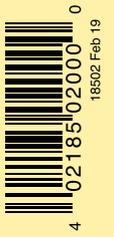


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OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

For Parents of Little Ones

Prophets have promised that consistently having home evening will bring powerful blessings. For example, President Thomas S. Monson said that it “can bring spiritual growth to each member of the family, helping him or her to withstand the temptations which are everywhere.”* But home evening can be tricky with young children. How can we help them have a good experience? Here are ideas that have worked for other parents.

*“Constant Truths for Changing Times,” *Ensign*, May 2005, 19.

“Give them a job! Help them lead the opening song, read a scripture, or hold a picture.”

—Katrina A.

“It’s all about the storytelling. Act it out, make characters with dough, draw, etc. Throwing cotton-ball ‘stones’ at Goliath never gets old! Also, don’t be afraid to repeat. You don’t need to do a brand-new lesson every week. Kids learn by repetition anyway, so you don’t have to reinvent the wheel each time.”

—Marcia V.

“We have a tradition of having a dance party and playing hide-and-seek after home evening each week. This helps our children engage in the lesson because they know they will get to have fun afterward.”

—Shannon T.

“The biggest tip I have is ‘Don’t worry that it isn’t perfect.’ Seriously. It’s better to have a five-minute scripture story while trying to keep your kids from jumping on the sofa than to not have family night at all.”

—Pippa W.

Have a tip for teaching the gospel in your home?
Send it in! Email us at friend@ldschurch.org.

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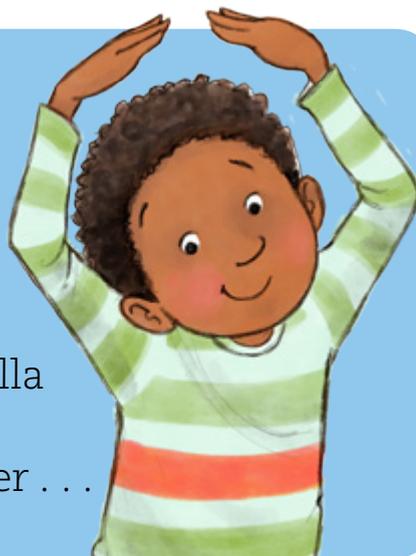
Ways to Show I Care

By Jordan Monson Wright

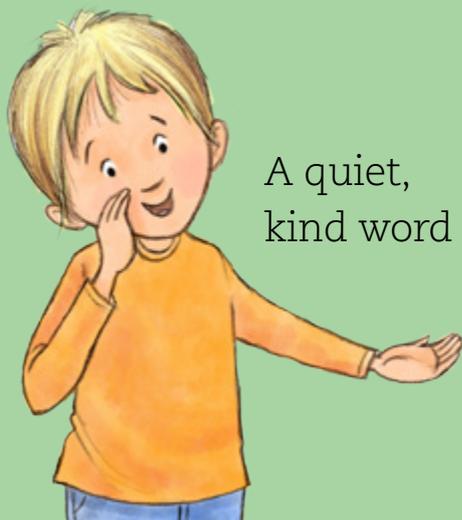
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An
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A quiet,
kind word . . .



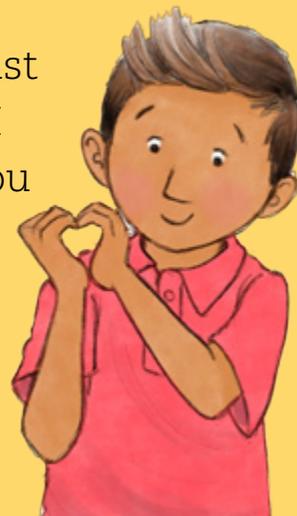
Or a long day spent together.



When I have
a special
treat, I can
choose to
share.



These are just
a few ways I
can show you
that I care!



A Helper Like You

By Jennifer Maddy



Where is my brother taking that bread?
Jaylen wonders.



"This is for you, Mr. Bergman."
"Thank you, Anthony!"



Where is he going now? Jaylen wonders.



He's shoveling the Potters' driveway!



"Here, let me help you!" Anthony says.



"I want to be a helper like you!" Jaylen says.

Lots of Ways to Help

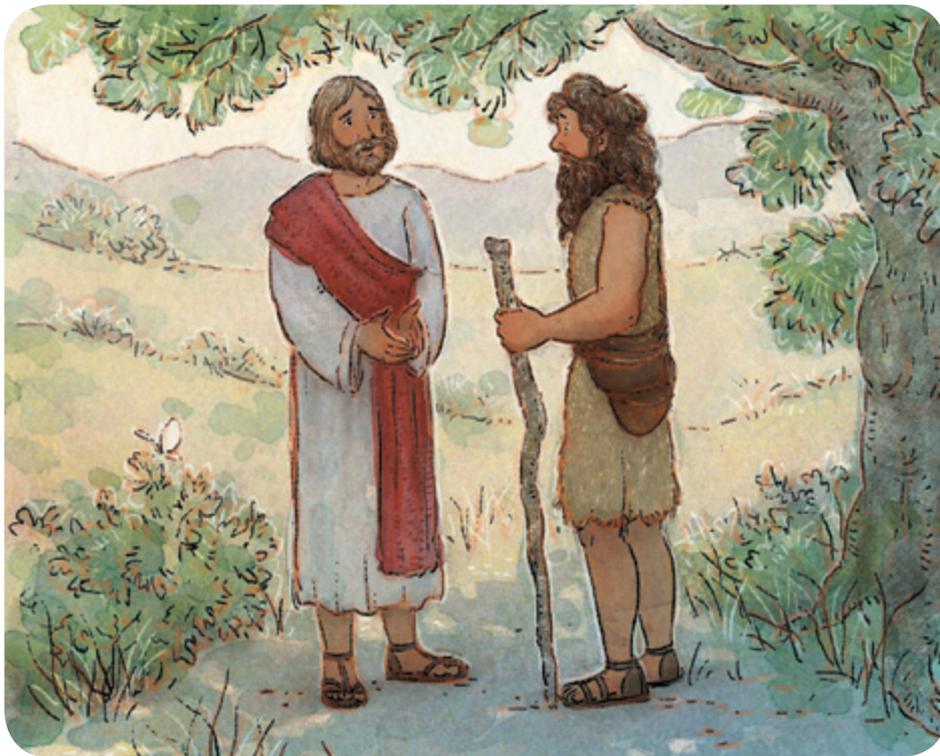
Jesus wants us to help other people. Helping makes us happy!
How would you help out in the pictures below?



Jesus Was Baptized



Have you ever seen someone get baptized? When we get baptized, we're following Jesus's example.



Jesus asked His cousin John to baptize Him. John had the priesthood authority to baptize people.



John asked Jesus why He wanted to get baptized. Jesus said He wanted to obey Heavenly Father's commandments.

John baptized Jesus. The Holy Ghost came. John and Jesus heard Heavenly Father's voice say, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."





One day I can choose to be baptized, like Jesus was. I can get ready for baptism by trying to be like Jesus every day. ●

Read about Jesus being baptized in Matthew 3:13–17.

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Jesus Chose to Be Baptized



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What's in the Box?



By Lori Fuller Sosa

Church Magazines (Based on a true story)

Ava squirmed in her seat. She bounced. She wiggled. She heard her Primary teacher talking. But Ava could not pay attention. All she could think about was the box under Sister Obi's chair.

It was wrapped in shiny blue paper. It had a gold bow on top. What could it be? Ava leaned her head way down. She stared at the box. She wished she could see through the shiny paper. She could hardly wait to find out what was inside.



Finally Sister Obi pulled out the box. She set it on her lap. Ava leaned forward. But Sister Obi didn't open it.

Sister Obi held out the box. "Inside this box is one of Heavenly Father's greatest creations. Look inside.

Then pass it on without saying anything." She passed the box to Noah.

Noah slowly lifted the lid. He stared inside the box. He smiled. Then he passed the box to June.

Ava stood on her tiptoes to try to see. But it wasn't her turn yet. What could be so important to Heavenly Father? And how could something so special fit in such a little box?

She watched everyone take a turn. One by one, each of her friends opened the box. They looked inside. They smiled.

Finally it was Ava's turn! She lifted the shiny lid and looked inside. It was a mirror! Ava looked at the mirror in the box. She saw her own face looking back.

Ava saw her eyes get big. Was she one of Heavenly Father's greatest creations? Did Heavenly Father love her *that* much?

Ava smiled. She felt warm and happy inside. It was like a big hug. A big hug from Heavenly Father. He *did* love her! She was one of His greatest creations. ●