

A Temple Birthday

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(Based on a true story)

Lydia's birthday was coming.

"What do you want for your birthday, Lydia?" Mom asked.

Lydia thought for a few minutes. Did she want a new toy? Did she want a book to read? Then Lydia knew what she wanted the very most.

"I want to visit the temple," Lydia said. She wanted to be with her family. She wanted to go somewhere happy. And what place was happier than the temple?

On Lydia's birthday, Mom, Dad, Lydia, and her sisters got ready to drive to the temple. Lydia even got to invite her friend Grant.

It was a long drive. But that was OK. Lydia told jokes with Grant and her sister Lucy. She told a story to her little sisters, Eliza and Ellie.

And finally, Lydia could see the temple. They had made it!

"Look at the angel Moroni!" Lydia said. She pointed up at the temple.

As soon as she got out of the car, Lydia raced to the temple gates.

There were beautiful trees around the temple. The trees had bright orange and yellow leaves. The leaves on the ground crunched as Lydia and her family walked around the temple.

A big gust of wind blew through the trees. Lydia watched the leaves fly through the air. She ran to catch

a leaf before it hit the ground. It was beautiful! She put it in her pocket.

Dad read the sign on the temple. It said, "Holiness to the Lord: The House of the Lord."

"That means we can feel close to Jesus here," Mom said.

Lydia felt peaceful. This was a very happy place!

As they drove away, Lydia pulled out her leaf. When she got home she would put it in her special box. That way she could always remember this wonderful day! ●



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