

# THE Friend

JUNIOR



# For Parents of Little Ones



Your children may have heard the Primary song that says, “Reverence is more than just quietly sitting.” And yet they may think that “being reverent” just means “hold still and be quiet.” How can you help little ones experience the deeper, sweeter blessings of reverence?

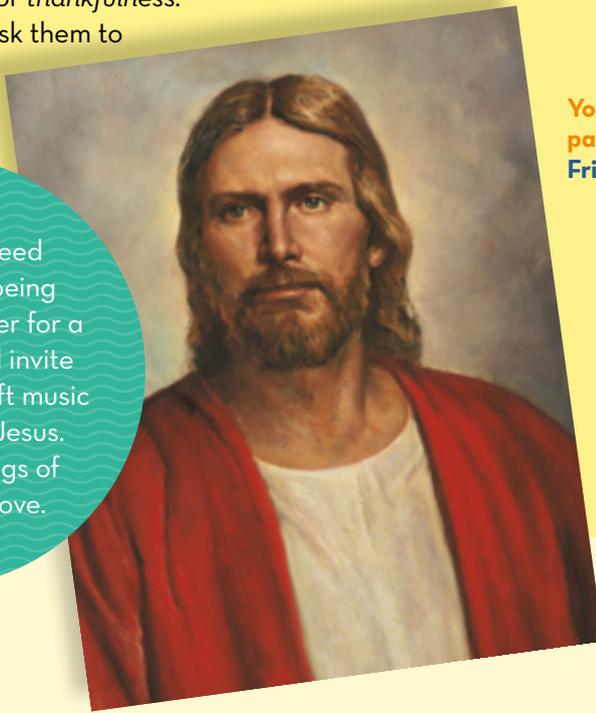
## Here are some ideas:

**1.** Point out times when they are feeling a sense of awe and reverence—gently holding a newborn baby, stargazing for the first time, or hearing a story about Jesus. “How do you feel inside? Can you tell me about those warm feelings? That is reverence.”

**2.** Teach them words that go along with reverence. Words like *love*, *respect*, or *thankfulness*. For older children, you might ask them to draw pictures of those words.

**4.** Little ones need lots of practice being reverent. Set a timer for a minute or two and invite them to listen to soft music or a story about Jesus. Share your feelings of reverence and love.

**3.** Help them think about how being reverent helps others listen. “When you are trying to listen to a story, does it help if others are quiet? What if others are noisy?” Explain that they can help church be a reverent, happy place where people listen and learn about Heavenly Father.



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POEM

# I Like to Help

By Debbie Pettey

On **Monday**, Mommy washed the clothes.  
I helped her fold the socks.  
On **Tuesday**, Daddy dug a hole.  
I helped him carry rocks!



**Wednesday** night I helped my sister  
Put away the dishes.  
On **Thursday**, brother had a chore.  
I helped him feed his fishes!

**Friday** after school was out,  
We raked up all the leaves.  
On **Saturday**, Dad washed the car.  
I helped him find his keys!



**Sunday** is the Sabbath day.  
We rest from all our chores.  
But I'll be ready **Monday**,  
So I can help some more!

# Helping Mrs. Brewster

By Jennifer Maddy



"Mrs. Brewster's yard has lots of leaves!"  
Jackson says.



"Want to rake with me, Ryan?" Jackson asks.  
"No, thanks," says Ryan.



"Whew! This is hard work," says Jackson.



"Thanks for helping me, Ryan!"



"Thank you so much!" says Mrs. Brewster.



"We're happy to help!" say Jackson and Ryan.

# Matching Leaves

This picture has five pairs of matching leaves. Can you find all of the pairs? How many red leaves are there? How many yellow leaves?



# Jesus Visited Joseph Smith

By Kim Webb Reid

Many years after Jesus was resurrected, a boy named Joseph Smith had a question. He didn't know which church he should go to.

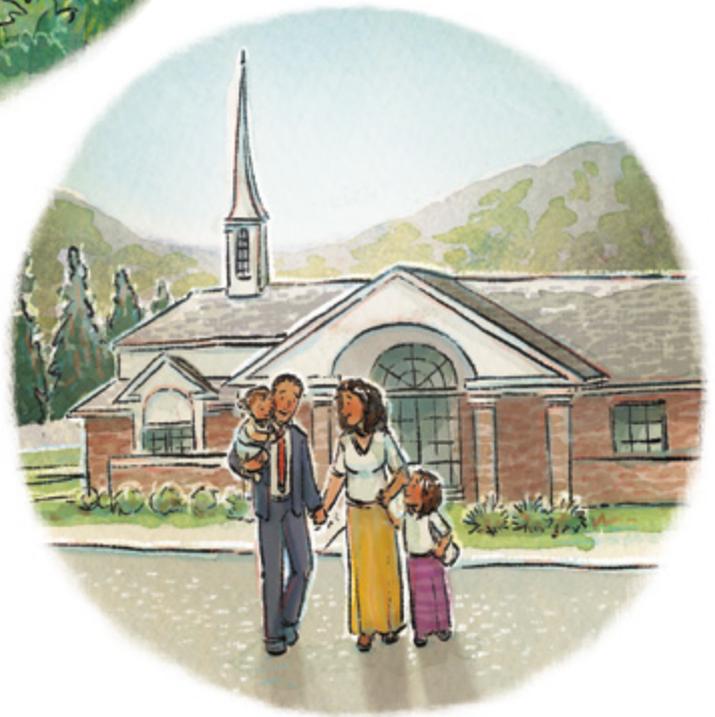


Joseph read the Bible. It said that Heavenly Father will answer our questions if we pray to Him. Joseph went to the woods and prayed to Heavenly Father.



Heavenly Father and Jesus came down from heaven. Jesus said Joseph should not join any of the churches because they were not teaching all the things that were part of His Church.

When Joseph grew up, he helped bring Jesus's Church back to earth. It is called The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It helps people learn about Jesus and Heavenly Father.





Reading the scriptures teaches me more about Heavenly Father.  
When I pray, He can answer my prayers too. ◆

# The Sabbath Is a Holy Day



ILLUSTRATION BY APRYL STOTT

# Ashlyn's Family Tree



By Robyn Buttaris

(Based on a true story)

Ashlyn was excited to show Grandma what she got in Primary.

“Look, Grandma!” Ashlyn said. “It’s my tree.”

Grandma smiled. “Your family tree,” she said.

Ashlyn nodded. The tree had seven faces connected by lines. “Which one are you, Grandma?”

Grandma pointed to the tree. “I’m here, and Grandpa is here. This one is your dad. We’re his parents.”

“Who’s here?” Ashlyn asked.

“Grandma and Grandpa Clark,” Grandma said. “They’re your mom’s parents.”

“And this is me!” Ashlyn pointed to the picture at the bottom.

“You’re right!” Grandma said.

“But where are Jace and Maggie?” Ashlyn asked.

“It doesn’t show brothers and sisters,” Grandma said.

Ashlyn thought about that. Sometimes Maggie pulled Ashlyn’s hair. Sometimes Jace wanted to draw in her notebook. But Ashlyn was still glad to have them in her family.

She drew two more faces next to her on her family tree.

“I made it even better,” Ashlyn told Grandma. She pointed to where she had drawn Maggie and Jace.

Grandma put her arm around Ashlyn. “I think you made a perfect family tree.” ◆

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