




# Sing a Song of Joseph



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To learn about the Restoration of the gospel of Jesus Christ, tell and sing this story of Joseph Smith with your family, Primary class, or friends. You can have one narrator, or each take turns reading and holding the pictures.

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Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ had a special mission for a certain man.

**Note: Most pictures are from the Gospel Art Picture Kit (240, 402, 403, 404, 406, 520, 400). Substitutes can be found in ward/branch library. All songs are from the Children's Songbook.**

As a young boy, Joseph Smith had many questions about religion. He studied the Bible often, and found an important scripture in James 1:5: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

**Song:**  
"Seek the  
Lord Early"  
(p. 108)



When he was 14 years old, Joseph wanted to know which church was right. He knew he needed to ask Heavenly Father to help him know the truth. On a beautiful spring day, Joseph walked to a quiet place and knelt in a grove of trees to pray. Something happened that day that changed the world.

**Song:** "This Is My  
Beloved Son"  
(p. 76, verse 3)



Joseph saw Heavenly Father and His Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. They instructed Joseph not to join any of the churches. What joy Joseph must have felt to know that Heavenly Father loves us, and hears and answers our prayers!

**Song:** "I Know  
My Father  
Lives" (p. 5)



When Joseph was 17 years old, he was praying before bedtime when something marvelous happened. Moroni, an angel of the Lord, appeared to him and told him of gold plates. The plates had special inspired writings engraved on them that were recorded hundreds of years ago.

**Song:** "An Angel Came to  
Joseph Smith" (p. 86)





In time,  
Joseph received  
the gold plates.

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**Song:** "The  
Golden Plates"  
(p. 86)

With the help of  
Heavenly Father,  
Joseph translated the  
words so the ancient  
record could be read.  
That translation is the  
Book of Mormon and  
is another witness of  
Jesus Christ.

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**Song:** "Book of  
Mormon Stories"  
(p. 118, verses 1,  
2, and 8)



Through divine  
revelation, Joseph Smith  
restored the true Church  
on the earth. Its teach-  
ings center on our Savior,  
Jesus Christ. The Church  
is directed by Jesus Christ  
through a living prophet.

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Stand and  
sing "The  
Church of  
Jesus Christ"  
(p. 77).

Joseph Smith was the first  
prophet of the latter days.  
He made many sacrifices so  
we could have the Church,  
the blessings of the gospel,  
and the Book of Mormon.  
He was called names, beaten,  
and died defending the truth.  
How grateful we are for our  
Prophet, Joseph Smith!