

Fun Cleaning the Church



I read "Dylan's Saturday Surprise" in the June 2012 issue of the *Friend*. It made me excited to clean the church. Last Saturday was my family's turn to clean. I went to bed early on my own the night before and woke up before my daddy on

Saturday because I was so excited to clean. I had a good day cleaning with my daddy at the church. It was fun.

Gracie F., age 6, Texas, USA

How I Read the *Friend*

During Christmastime I love reading the *Friend* under the lights of the Christmas tree before bed with my mom and dad. It really helps me feel the true spirit of Christmas!

Parker P., age 5, California, USA



An Unexpected Example



I'm 12 years old, and I just read the April 2013 *Friend*. The story I read is "An Unexpected Test." I really like how the girl chose the right and obeyed the commandments.

Louis R., age 12, Arizona, USA

My Favorite *Friend*



I love to read books. My favorite book is the *Friend*. I enjoy reading the stories and finding the CTR ring. I spend most of my time reading the *Friend*. I learn more from it every day. I'm thankful for the *Friend* and glad we have it.

Brooke P., age 8, Arizona, USA

Dear Friends,

Planning this month's *Friend* was like packing a surprise package just for you! Inside you'll find a song to sing, a recipe to make, a program to put on, and an advent calendar to help you count the days till Christmas. On pages 34-35 you'll find a story about what Jesus did when He was a child.

We hope this month's *Friend* will help you think about the Savior Jesus Christ and celebrate His birth!

Merry Christmas!

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.