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For Parents of Little Ones



You can help your child practice fairness by taking turns. Setting a timer can help. Here are some tips:

Let your children start by sharing things they don't care about too much. Then they can see how good sharing feels when they're not too anxious about their toys.

Even before your child yanks a toy out of their sibling's hands for the first time, you can begin teaching the concept of sharing. It's normal for children to feel attached to things. Also, very young children don't understand that others have feelings like their own. Empathy develops gradually in the preschool years.



Allow your child to put away favorite toys before friends come to play. Anything left out for playtime is fair game. (And playtime is no fun for anyone if *nothing* is left out.)

Teach by sharing! Lend books to your friends. Share your snacks with your kids. Show how happy it makes you to care about people more than things. When your children are old enough to begin feeling generous too, they'll know how to show it from the ways you've shared.

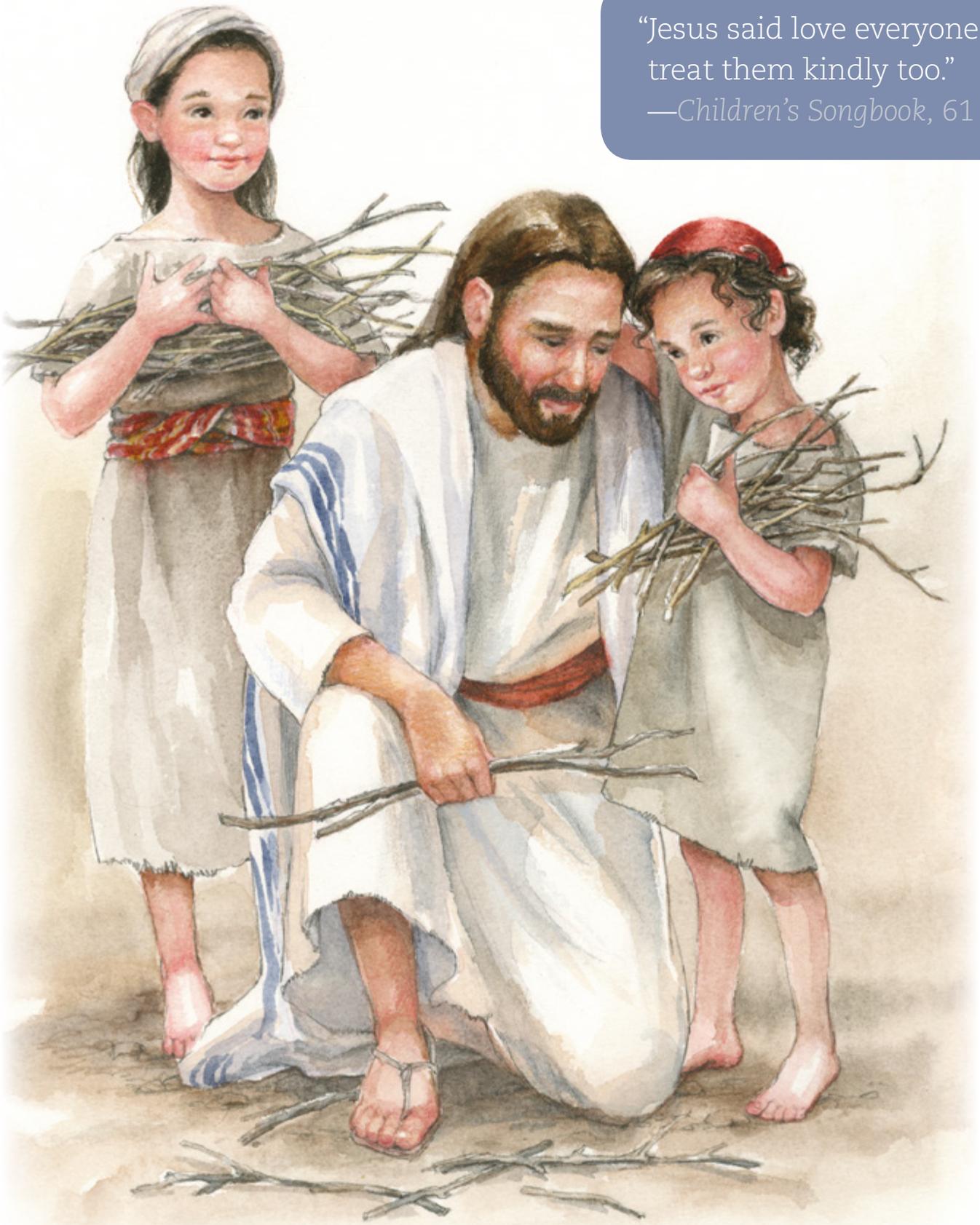
Make a treat and invite your children to serve it to each other.



You can read past letters at FriendFPLO.Ids.org.



“Jesus said love everyone;
treat them kindly too.”
—*Children’s Songbook*, 61



Lemonade for Grandpa

By Jennifer Maddy



Emily

poured the last of the



lemonade

into her



cup

and went outside.

It was a hot day!



Emily

was glad she had some cold



lemonade

. Then she

saw



Grandpa

pushing the



lawn mower

. He looked hot and tired.



Emily

really

wanted the whole



cup

of



lemonade

. But she knew



Grandpa

would be thirsty.



Emily

went back inside. She got another



cup

and poured in half of

her



lemonade

. Then she took it outside to



Grandpa

. He stopped the



lawn mower

They drank their



lemonade



Grandpa

smiled and said, "Thank you for

sharing your



lemonade

!"

A Happy Sharing Day

Have a happy day by sharing!
Match up the things below with people you can share them with.



Toy



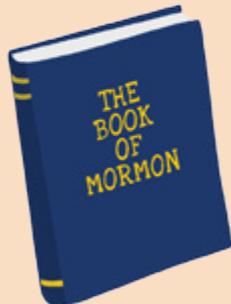
Book



Ball



Game



Book of Mormon



Apple



Smile



Mommy



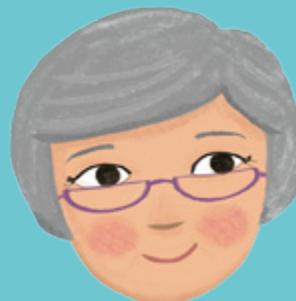
Daddy



Sister



Brother



Grandma



Grandpa



Friend

Captain Moroni's Flag

Once there was a wicked king. He wanted to rule over the Nephite people.



Moroni was the captain of the Nephite army. He was strong, and he loved God.

Captain Moroni wanted to protect his people from the wicked king's army.



He decided to make a flag for his people.



Captain Moroni's flag reminded his people that they should follow God and protect their families. Then they could have peace. ◆

I Can Say I'm Sorry



Forever Brothers

By Marianne Sorensen Lemon

(Based on a true story)

Markus sat in the temple with his new family. They were all dressed in white. Now that Markus was adopted, he was so excited to be sealed to his family!

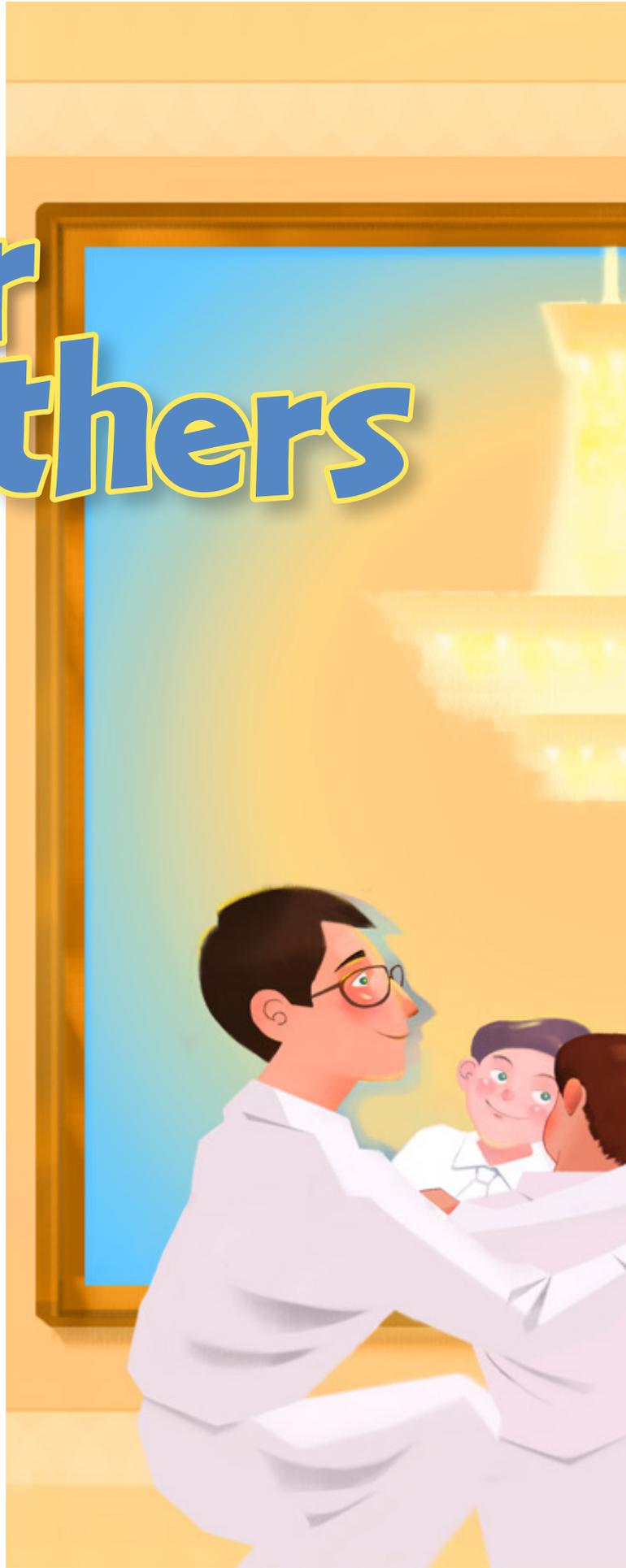
Brother Ray stood up. He was the temple sealer. “This is a big day,” he said. “Do you know why?”

“Now we can be together forever,” Markus said. He looked at his parents and his big brother, Caleb.

“That’s right,” Brother Ray said. “In the temple we seal families forever.” He looked at Caleb. He asked, “Do you know how we can do that?”

Caleb smiled. “With the priesthood,” he said.

“That’s right. Heavenly Father gives us His power. We use it to bless people in big ways and little ways.”





The family knelt down. Caleb was already sealed to his parents. He watched while Markus was sealed to them too.

The sealing ended. Dad pointed to two mirrors. They faced each other across the room. “How far can you see in that mirror?” he asked.

Markus stood up tall. He saw his family in the mirror. He saw them over and over again. “Forever and ever!” he said.

“Our family can be forever too. Isn’t that right, Caleb?” Dad said. “Now you and Markus can be forever brothers!”

“Yeah.” Caleb put an arm around Markus. “I waited a long time for a brother. I want to keep him forever!” ◆

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Question for You

How has Heavenly Father blessed your family?