

# THE *Friend* JUNIOR



# For Parents of Little Ones

**B**ecause the song of the righteous is a prayer (see D&C 25:12), music has power to invite the Holy Ghost and bless your family. Whether your musical skill includes playing the piano or pressing a play button, use that gift to help your little ones.



## Here are some ideas:

- When your little ones are getting grouchy, you can soften their hearts with a song. Singing a reverent Primary song together or playing sacred music in the background can turn frowns upside down.
- Singing silly rhyming songs is a great way to have fun together and teach your child new words.
- To encourage creativity, find some classical pieces. Play the music and give your child some art supplies. Ask them to paint something that matches the music. They'll love the chance for self-expression, and you'll love that they're learning to enjoy good music.
- On a rainy day when you're stuck inside, boost your child's mood and heart rate by dancing to fast-moving action songs. You'll be building their motor skills too.

# Hi, Friends!



Thank you for the story  
“Forever Brothers” (July 2016).  
I went to the temple to be  
sealed to my forever family!  
Danielle, age 3, Idaho, USA



It's fun to wave at the garbage truck  
and mailman. I like to make things  
to give them on holidays because it  
makes them happy!  
Eden, age 3, Utah, USA



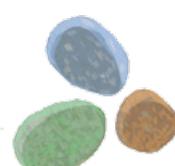
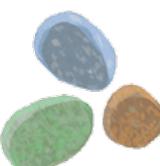
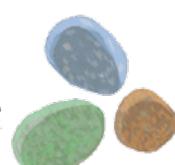
I read my scriptures every day!  
Oscar, age 5, Somerset, England



Dallin, age 5, Michigan, USA

# Sandbox Sounds

By Jennifer Maddy

Three  friends play in the  sandbox. Brynn drops  pebbles into a  bucket and hears “plink, plunk!” Brynn shakes the  bucket. “Rattle, rattle!” say the  pebbles. Ezra scoops  sand with his  shovel. “Shoosh, shoosh,” goes the  sand. Mia taps the side of the  sandbox with two  sticks. “Tap, tap!” beat the  sticks. The three  friends play a song. “Rattle, rattle!” say the  pebbles. “Shoosh, shoosh,” goes the  sand. “Tap, tap!” beat the  sticks. “What should we call our song?” asks Brynn. “How about ‘Sandbox Sounds?’” says Ezra. “Perfect!” says Mia. “Rattle, rattle, shoosh, shoosh, tap, tap!” sings the  sandbox.

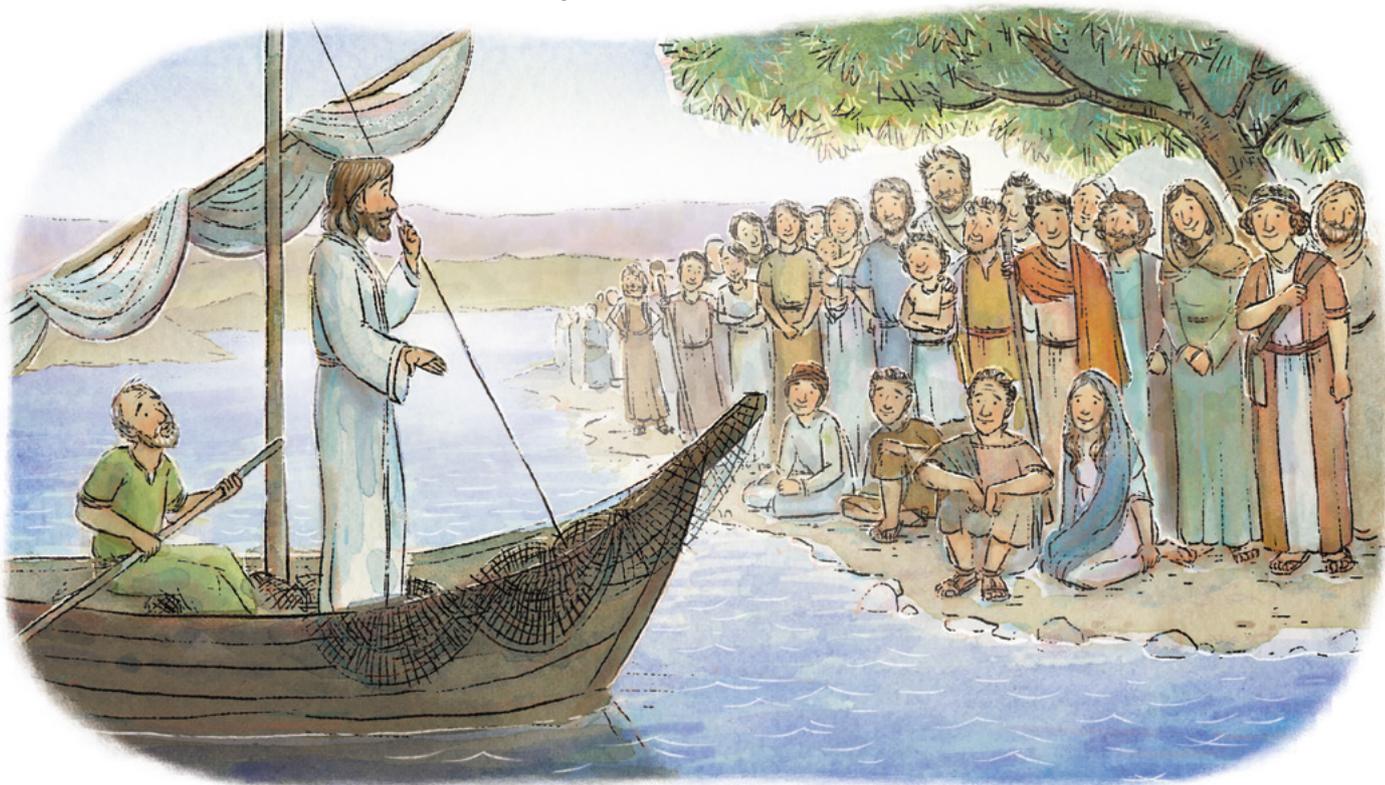
# Finding Sounds

Heavenly Father gave us ears to hear all kinds of sounds. What sounds do you think these things could make? What things can you find at your house that would make fun sounds?



# I Want to Follow Jesus

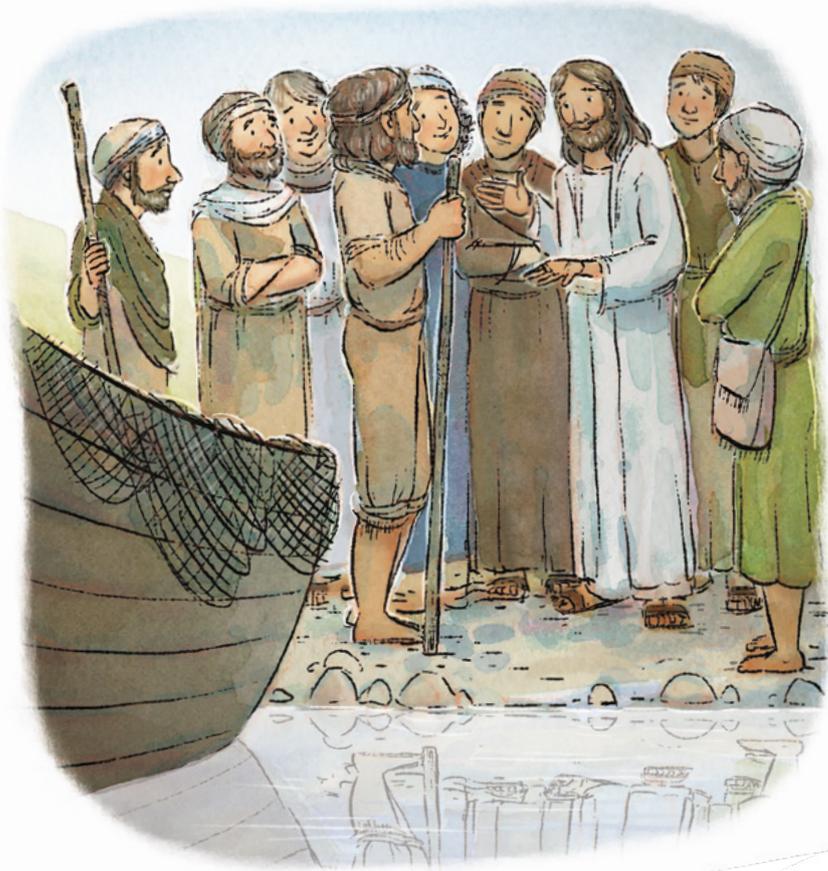
By Kim Webb Reid



One day Jesus climbed on a ship. He asked the fishermen to launch it into the water. He stood on the ship and taught crowds of people on the shore.

Then Jesus told a fisherman named Peter to let his nets down into the water. Peter said he hadn't caught any fish all day, but he would try again. This time, Peter caught enough fish to fill two boats!





Jesus asked the fishermen to leave their boats and follow Him. He wanted them to be His disciples.

Jesus's disciples listened as He taught about Heavenly Father. They watched Jesus heal the sick and show love to others. After Jesus died, the disciples did what they had seen Jesus do. They taught, healed, and loved.





I can teach others about Jesus by what I say and do. I can heal people's hurt feelings with kindness. I can help take care of people who are sick or poor. I will show love, like Jesus. ◆

*From Luke 5:1-11.*

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# Following Jesus Makes Me Happy



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# Primary with the Prophet

By Christine Merrill

(Based on a true story)

Sam's head felt hot. He had a runny nose. His sister Martha was sick too. Mom said Sam and Martha were too sick to go to church.

"Can we play with trucks?" Sam asked.

"Not right now," Mom said.

"We are going to have our own Primary!"

"How can I have Primary without my teacher?" Sam asked.

"Who will give a talk?" Martha asked.

"I have a plan." Mom winked at them. "I can be the teacher. And I know someone very special





Martha, and Mom.

Finally Mom got her laptop. She put it on Martha's bed.

"Now we have a special guest. President Thomas S. Monson is here to talk to us!" Mom clicked on a video on the computer screen. President Monson started telling them a story.

Sam smiled. He liked his special Primary with the prophet! ◆

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who can give the talk."

"Who?" Sam asked.

"You'll see!" Mom said.

Sam and Martha went to Martha's room. They set up three chairs.

"Welcome to our pretend Primary," Mom said. Then they sang "I Am a Child of God" and said a prayer.

Martha chose more songs to sing. Mom told a story about Jesus. Sam and Martha colored pictures.

Sam liked their pretend Primary! But who was going to give the talk? There was nobody there except Sam,

