

February: Heavenly Father Has a Plan for His Children

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FEBRUARY WEEK 1

Heavenly Father has a plan for His children



Carlos was a 10-year-old who liked to run, jump, and play. He also liked to ask lots of questions. His Primary teacher loved him. She would often say to him, "It is very important for you to learn the things we are teaching in Primary. Someday you will grow up to be a priesthood holder, a father, and a leader in the Church, and you will need to know these things." Carlos thought that his teacher was telling him that just so he would be reverent. However, he began to listen and learn. When Carlos grew up, he did receive the priesthood, he became a father, and he was called to be a leader in the Church. He remembered what his Primary teacher had said to him, and he was glad that he had listened and learned.

Heavenly Father has a plan for us. He told us about His plan when we lived with Him before we came to earth. When we learned of His plan, we were so happy we shouted for joy! His plan includes being part of a family. He also planned that we would be able to choose between right and wrong. He planned for Jesus to come to earth and show us how to choose the right. If we have faith in Jesus and follow Him, Heavenly Father has promised us that we will be happy and live with our families, Heavenly Father, and Jesus eternally.

FEBRUARY WEEK 2

Heavenly Father commanded Jesus Christ to create the earth as a home for His children



"Let there be light!" Suddenly, bright light burst into the darkness of space. Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ saw that the light was good. They called the light day and the darkness night. A new world had begun.

Each new baby who is born receives a physical body from his or her earthly parents and is a spirit child of Heavenly Father. And each child who comes to the earth is blessed by the beautiful world Heavenly Father and Jehovah created.

Heavenly Father directed Jesus in creating the earth for us to enjoy. Together, They planned carefully so there would be food, water, animals, and everything we would need in our earthly home. Each child who comes to earth is blessed by the beautiful world Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ created.

FEBRUARY WEEK 3

My body is created in the image of God



When a baby bird hatches, it looks like its parents. When a giraffe is born, it looks like its parents. So it is with us. Our bodies are patterned after our Heavenly Father.

In 1995, the First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve Apostles shared an important message about the family. It is called, "The Family: A Proclamation to the World". "What is a proclamation?" To proclaim something means to declare officially and formally that it is true.

In this proclamation it says, "All human beings – male and female – are created in the image of God. Each is a beloved spirit son or daughter of heavenly parents, and, as such, each has a divine nature and destiny."

This means that we have physical bodies and can become like Heavenly Father. We are God's family. We are His sons and daughters, created in the image of heavenly parents. He has given us eyes so we can see, ears so we can hear, mind so we can think and a heart so we can love. Heavenly Father gave us our bodies because He has an important mission for us to do while they we are on the earth and we need to take good care of them.





"Happy birthday, Juliana!" Dad said. He handed Juliana a box wrapped in shiny paper and tied with a bow.

Juliana grinned. She was excited to receive a gift from her father and couldn't wait to open the box. Do you get excited like Juliana when you get a gift? Heavenly Father has given each of us a valuable gift. It is called agency. Agency is the ability to make our own choices.

Before we came to earth, Satan didn't want anyone to have a choice. He wanted to force us to come to earth and do what he wanted us to do. But Heavenly Father knew it was important for us to make our own choices. With each right choice we make, we grow closer to Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ. They want us to make good choices so we can return to live with Them again. As we choose to obey truth and use our agency to keep His commandments, we will be blessed.

