



FRIENDS

by Mail

Going Bananas



Daniel loves the *Friend* and always wants to try out the recipes. One night while his dad and older siblings were at church activities, he made chocolate-dipped bananas (from the July 2012 issue) with his mom.

Daniel J., age 7, Illinois, USA

Loving My Dad



When I read “Glad You’re My Dad” (Feb. 2013), I felt really happy. My dad doesn’t go to church with the rest of my family. Like Mark, I still love going to church too, even though my dad doesn’t go with my family. But I know he will someday.

Naomi M., age 10, California, USA

How We Read the *Friend*

We like pretending to be missionaries!

Kyle, Matthew, Seth, and Jed O., ages 5, 8, 9 months, and 3, Virginia, USA



ILLUSTRATION BY THOMAS S. CHILD

Excited for the *Friend*



My stepmom says, “Rosemary, will you please go check the mail?” I do, and when I find that the *Ensign*, *New Era*, and *Friend* are in the mailbox, I rush home, set the mail on the counter, grab the *Friend*,

and read it in my bedroom immediately. I love the *Friend*! And I am so thankful to have it!

Rosemary A., age 11, Arizona, USA



Dear Friends,

Each month as we plan the *Friend*, we think a lot about you. We also think about many other children—those who don’t know about the gospel. This month’s *Friend* is all about making the world better and brighter by sharing the light of the gospel. Look for a candle on each special story or activity about sharing the light. Then color a candle on the “Share the Light” coloring page (page 3).

Keep sharing!

The *Friend*

Was there a letter or a story in this month’s issue that helped you? Tell us about it. Turn to page 48 to find out how.