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The Victory Tunnel

"How great the plan of our God" (2 Nephi 9:13).

During the spring, my husband and I attended our four-year-old grandson's soccer game. Excitement was in the air as children ran in every direction chasing the ball. When the final whistle blew, the players didn't know who won or who lost. They had simply played the game.

The coaches asked the players to shake hands with the other team. Then we saw something quite remarkable. One coach called for a victory tunnel.

Parents, grandparents, and anybody who came to see the game stood up and formed two lines facing each other. Then they raised their arms and created an arch. The children squealed as they ran under the arms of the cheering adults and down the path.

Soon the children from the other team decided to join in the fun. All of the players were cheered on by the adults as they ran through the victory tunnel.

In my mind I could see another picture. I had the feeling I was seeing these children living the plan Heavenly Father created for every child. They were running on the strait and narrow path, under the arms of the people who loved them. Each child felt the joy of being on the path.

Jesus Christ has "marked the path and led the way" for each of us.* If we follow His lead, we will all return to our heavenly home and be safe in Heavenly Father's arms. ◆

* "How Great the Wisdom and the Love," *Hymns,* no. 195.

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