I Want to Be a Dentist

My name is Kelly Lineback, and I’m a dentist.

From an interview by Linda Davies

What does a dentist do?
Dentists check your teeth and gums. I treat lots of cavities, or tooth decay. Putting a filling inside a cavity stops the decay from getting bigger and makes the tooth feel better.

How do you help people?
Some patients come to my office with very bad toothaches. I help that pain go away. Sometimes people just want their teeth to look better, so I straighten their teeth or remove spots on their teeth and make their smiles sparkle. When you meet someone new, a smile is one of the first things you see. That’s one of the main reasons why I became a dentist. I love helping people feel good about their smiles.

How did you become a dentist?
To become a dentist, you go to college first and then to dental school.

How can your talents bless others?
Heavenly Father loves each of us no matter where we live. Being a dentist helps me serve Heavenly Father and many people in my own community as well as in faraway countries. Because many people cannot pay to see a dentist, my family and I have set up clinics to help them. I am grateful for the love and patience the Lord freely gives me. I am glad He has allowed me to help others through my dental skills.

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X-rays help dentists find cavities