

Bring on the FUN!

SPECIAL



SECTION

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*Read on for
seven more pages
of puzzles, games,
and family fun!*

This is
awesome!
I wish the power
would go out
every night!





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(Based on a true story)

"Try to show kindness in all that you do" (Children's Songbook, 79).

Can we come in?" Lori asked.

Emily looked over the top of the fort she had built with Lisa. Their little sister Lori and brother Greg were back, and they wanted to come in. Again.

"No," Emily said.

"Please?" Greg asked.

"No," Lisa repeated.

Emily and Lisa had spent an hour building their fort out of cushions and sheets and cardboard boxes. It was perfect. They had built it next to the Ping-Pong table, and to get in you had to crawl through a tunnel under the table. It was tall enough to stand up in, but there wasn't enough room for little brothers and sisters.

"You already have your own fort," Emily said.

"OK," Lori sighed. "Let's go." Greg followed her back to their fort. It was just a blanket draped over a chair. It didn't have a tunnel or anything.

"They're gone!" Lisa said. "Now we can play." She opened their box of paper dolls. Emily cut out a dress she had drawn. They set up the rest of their game—the castle, the servants' quarters, the wicked prince.

They played for a while, but it wasn't as fun as usual.

"I'm bored," Lisa said, setting down her paper doll.

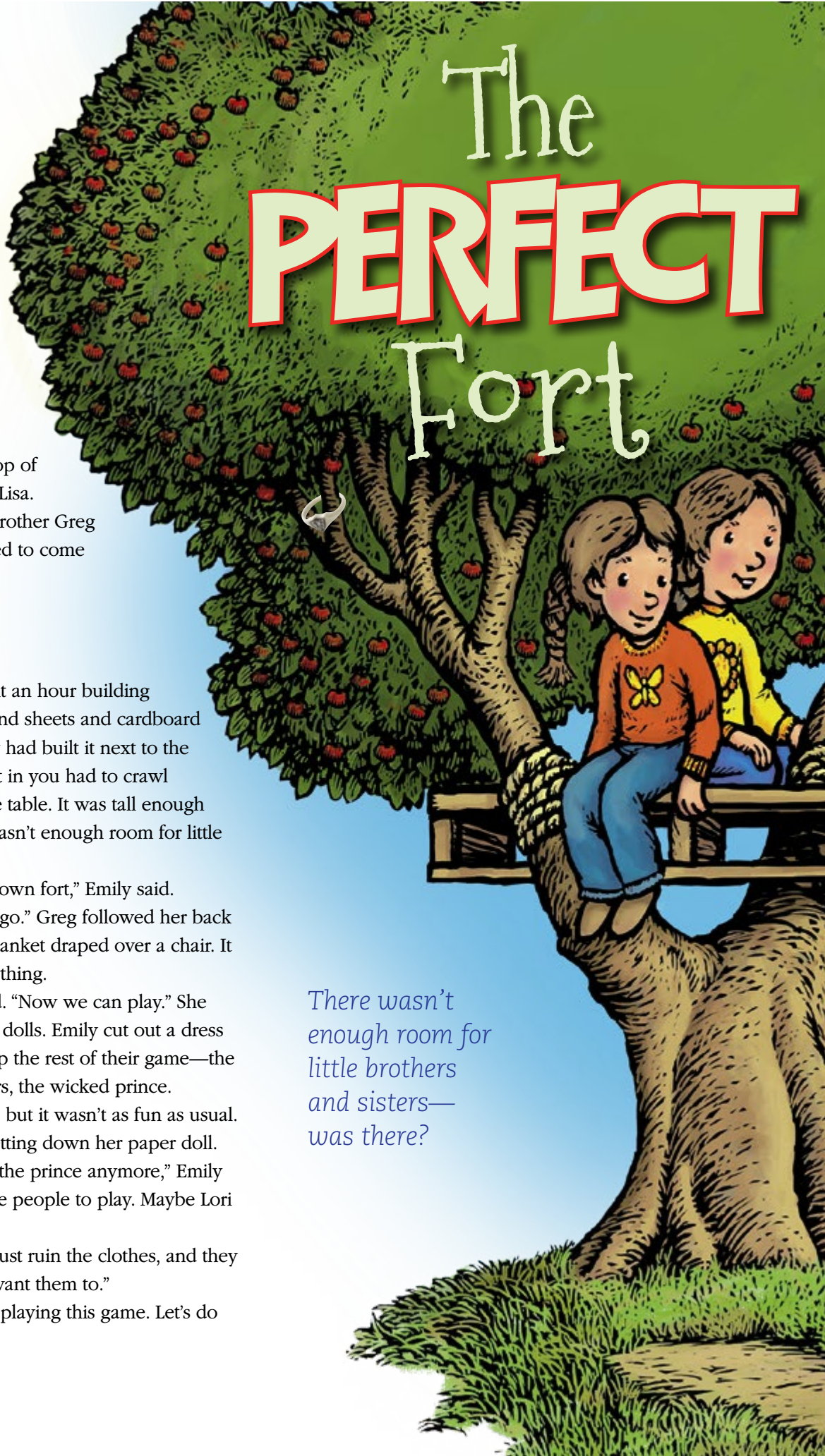
"And I don't want to be the prince anymore," Emily said. "Maybe we need more people to play. Maybe Lori and Greg could help."

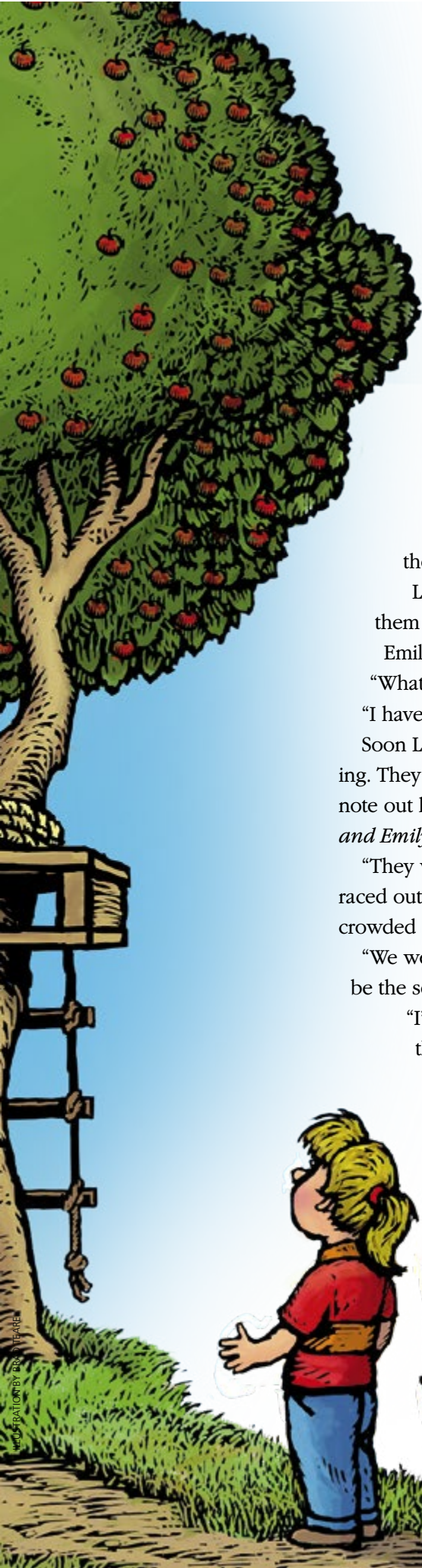
"No," Lisa said. "They'll just ruin the clothes, and they won't play the games we want them to."

"Yeah. I guess I'm done playing this game. Let's do something else."

The **PERFECT** Fort

There wasn't enough room for little brothers and sisters—was there?





"Let's build a tree fort!" Lisa said.

Outside, Emily and Lisa dragged boards over to the giant cherry tree. They made a platform they could sit on in the middle of the tree. It was perfect. They could reach ripe cherries right where they sat!

Soon they heard the back door open. Here came Lori and Greg. Their eyes got big when they saw the fort.

"Can we come up?" Lori asked.

"Can we have some cherries?" Greg asked.

"No," Emily said. "Get your own cherries."

Lisa looked at Emily, then nodded. "Go play in your own fort."

"But our fort's no fun!" Lori wailed. "It's no fun without you!" Lori ran back to the house, and Greg followed.

Lisa was quiet after they left. She ate another cherry. "Maybe we should have let them come up," she said.

Emily nodded. "We weren't very nice," she said quietly.

"What do you think we should do?"

"I have an idea . . ." Emily said.

Soon Lisa and Emily sneaked back to their old fort, where Lori and Greg were playing. They left a note outside the tunnel door, knocked, then ran outside. Lori read the note out loud: *"We're sorry we were so mean. We want to play with you too. Love, Lisa and Emily."*

"They want to play with us!" Greg shouted. He pushed open the tunnel door and raced outside. Lori followed. This time Lisa and Emily let them climb up. They all crowded onto the small platform and ate cherries.

"We were thinking we should build a town," Emily said. "I'll run the store and be the seamstress."

"I'll write the newspaper," Lisa said, "and Greg can be the postman. And the mayor."

"What will I be?" Lori asked.

"You can run the store with me," Emily said.

They all climbed down and ran back to the playroom. Lisa and Lori cut out cardboard coins while Emily and Greg took down the giant fort. They would need the cushions and boxes to build the post office and the grocery store and their houses. And later, maybe even a zoo. ♦



Do you know how I try to be like Jesus? I play balloon and ball with everybody! I like to share with my family and friends.

Clapton M., age 4, Florida, USA



BOREDOM BUSTERS!

Think you can do
all 34 things?

12 THINGS TO DO WITH A CARDBOARD BOX

- * Build Lehi's ship.
- * Flatten a box into a sled for dry, grassy hills.
- * Create a castle.
- * Make a home for a pet. If it's for a cat, try hanging streamers from the ceiling!

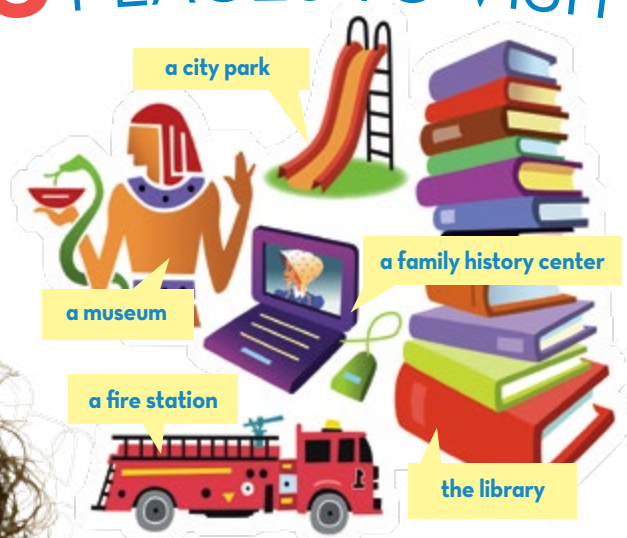


- * Use it to store photos and journals.
- * Design a robot. Cover it in tinfoil and cut holes for your head and arms.
- * Set up a lemonade stand.
- * Decorate it as a dollhouse.

- * Make it into a time machine for time-travel adventures.
- * Tape big boxes together to form a crawl-through maze.
- * Build a box city. Each box is a building.
- * Tape flattened boxes to the floor and skate around in your socks.



5 PLACES TO VISIT



7 ITEMS TO PUT IN A CARE PACKAGE

- ♥ Homemade goodies
- ♥ Photos and drawings
- ♥ Small holiday decorations
- ♥ A copy of the Book of Mormon or a Church magazine
- ♥ A leaf from your backyard
- ♥ A package of gum
- ♥ A small toy, like a card game or a yo-yo



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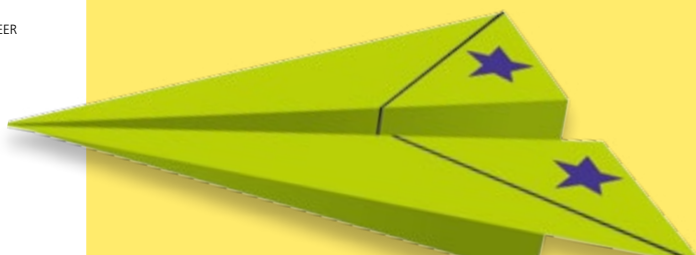
Let's try these out!



Yeah! I'll ask Mom if we can use some boxes from the garage.

10 THINGS TO DO AT THE PARK

1. Have a picnic.
2. Set up a silly race, like an obstacle course or egg-carrying race.
3. Plan a scavenger hunt.
4. Play Team Tag. The person who is "it" joins hands with each person he or she tags. Before long you'll have a chain of people trying to tag the rest. The game ends when the team catches the last runner.
5. Play Hide-and-Seek.
6. Play Beanbag Horseshoes. Place a Hula-Hoop on the ground and take turns trying to toss beanbags or tennis balls into the Hula-Hoop. You get three points if your bag or ball lands inside the hoop and one point if it touches the outside of the hoop.
7. Play catch with a beach ball and towels. Two people hold one towel together and use it to throw and catch the beach ball with another team.
8. Cool off on a hot day with a game of Duck Duck Splash! This game is like Duck Duck Goose, except with a wet sponge. Walk in a circle around the other players and tap each head lightly with the sponge. Then, to pick the "goose," squeeze the sponge over the goose's head! Keep a bucket of water handy.
9. Make some huge bubbles. Have an adult bend a wire coat hanger into a circle. Then dip it in bubble soap (6 cups water + 1 cup dish soap + ¼ cup corn syrup) and wave your wand to let the fun fly.
10. Hold a paper airplane-flying contest. You can compete by throwing for distance or accuracy. Or just fly them for fun!





Scripture Figures Puppet SHOW

Here's how to make a theater for your scripture figures from the inside back covers of the *Friend*. Be sure to get an adult's help.

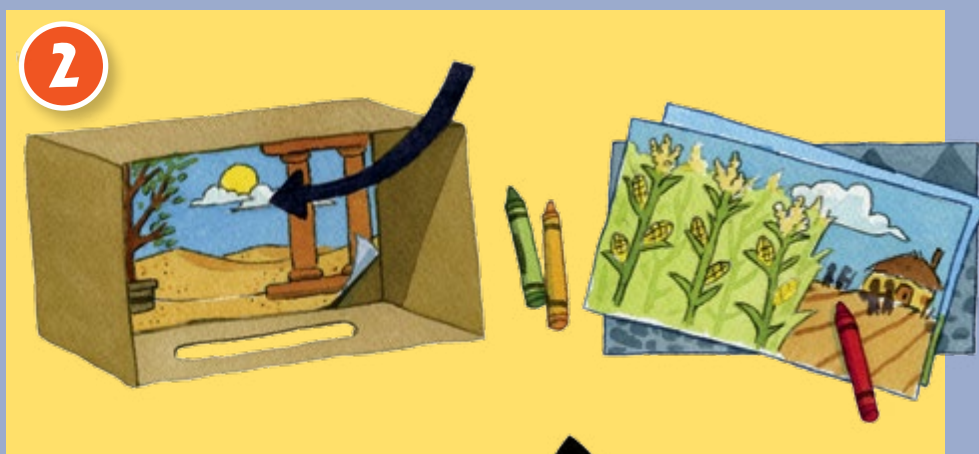
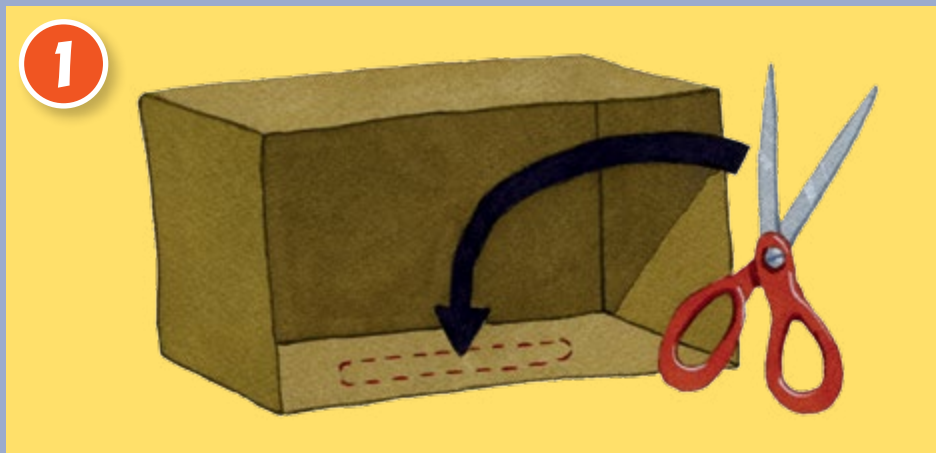
Print out more scripture figures at lessonhelps.lds.org.

YOU WILL NEED:

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| a large shoebox | crayons or markers |
| scissors | craft sticks |
| tape | paper |
| glue | fabric scraps |
| stapler | |

1. Cut a slit in one side of the box.
2. Color the inside of the box with scenery, or draw scenes on pieces of paper that you can switch out.
3. Glue or tape your scripture figures to a craft stick. Then poke them through the slit in the box. Make theater curtains out of folded paper or fabric stapled to your shoebox.
4. Tape the box to the edge of a table so you can get underneath. Cover the front of the table so your audience won't see you.

Send us a picture of your theater and tell us what scripture stories you liked sharing the most! Turn to page 48 to find out how.





Get Lost

in a Good Book

Books can be a lot of fun. Here are some ideas for how to make reading even more fun, on your own or with your family. The story doesn't have to end with the last chapter!

Write your own story. Pick a favorite character and write a story about him or her in a new situation. Or if you didn't like how a book ends, try rewriting the ending. Share your new ending with your family.

Act it out. Put together some simple costumes and props. Then act out scenes from the book or make up your own. You could even film it and make a movie!

Keep track. Write the name of each book you read on a strip of paper. Make the strips into a paper chain or tape them on the wall. Can you make a book chain as tall as you?

Cook the book. Have an adult help you make a meal like what the characters eat in your favorite book!

Dress up. Plan an appropriate outfit based on what your favorite character wears.

Listen up. Check out an audiobook from your library. Or record yourself reading some of your favorite stories. You can put these recordings on a CD and give it to a friend or listen to it yourself.

Learn about the author. Have an adult help you find information online about your favorite authors. Where are they from? What inspired them to write? You can even write a letter to tell an author how much you enjoyed the book.

Bookmark Clips

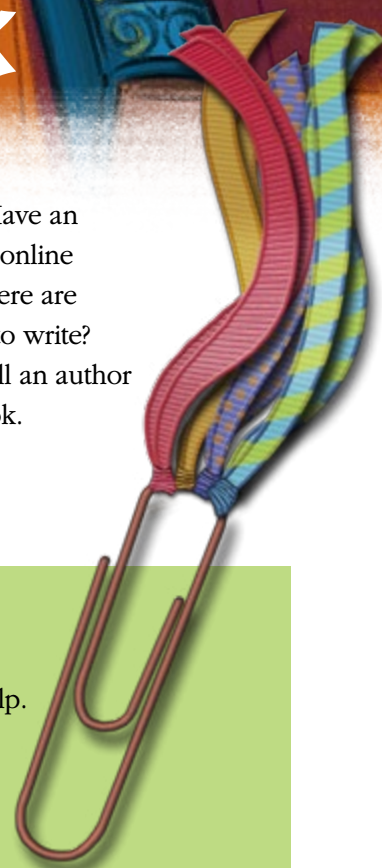
Make your own bookmark!

Be sure to get an adult's help.

You will need:

a large paper clip
ribbon or yarn
scissors

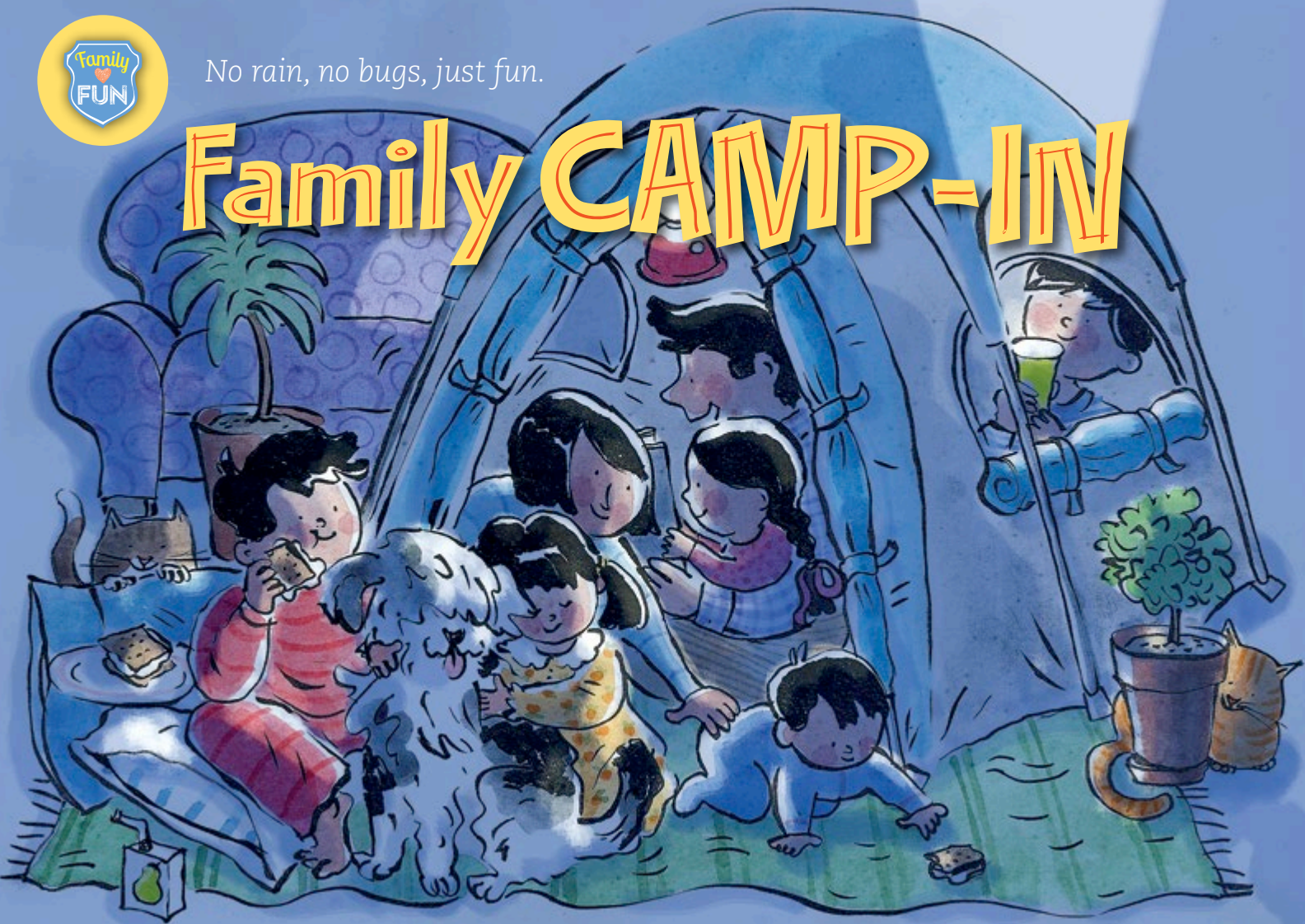
1. Cut 6 pieces of ribbon or yarn, each 8 inches (20 cm) long.
2. Tie the pieces of ribbon or yarn around one end of the paper clip.





No rain, no bugs, just fun.

Family CAMP-IN



Camping inside your home has a lot of perks. You can camp any time of year, and there are no bugs. You don't even need to own a tent! Here are a few tips to help you plan a fun camp-in.

Getting Ready

- Set up a real tent, or make a tent by draping blankets or sheets over chairs or a table.
- Create an outdoorsy feel with plants or pictures of beautiful scenery.
- Gather pillows and blankets or sleeping bags.

Camp Food

- With a parent's help, cook foil dinners in the oven. You might also pack trail mix or fruit roll-ups.
- For dessert you can make s'mores (graham crackers + marshmallows + chocolate) in the oven or microwave. Look for other fun recipes at lessonhelps.lds.org.

Fun Time

- Play board games or guessing games by flashlight.
- Tell stories or read a book—by flashlight, of course.
- Sing Primary songs for the perfect final activity before praying together and going to sleep for the night.

EASY FOIL DINNERS



Mix chicken or ground beef with sliced potatoes, carrots, and other veggies. Divide into individual servings and place each on a piece of foil. Add a few spoonfuls of cream of chicken soup to keep the meat tender. Wrap everything in foil and bake at 350°F (180°C) for about 50 minutes, or until the carrots are soft.