

# the Friend

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# For Parents of Little Ones

If you're looking for exciting stories about bravery, heroism, and adventure to share with your children, start with the scriptures! Scripture stories can help children internalize gospel truths that will guide them long after you've closed the book.



☐ Tell a scripture bedtime story. You could use illustrated stories from past issues of *Friend Junior*.

☐ Have your child act out scripture stories as you narrate. Use basic costumes to add to the fun. You could also use toys, puppets, or scripture figures to tell the story. (To print scripture figures, go to [lessonhelps.lds.org](https://www.lds.org/lessonhelps) and click on the category "Scripture Figures.")

☐ Pick a special word when telling the story. Point to your child whenever that word comes up, and let your child say the word to help tell the story.

☐ Have your child choose a picture from the Gospel Art Book (available at [store.lds.org](https://store.lds.org) or at [medialibrary.lds.org](https://medialibrary.lds.org)) and tell them that scripture story while they eat breakfast or lunch.

▶▶ You can read past letters at [FriendFPLO.lds.org](https://www.friendfplo.lds.org). ◀◀

# What I Know

By Jordan Monson Wright

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I may not know  
everything, but I  
can clearly see

2



That Jesus Christ loves  
everyone, including  
you and me.

3



When I see people  
who need help, I know  
just what to do.

4



I serve them just like  
Jesus would . . . because I  
love them too!

# Thankful for Scriptures

By Jennifer Maddy



James

opened his Book of Mormon picture



book

. He saw a picture



Nephi

of building a



boat



James

pounded his toy



hammer

“Bam, bam, bam!” he said as he built a pretend



boat



James

turned the



page

. He saw



Moroni

leading his



army

against the bad guys.



James

held up a pretend



banner

“I will protect my



family

!” he

shouted.



James

turned the



page

again. He saw a picture of



Jesus

blessing



children



James

closed his



eyes

. He pretended that he was

sitting with



Jesus



James

felt happy. Before he got into



bed



James

folded his



arms

and prayed, “Heavenly Father, I am thankful

for the scriptures!”

# Searching for Scriptures

Help James and his family find their scriptures so they can read together!



Dad's scriptures are on a shelf.



Mom keeps her scriptures next to the lamp.



Kylie has a purple scripture case.



Dylan reads scriptures on his phone.



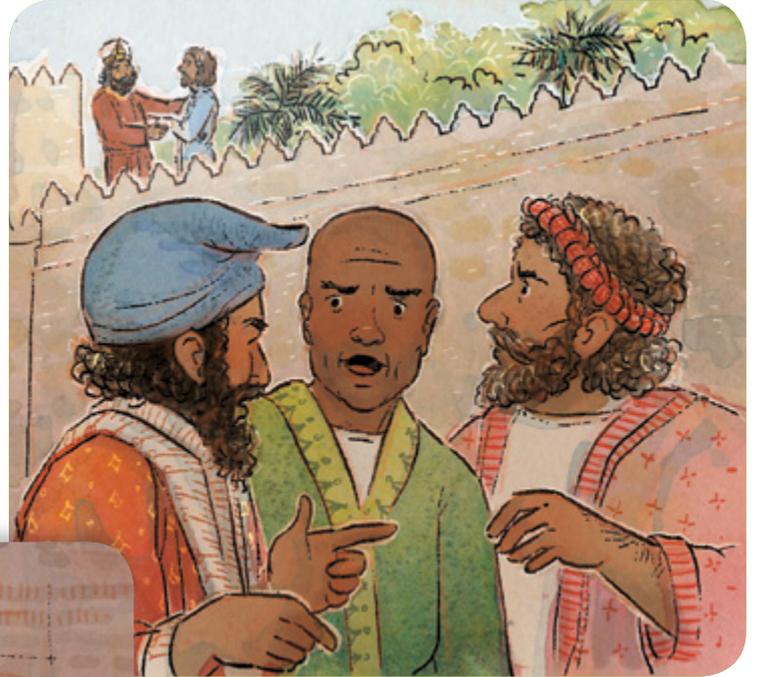
James has scriptures with pictures.



# Daniel and the Lions

By Kim Webb Reid

Daniel was the king's helper. The king liked Daniel because he was a good person. The other leaders were jealous! They made a plan to hurt Daniel.



They tricked the king into making a new law that whoever prayed to God would be thrown into a den of lions. They knew Daniel believed in God and would pray no matter what. When they saw Daniel praying, they told the king.



The king was sad he had been tricked. But the law could not be changed.



The king put Daniel into a den of lions. He covered the door with a heavy stone. What was going to happen to Daniel?



God sent an angel to shut the mouths of the lions! In the morning, the king took Daniel out of the den. He was happy that Daniel was safe. He told all the kingdom that God had saved Daniel.



I can be like Daniel by praying and trusting Heavenly Father! ●

*From Daniel 6*



# Count



Jacy stared at the night-light. It was too bright. She couldn't sleep. She pulled her blanket over her eyes. Now it was too dark! She couldn't sleep.

Jacy grabbed her teddy bear. It had a little bell inside that made noise. Jacy shook the bear. *Ting, ting, ting* went the bell. That didn't help her sleep either.

She was so bored! There was no one to talk to! And it was too quiet and too dark.

Jacy started to cry. She would *never* fall asleep! Just then her door opened softly. "Jacy?"

It was Daddy! He came and sat by her on the bed. "What's the matter?" Daddy asked.

"It's too quiet! I can't sleep. My brain just keeps thinking of things!" Jacy wiped the tears off her cheeks.

Daddy rubbed her back. "Sometimes when I can't sleep, I



# Your Blessings

By Lori Fuller  
Church Magazines  
(Based on a true story)

sing my  
favorite song.  
And then I  
count my  
blessings.”

Daddy  
started singing.  
He sang, “Count  
your blessings,  
name them one by  
one. Count your bless-  
ings, see what God hath  
done.”

Jacy hummed along. She  
liked this song too.

“What are some of your  
blessings?” Daddy asked.

“Um, my teddy bear,” said Jacy.  
She waved the bear to make the  
bell jingle.

“That’s a good blessing,” said  
Daddy. “What else?”

“Daddy!” said Jacy. “Daddy is a



blessing.”

That made  
Daddy smile.

“And  
Mommy,”  
said Jacy. “And  
baby Darel.  
He’s kind of a  
blessing.”

Daddy laughed.

“How about your warm  
bed and your night-light?”

Jacy nodded. She was starting to  
feel sleepy.

Daddy pulled the blanket up  
to Jacy’s chin. “You are a blessing  
too, Jacy. I love you.” He gave  
her a kiss and closed the door  
behind him.

Jacy hummed the song again.  
“Count your blessings, count your  
blessings . . .”

And soon she was fast asleep. ●