

I Want to Be a TEACHER



From an interview by Linda Davies

My name is Sheryl Garner,
and I'm a teacher in
Washington, D.C.

How do you become a teacher?

To be a teacher, you first need to *learn*. I took college classes

in math, science, English, social studies, and many other subjects. At school I also learned *how* to teach because each child learns differently. Heavenly Father helped me understand that every one of my students is special. Each learns in his or her own unique way.

What does a teacher do?

Our school is in a big city, and there are a lot of ways my students need my help. I teach my students subjects such as math, science, reading, and social studies. But I am also their friend, referee, coach, and even nurse. I am happy that I can help them.

Why do you like being a teacher?

I love to hear laughter as my students work on an assignment together. The sweetest sound is when a student says, "Miss Garner, I understand! This is easy! I love math!" I also feel blessed when I see my students stand up for one another when someone needs a friend.

How does Heavenly Father help you?

Each day on my way to work, I think about my testimony. I like to pray to Heavenly Father because He hears my prayers. When I pray, I ask Him to help me get through the day. He tells me that I should be the answer to my students' prayers. He tells me to love them, smile at them, and listen to them. When I hear this, I know I am blessed and try to be even more grateful to be their teacher. ♦

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