

Friends by Mail



Thirteen Answers to Prayer

For over a year I tried to memorize the Articles of Faith, but I was having a hard time because I'm deaf.

I worked on it every Sunday, but I just couldn't do it. I wanted to give up many times, but I kept on trying.

I decided I needed help, so I went into my room and knelt down and prayed to Heavenly Father. When I got up, I started trying to memorize the Articles of Faith again, and it was so much easier. I finished all 13. My mom was amazed at how well I had memorized them. I know now that whenever I need help I can pray to my Heavenly Father, and He will help me.

Sam McGrath, age 9
Mesa, Arizona



My Magazine

I love to look at my magazine—the *Friend*. I like to find pictures of Jesus and President Hinckley and show them to my family.

Lauren Blatter, age 3, with help from her family
Henderson, Nevada



A Warm, Tingly Feeling

It has always been hard for me to sit quietly and watch general conference at home with my family. Last April, my family and I attended conference in the Conference Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. We

arrived early and found our seats. I watched as hundreds of people began to file in and sit down. Many whispered quietly and waved to friends. All of a sudden, people began to stand, beginning on the far side of the Conference Center. It was like a slow, quiet wave. Soon I saw why. The prophet was slowly walking up a ramp,

heading toward his seat. You could have heard a pin drop. Everyone stopped what he or she was doing and watched as the prophet, President Gordon B. Hinckley, took his seat. A warm, tingly feeling came over me. The Spirit testified that this kind, wonderful man was a true prophet of our Father in Heaven.

I now look forward to watching each general conference with my family. It makes me happy to see the beautiful building, and it is fun to try to locate the seats where we sat. It is good to remember how I felt when I saw the prophet.

Taylor Osborne, age 11
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