

# Finding Peace

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(Based on a true story)

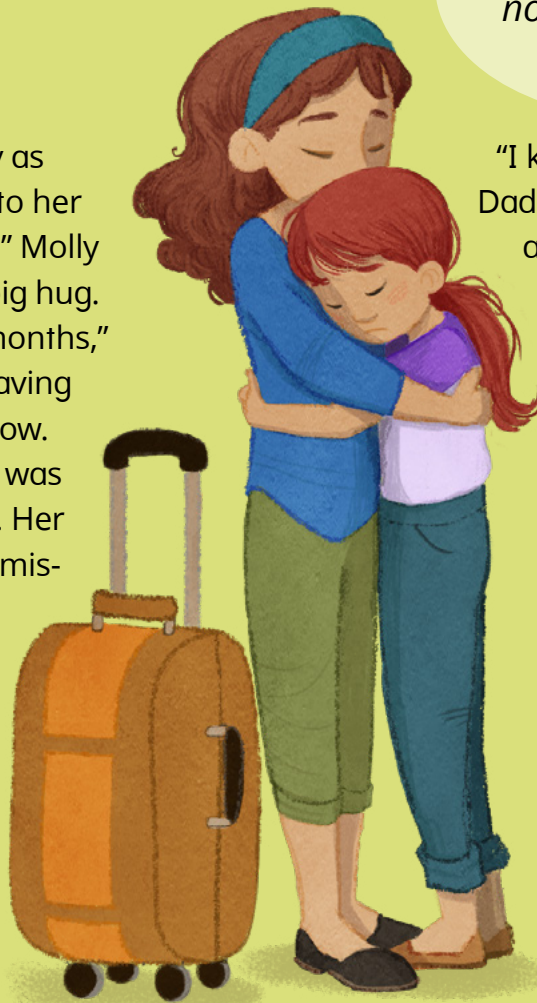
Molly tried not to cry as she said goodbye to her sister, Macy. "I love you!" Molly said. She gave Macy a big hug.

"I'll see you in a few months," Macy said. Macy was leaving home to go to college now. One of Molly's brothers was already away at college. Her other brother was on a mission. Molly would miss them all so much!

Mom squeezed Molly's hand. They watched Macy drive away. "We'll miss her," Mom said. She had tears in her eyes.

Molly walked back into the house. She went to Macy's empty bedroom and closed the door. Then she sat on Macy's bed and started crying.

Someone knocked on the door. Mom and Dad came in. They hugged Molly. They all sat on Macy's bed together until Molly's tears dried up.



*"Please help me to not feel so lonely."*

"I know you're sad Macy's gone," Dad said. "Why don't we have a family prayer? We can ask Heavenly Father to help us feel better. Would you please pray, Molly?"

"OK." Molly bowed her head. "Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for everyone in our family—for Will, Parker, Macy, me, and Mom and Dad. We thank Thee that we can be a family forever. Please help us feel comfort. And help me to not feel so lonely."

Molly missed talking to Macy at bedtime. But she knew Heavenly Father heard her prayers. She

knew He would help her feel better.

The next morning, Molly's house was so quiet! She missed laughing with Macy as they got ready for school. She missed eating breakfast together and talking. Sometimes Macy told her about what she was learning in seminary.

Molly always felt peaceful when they talked about the gospel.

That was it! Molly had an idea.

Molly got ready for school. Then she found Mom.

"Hi, sweetie." Mom hugged her. "Are you ready for school?"

"Can we read a conference talk together before I leave?" Molly asked. "I think it will help me feel better."

Mom smiled. "That's a great idea."

They took turns reading a general conference talk about comfort. Molly liked spending time with Mom. It felt good to read the talk with her.

When they finished, Molly smiled. "Let's do this again!"

She still missed Macy, Will, and Parker. But she felt a little less lonely. Her prayer was answered! She could spend time with her mom and dad.

And the words of the prophets could help her find peace. ●



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