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# For Parents of Little Ones

**G**eneral conference is this month! What can we do to help young children get the most out of these gospel messages before, during, and after conference? Here are some ideas that have worked for others:

“Before conference, we show our little kids pictures of people who will likely be speaking. Leading up to conference, we talk about how special it is! This helps them look forward to it, so when those long hours come it is easier to listen.”

—Amy C.



“During conference weekend, we bring one of the family tents into the living room and pitch it facing the television. Our kids are allowed to sleep in the tent one night of conference weekend if they choose. They always look forward to conference!”

—Laura P.

For ideas about how to weave conference talks into family home evenings, visit [ChurchofJesusChrist.org/blog](https://www.ChurchofJesusChrist.org/blog) and click on the topic “general conference.” A blog post titled “Learning from General Conference as a Family” by Jocelyn C. shares eight fantastic tips.

“Before our young children could read well, we made picture cards of words they were likely to hear during conference. We gave a reward each time they heard and found three cards. Sometimes we put a poster-sized paper on the wall and let them run up and make a tally mark or draw their own picture every time they heard a word or idea. Sometimes we cut out images from old Church magazines and let them glue a collage on a paper for each session. We put these papers in plastic sleeves to use as quiet books in sacrament meeting later!”

—Anita P.

Have a tip for teaching the gospel in your home? Send it in!  
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# General Conference

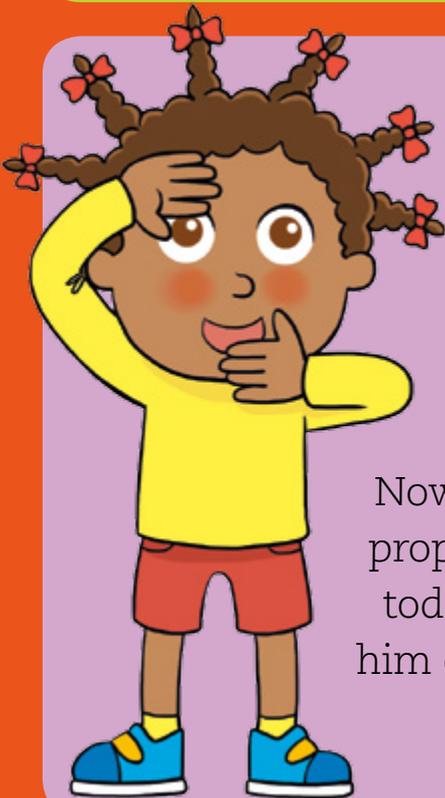
By Jordan Monson Wright



King Benjamin  
once taught his  
people from a  
tower tall.



The message  
went from  
tent to tent  
until it  
reached  
them all.



Now when the  
prophet speaks  
today, I watch  
him on a screen.



And then I  
see him when  
I read the  
*Friend's* next  
magazine!

# A New Block Tower

By Marissa Widdison  
Church Magazines



In preschool, Bo is building a block tower.  
It is so tall!



Oh no! Mason knocks down Bo's tower.



Bo is sad. Mason is sad too.



"I'm sorry," Mason says. "Can I help you  
build another one?"



What will Bo do?  
"OK," he says.



Mason feels better after saying sorry.  
Bo feels better after forgiving Mason.

# Building Together

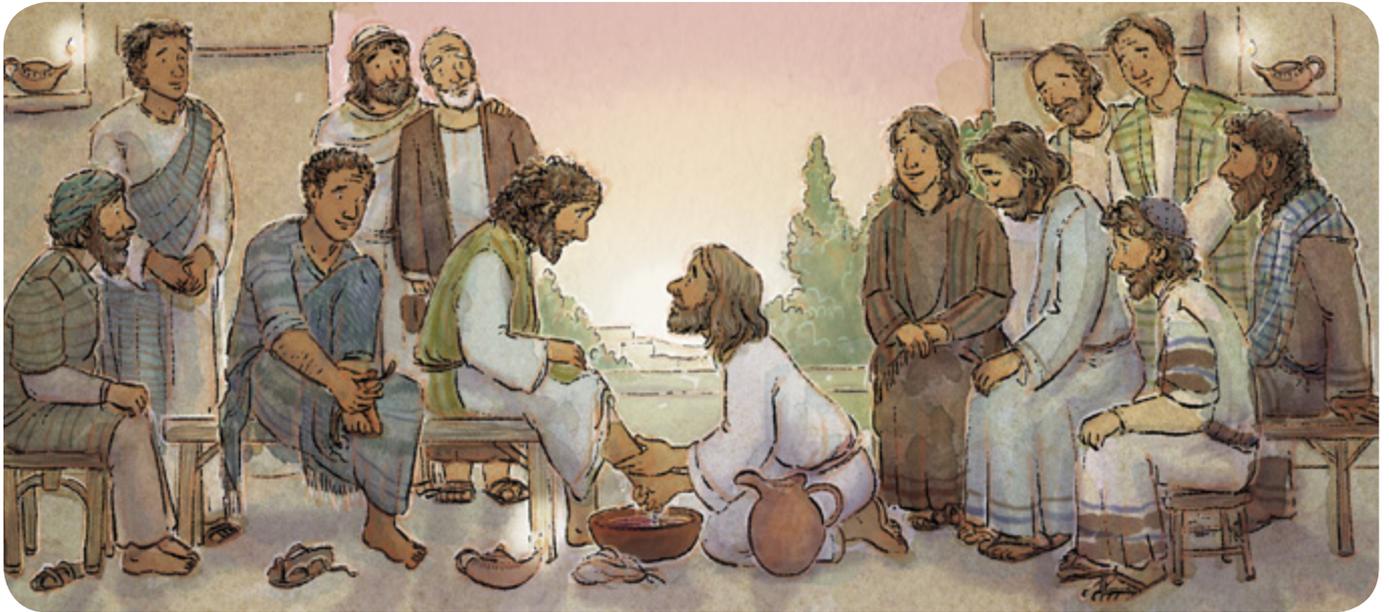
Look at the new tower  
Bo and Mason built!  
How many blocks can  
you count?

Maria wants to add her  
blocks to the tower.  
How many blocks does  
Maria have?

Karyn is  
looking for  
a special  
purple block.  
Can you help  
her find it?



# The Story of Easter



Jesus loved His friends. He washed their feet. Then He gave them the sacrament. He told them to remember Him. He told them to love one another.



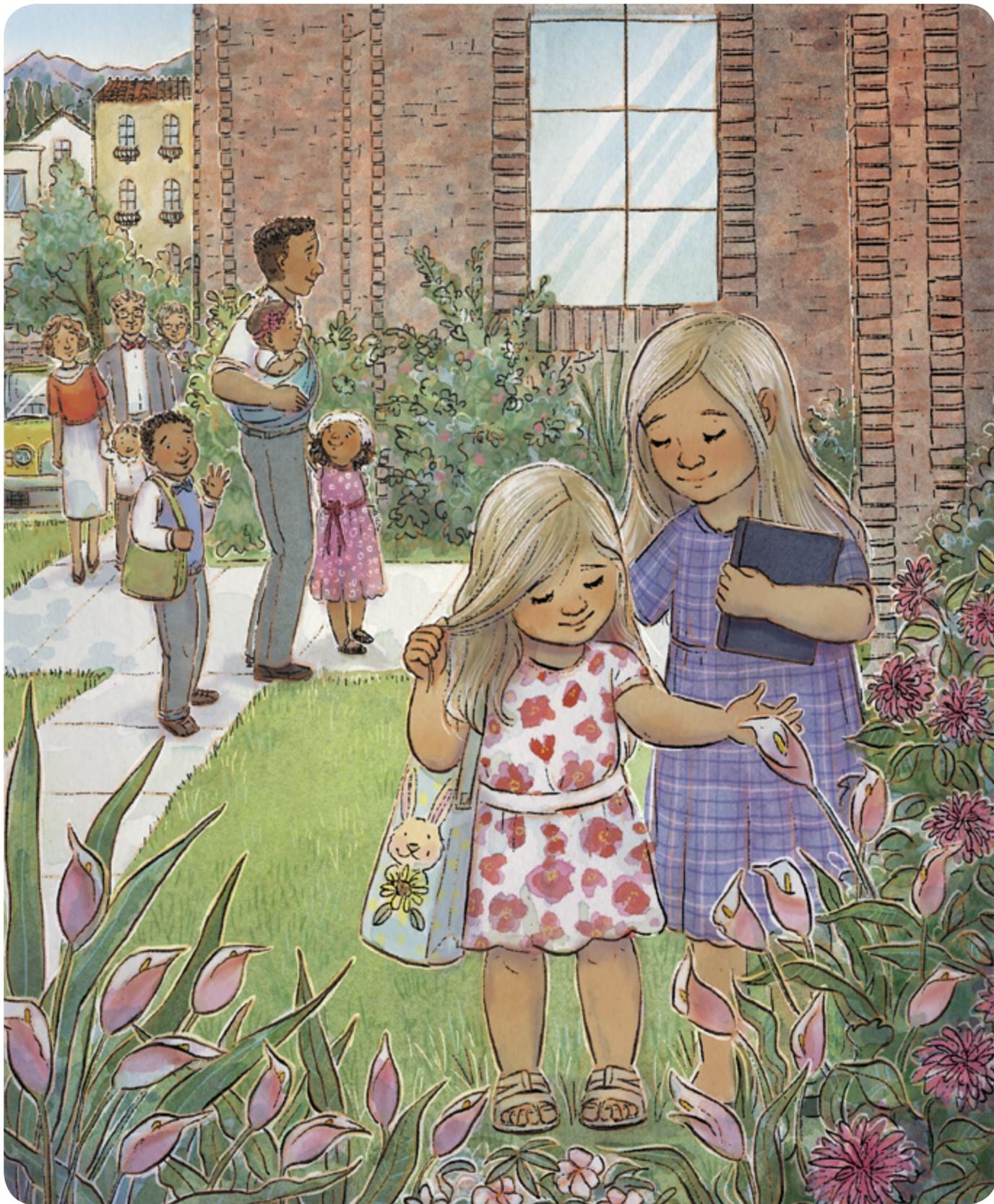
Later, Jesus went to a garden. He prayed for all of us. He felt the pain of our sicknesses. He felt the pain of our sins.

Angry people took Jesus away. They hurt Him. He died on the cross for us. His friends put His body in a tomb.



Three days later, His friends came back. The tomb was empty! Angels told them, “He is risen.” Jesus was alive again! Because of Jesus, we will all live again after we die.

See family manual pages 58–60, Primary manual pages 57–60.



Jesus loves me. I can make Easter special by remembering Him. ●

*Read about Easter morning in Matthew 28.*

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# Easter Is about Jesus



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**M**aya and Cade raced to the chicken coop.

“Is anything there?” Maya asked.

“Not yet,” Cade said.

Maya and Cade took care of the chickens every day. They gave them food and water. And they checked for eggs. But there were no eggs yet.

“My chicken will lay the first egg,” Cade said.

“No,” Maya said. “Mine will.”

A few days later Cade ran into the house. “I found an egg!” The egg was white with brown speckles.

“That’s from Cade’s chicken,” Mom said. “My chicken’s eggs will be brown. Maya, your chicken’s eggs will be blue.”

Cade pumped his fist. “My chicken laid the first egg!” he said.

Maya thought about the blue egg. She could wait for that.

But waiting was hard! The next

# Waiting for a Blue Egg

By Mandy Hanks  
(Based on a true story)



egg didn't come for days. And it was brown. "Your blue egg will come," Mom said. "Sometimes we have to wait for good things." So Maya kept waiting.

Every day Cade and Maya filled the water. Every day, they scattered seeds for the chickens to eat. And they kept checking for eggs.

Sometimes there was a speckled egg. Sometimes there was a brown egg. But never a blue one. So Maya kept waiting.

One day Maya checked for eggs again. This time she found two. One was speckled. One was brown. Then something caught her eye. Another egg, hidden under the straw. A blue egg!

Maya picked it up. It was beautiful. Waiting was worth it. ●

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#### QUESTION FOR YOU

We have to wait to be baptized. What are some other good things we have to wait for?

