

SPECIAL WITNESS

# What will it be like when I go inside the temple?

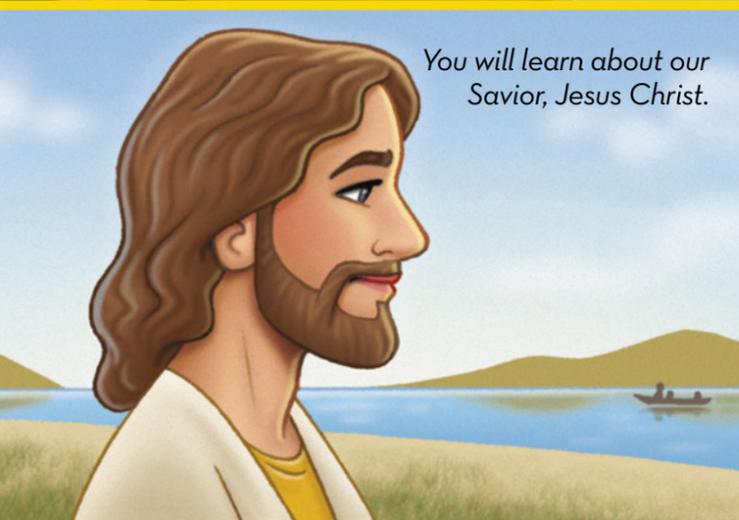
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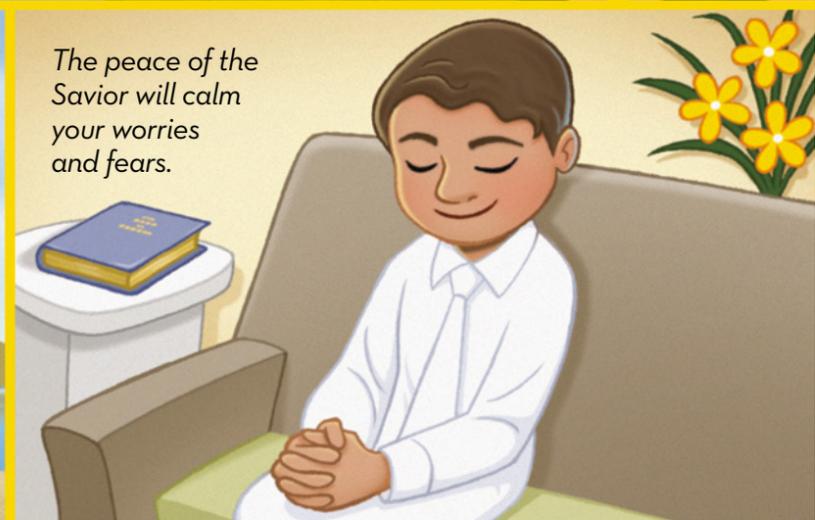
The members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles are special witnesses of Jesus Christ.



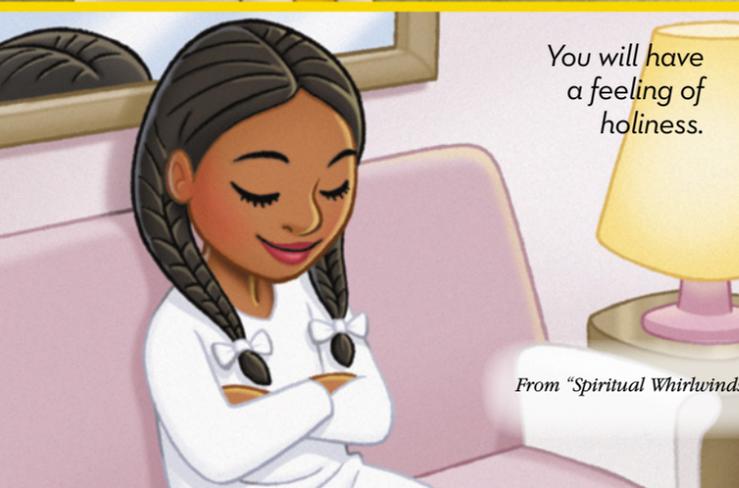
You will learn about the Creation of the world.



You will learn about our Savior, Jesus Christ.



The peace of the Savior will calm your worries and fears.



You will have a feeling of holiness.



It will help you stand strong when life is hard.

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A story from Elder Andersen's life.

## The Temple Is a Holy Place

When Elder Neil L. Andersen was young, he learned how important it is to be in holy places. When he was three years old, his family had to drive 90 miles (145 km) every Sunday to get to church! His parents taught him that going to church is important. They helped him learn to choose the right. This helped him prepare to go to another holy place—the temple.

When Neil was older, he wanted to serve a mission. But he was a little worried. "How can I serve a mission when I know so little?" he prayed.

He felt the answer in his heart. "You don't know everything, but you know enough."

That answer gave Neil courage. He obeyed and served a mission in France. Before he left, he went to the temple. There he made special promises, called *covenants*, with Heavenly Father. He was blessed for going to the temple.

After his mission he met a girl named Kathy. Kathy chose the right. She loved Heavenly Father. Neil and Kathy decided to get married.

Neil and Kathy were married and made covenants together in the Salt Lake Temple. Later they had four children. Their family is blessed because of their temple covenants. They can be together forever. ♦

### 5 FACTS ABOUT ELDER ANDERSEN

Born on August 9, 1951

The *L* in his name stands for Linden

When he was a teenager, there were only 13 temples in the world

Served a mission in France and later served as president of the France Bordeaux Mission

Became an Apostle in April 2009

