



**Willow Creek Stake
Days of 47' Youth Parade
July 18, 2015**



Willow Creek Stake Stake Primary 2015

The children's baptisms are greatest events in primary. It is such a rewarding experience to participate in those baptisms each month. The Young Men and the Young Women in our stake do such a good job at bringing the spirit to the baptism program as they give the talks and provide music for the baptism programs. They also provide the witnesses and greeters. Thank you to all the youth and their leaders for their time and talents to make it a special day for those children being baptized and their families. The primary children are such good examples as they choose to be baptized and follow the example of Jesus Christ.

The theme for primary in 2015 was "I Know My Savior Lives." During our ward conferences in January and February we focused on The Savior's role in our life. We watched a church video clip "The Parable of the Bicycle." Then talked about how if we do all we can, the Savior will make up the difference and that we all need Jesus Christ to make it back to heaven. We also talked about the Holy Ghost and when we have that good feeling that means our testimony is growing. We feel it is important for them to recognize their testimony at a younger age than ever before.

Our stake primary children had the opportunity to participate in the Days of 47' Youth Parade on Saturday July 18, 2015. Our float committee was headed up by Bree Bell of the 7th ward and was designed by Michael Draper of the 1st ward. It was an amazing float! Our float theme was "No need to fear, the New Frontier Heroes are here!!!" Our message was that it was not easy to be a pioneer and cross the plains. They had many trials, but there were many heroes that made it. We are heroes in our day. We will face many challenges, but we are strong and faithful like our ancestors. We are the New Frontier Heroes!

We had a stake leadership training meeting at the end of September for all the ward primary presidencies and music leaders. Our theme was "Feed My Sheep, Love Those you Teach." As a stake primary presidency we wanted to inspire primary leaders to love them and never give up. We talked about the primary program, reminders of counsel from the handbook, inviting the spirit, and loving the children. Then we divided into groups with the music leaders and presidencies. Ahead of time each ward was invited to share ideas that have been helpful in some way in their wards and ideas for teaching music. We invited the primary chorister, Lindsy Stevens from the 6th ward to talk to the music leaders and share her journey from knowing very little about leading music to becoming a very accomplished primary chorister. Each ward presidency is so devoted and meets the needs of their wards in inspired ways. We are so blessed in our stake to have such wonderful people serving in primary. We can see that they love the children and desire for their testimonies to grow.

On November 5 we had a stake Activity Days activity for all girls 8-11 years old. We had a game night where the girls brought their dad, grandpa, mom etc. for a fun game night. We had stations for different *Minute to Win It* type games such as "Elephant Walk, Cookie in Your Face, and marshmallow shooters. There was also a photo booth for them to get pictures with their date.

During September, October and November each ward primary put on a Primary Program during sacrament meeting. The primary program is one of our favorite meetings to attend. As the children talk and sing about what they learned throughout the year they bring the spirit to the meeting in such a special way. During every ward program the Spirit would bear witness of the truths being taught. There is no better place to serve than primary! The children teach us as much as we teach them.

Christian Merkley

January 3, 2015

Christian, you were born a leader. Being the oldest of 4 boys, you can usually convince your brothers to go along with almost anything including your fun ideas and games. You are very detail oriented and take time to do your best work. You are creative and determined. You are a great student who is self-motivated and who is willing to help others. You enjoy reading and math. You enjoy riding your bike and scooter, jumping on the trampoline and playing soccer in the back yard. You are a natural athlete, and you enjoy sports of all kinds. You are particularly fond of baseball and basketball and you enjoy watching a good Major League game also. Christian, like Nephi you are sensitive to the spirit and a leader. You recognize those feelings and are aware of them. Christian, you are loved by your family and your Heavenly Father. They are very proud of you today.

Kiara Franklin

January 3, 2015

Kiara, you are a creative and energetic child. You are persistent and don't give up easily. You love people and enjoy talking to others. You enjoy art, drawing and baking. You are very active and learn quickly. You learned to ride your bike in one day and still enjoy it. You enjoy using your wheelies and love to skate on them. You love music and singing. You enjoy singing time in primary and your favorite primary song is "A Child's Prayer." You are very giving and love to share what you have with others. On your birthday, you gave your siblings some of the gifts you received because you knew how much they would enjoy them. Life experiences have made you more aware of other people's feelings. You love your family and are very protective of you mother. Kiara, like President Monson you are friendly, happy, kind, tender hearted and sensitive to the feelings of others. Your Heavenly Father loves you very much and so does your family. They are proud of you.

Maxwell Pohlman

January 31, 2015

Max, you were born with a forgiving heart. You have a very calm spirit and do not judge others. You love your older brother Carden, and you are a wonderful big brother to Oliver and Lily. You are humble yet confident in yourself, and you do not need the approval of others to be happy. If you find yourself in a situation where you do not feel comfortable, you quietly walk away. You love sports especially basketball, football and baseball. You are a great team player because you never complain and are always willing to do what your coach asks of you. You are a good student who always gets your work done and listens to your teacher. You show gratitude and appreciation to others and regularly thank your parents for everything they do for you. Max, like Nephi you are faithful, obedient, and have a desire to choose the right. Your family loves you very much. They are proud of you and so is your Heavenly Father.

Belle Moran

January 31, 2015

Belle, you are sunshine and happiness. You were born with a resilient spirit that has gotten you through many difficult situations in your life. You have an optimistic attitude about life that allows you to make the best of your circumstances. You are very obedient and helpful to your grandparents and they love you very much. You like to pray and are very excited about getting baptized. You enjoy girl things and enjoy doing makeovers and painting your nails. You have fun sledding down the hill in the back yard. You have two cousins that are just like brothers to you. You are very kind and attentive to your younger cousin helping him with anything that he needs. You are very diligent in your reading and have improved your reading abilities a one whole grade level in a very short time. You are loving and very affectionate, and you enjoy giving hugs. Belle, like Ruth, you are loyal and courageous choosing to follow God. Your Heavenly Father loves you very much and he is very proud of you.

Luke Park

January 31, 2015

Luke, you were born with many talents and a lot of energy. You have always been one to watch out for people who need help and don't have a friend. You are a fast runner and very determined. When Brookwood School did a fundraiser based on the number of laps ran by the students, you ran more laps than anyone in the entire school. You love to be active and enjoy playing basketball, football and soccer. You are sensitive, sweet, responsible and are always quick to give your family hugs. You enjoy your family and friends. You are a good student and enjoy math and reading. You like your teachers and are a good helper. You were a reflections winner at school this year for a poem that you wrote. You have a good moral compass knowing right from wrong. Luke, like Captain Moroni, you are a powerful leader who has an influence for good. Your family loves you very much and so does your Heavenly Father. They are proud of you.

Finley Duckworth

February 28, 2015

Finley, you are a good example and are very helpful and kind to your younger siblings. You are sensitive to other's feelings and are a loyal and kind friend. You are very active and enjoy soccer, dance, gymnastics, water skiing and snow skiing. You love your cousins and would rather spend time with them than doing just about anything else. You enjoy school and complete your homework without being asked. You are a great leader and are enthusiastic to share the lessons and activities that you have learned in school with your siblings by modeling science and art projects from school. You are excited to get baptized. You have great faith and remind your family to pray when they need help. You are confident and have a great sense of humor, having the ability to laugh at yourself. You are very creative and always seem to have a project going on like a garden in your bedroom or building a house out of boxes. Finley, like Nephi, you know the difference between right and wrong and have a desire to make good choices. Your family loves you very much and so does your Heavenly Father.

Creighton Evers

February 28, 2015

Creighton, you were born with more energy than anyone your mother has ever met. You radiate light and joy. You are enthusiastic, and you greet life with a smile even when you are getting your teeth pulled. You are adventurous and enjoy the milestones in your life. You are a great leader and know how to make others laugh. Your brothers look to you for leadership and they like that you will try things first. They lovingly call you Crazy Creigh. You enjoy basketball and baseball. You are a great student. You enjoy reading, and your teachers love you. You are a good friend and are helpful to others and to your family. You even help out with the laundry. You are a gentleman and are considerate to your mother and grandmother by opening the doors for them. Creighton, like Joseph Smith, you are best friends with your brothers and are happy and kind to others. You love sharing your room with your brothers and enjoy spending time with them and your dad. Your family loves you very much and so does your Heavenly Father.

Jack Peterson

February 28, 2015

Jack, you were born with the desire to do what is right. You do your best and have a desire to learn new things. You enjoy reading and learning about science, animals, planets, the world around you, and.... you have a pet gecko named Spike. You are content being yourself and don't need the approval of others. You enjoy reading the scriptures, but you particularly enjoy understanding them and learning the scripture stories. You are a deep thinker and are very detail oriented wanting to be exact in what you do. You love your family and friends and are a great example to your siblings. You enjoy being in the mountains and hiking. You enjoy playing a variety of sports, being outdoors and being active. You like primary and are reverent and helpful. You are a great helper and are interested and willing to help at home. Jack, like the Ammonites, you have a desire to be honest and upright in all things, and you know the difference between right and wrong. Your family is very proud of you. They love you very much and so does your Heavenly Father.

Kate Sadowski

February 28, 2015

Kate, you were born with many talents. You are very sweet. You are concerned about people and have a desire to help others. You are a good student and are self-motivated. Your teachers like you and depend on you to help others in the class because of your willingness and ability. You are very creative and resourceful which makes you a great problem solver. You are curious and enjoy learning new things. You enjoy learning about science and animals. You are a good reader and are talented at the piano. In fact, you will be competing in a federation competition soon. You are a good athlete and like to play basketball. You are a good big sister and have fun with your sisters. You also enjoy one on one time with your mom and dad and are very fun to be with. You have a great imagination and sense of adventure, and your grandparents think you are wonderful. Kate, like the Good Samaritan, you are very willing to help others and want the best for them. Your family loves you and so does your Heavenly Father.

Jackson Loveland

February 28, 2015

Jackson, you were born with a love for speed and a desire to stay busy. You are aware of right and wrong, and you have a desire to choose the right. When you are working on something, you give 100% and don't give up. You are a loving big brother and take good care of your younger brother and sister. You love sports, riding motorcycles and being outside. You enjoy being with your friends and have a fun sense of humor. You like to laugh and make others laugh. You work hard in school and are a good reader. You are excited to be baptized and to learn more about the gospel. You enjoy learning of the stories in the Book of Mormon and ask thoughtful questions in Family Home Evening. Jackson, like President Monson, you are sensitive and kind. You are aware of those around you who may need a friend and are always looking out for the one who you can help and include. Jackson, your family is very proud of you. They love you very much and so does your Heavenly Father. What a wonderful day to be able to be baptized on your birthday. William Rogers

March 28, 2015

Will, your family thinks you are awesome. You were born with a big heart and a love for people. You are a good friend to others and your friendships mean a lot to you. You are funny, smart, motivated, hard working, determined and dependable. You are a wonderful brother who treats your siblings like friends. You enjoy telling jokes, riddles and making your family laugh with your singing and crazy dance moves. Your goal is to make people laugh every day. You are a leader and enjoy sports including swimming and soccer. Your soccer coach said you are the hard worker who always tries your very best. You love to learn new things and are curious to know how and why things work. You have a desire to understand the gospel and enjoy knowing more about the prophets. You are a good reader and writer and often share your humor through your writing. Will, like Alma, you very are thoughtful and sincere in your prayers. You love your Heavenly Father and he loves you.

Jason Jacobson

March 28, 2015

Jason, you are a friend to everyone. You are a people person who makes friends easily. You were born with a kind and sensitive heart and an awareness of other people's feelings. You are responsible and helpful. Your family adores you, and they love you very much. When you are at the park and don't know anyone, you will play with kids old and young, and you even know their names by the time you leave. You love to read and especially enjoy comic books. You like the outdoors and enjoy playing basketball, baseball, camping with your family, and playing with your siblings. Along with your many other talents you play the piano and are in the French Immersion program at Butler and can speak French. Jason, like Joseph Smith, you are very thoughtful and prayerful, having a desire to know spiritual truth. After reading the scriptures with your family, you have felt very warm feelings as you pray and contemplate the scriptures. You truly are a wonderful person. Your Heavenly Father loves you and is very proud of your decision to be baptized.

Britta Nielsen

March 28, 2015

Britta, you are the kind of daughter that every mother would love and appreciate. You have always been kind and sensitive. You are a great help to your family members. You help your younger sisters with their reading and when they need help getting dressed. You are considerate and helpful with the baby. You are very thorough when you do your chores, and you do them without complaining. You are an organized student, a good reader, and you do your homework without being asked. You are a good pianist and have a real ability to memorize music. You are a dancer and have been taking tap and ballet since you were five. You are enthusiastic and athletic, and you swim a lot in the summer. You ran the entire 5K Turkey Trot at Cottonwood Heights. Britta, like Mary, the mother of Jesus, you are very thoughtful and compassionate. Your prayers are sincere. You are conscientious and have a desire to choose the right. Your Heavenly Father loves you very much and so does your family.

Ella Mallory

March 28, 2014

Ella, you are the sunshine girl because you bring sunshine and joy into your home. You are obedient and have a desire to do what is right and make good choices. You are a good student and a good reader. You enjoy writing stories, especially funny ones. You are extremely creative and imaginative and love to draw and paint. You see the beauty around you. You love animals, especially puppies. You enjoy creating your own holidays like "Surprise Day" making your own cards, banners and gifts. You are a girly girl and enjoy playing dress up, doing your hair and makeup, taking bubble baths and acting out plays. You have a sense of humor and like to make up jokes. You enjoy swinging, being outside, and collecting things in nature. Ella, like King Benjamin, you lead through example. You are cooperative, considerate, and like to include others, watching out for the less fortunate. When your brother was sick, you told him you would get him anything he needed. Your family loves you dearly and so does your Heavenly Father.

Isaac Rammell

March 28, 2015

Isaac, even as a baby you were happy. Because you are happy, you don't like to see others sad. You are the first to run and give hugs to someone who is feeling down. You are always willing to help others. You have a very special relationship with your sister and are protective of her to make sure she is included even when you are playing with your friends. You are very curious and have a love for learning. You ask thoughtful questions and always want to learn more. You are a hard worker and when you set your mind to something, you work diligently to accomplish it. You are energetic and playful. You love to camp, hike, read, play the piano, swim, play with legos, make people laugh, and you love to be with your friends. For someone your age, you have an interesting palate enjoying sushi, seafood and meat, but chicken noodle soup is your favorite. Isaac, like Moroni, you are sensitive to right and wrong. You don't like to make wrong choices and you try very hard to choose the right. You are loved very much by your family and your Heavenly Father.

Mahala Corpuz

May 2, 2015

Mahala, you were born with the ability to have fun and enjoy life. You are very energetic and enjoy being outdoors. You enjoy playing soccer, riding bikes, swinging, hiking, camping, exploring and playing with your cousins and friends. You are a good big sister to Isaac. You enjoy playing with him and watch out for him.....and..... you like to tease him. When he was too scared to give his talk in primary, you voluntarily gave it for him so he wouldn't feel bad. You are a daddy's girl and like to be with him where ever he goes whether you are helping him in the yard or just hanging out together watching TV. You are helpful in the kitchen and like to help cook. You are very creative and enjoy art. You enjoy painting, drawing, and making cards. Mahala, like President Monson, you are aware of those around you and are sensitive to people's feelings and emotions. Your family loves you very much and so does your Heavenly Father. They are very proud of you today.

Nicholas McFee

May 2, 2015

Nick you were born with a kind and loving heart, and you are full of joy. You have a light in your eyes and have a signature giggle that everyone loves. You are aware of your surroundings and the people around you. You are sensitive to the feelings of others and have a desire to help them. You were blessed with the love of scriptures. You like to read and enjoy reading the Book of Mormon stories. You make friends wherever you go. You are full of faith and hope. You are in tune with the spirit and chose to get baptized on your own. Your Heavenly Father loves you very much, and you have felt the warm feelings that come through your righteous desires. You are extremely helpful, patient and kind to your family, especially your little brother Mason. You love your parents and they love you. You enjoy soccer, art, skiing, riding motorcycles and bikes, visiting your grandparent's farm, going to the sand dunes and being with your cousins. Nick, like Nephi you are obedient, faithful and courageous. You love your brother and know the difference between right and wrong. You are trying to be like Jesus.

Emma Jessup

May 2, 2015

Emma, you were born with great faith and love. You are generous, kind and sincere. You love people and you love your family. Your family loves you very much. You are independent and are able to take care of things. You enjoy spending time with your mom and helping her with projects including painting or building. You are creative and enjoy art especially drawing and painting. You love your Heavenly Father and all of his wonderful creations. You love animals and enjoy being outside. You have been known as "The Butterfly Whisperer" because you were patient enough that butterflies would land on your arms. You are extremely nurturing and very forgiving which may explain why your favorite primary song is "I'll Walk With You." Even if someone has hurt your feelings, you want them to know that you love them. You love being with your cousins and are very active and social. Emma, you were named after Emma Smith and have her courage, generosity and faith. You have a great love for your Savior and he loves you very much.

Evan Nieporte

June 6, 2015

Evan, you were born with the desire to do you very best. You are aware of your surroundings and are also aware of the emotions of others around you. Because of this you are very empathetic and take special notice of how others are feeling and what makes them happy and sad. You are thoughtful to your friends and always want them to feel comfortable. During your preschool years you lived in Southern Mexico, which taught you to be a good friend. You are a good student and have a broad vocabulary using new words each day. You ran in the Fun Run at Brookwood Elementary and won the first prize in your grade and the next two grades ahead of you. You are artistic and do some wonderful free hand art work. You like to play soccer, run and draw. Evan, Like King Benjamin, you are kind to people and have a positive influence on others. You lead by example. You are no respecter of persons, and treat others with the respect that they deserve. You are very excited to get baptized today. Your parents love you very much. They are proud of you and so is your Heavenly Father.

Joseph Vance

June 6, 2015

Joey, your mother knew you were a boy and that your name would be Joseph before you were ever born. Like Joseph Smith, who you were named after, you love to have fun. You enjoy spending time with your family. You are very sensitive to the spirit, and you trust in the Lord. You are cheerful and have a desire to do what is right. You are happy and cheerful, and your mom thinks you have the best laugh. You enjoy playing basketball, baseball, swimming, riding your bike and jumping on the trampoline. You have the ability to laugh at life, and are optimistic about things. You are quick to forgive and are very easy going. You like school, and you learn quickly. You are a math whiz. You like numbers and are very good with them. You have been very excited to turn eight so that you could be baptized. You are prayerful and have a budding testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ. You love your family very much and they love you. Joey, they are very proud of you and so is your Heavenly Father.

Liam Morgan

June 27, 2015

Liam, you were born with the ability to love. You are a very tender and protective brother who loves his sister very much. When you were 4 years old, your sister was born premature. When you would visit her at the hospital, you would lovingly tell her that you were her big brother Liam and that you would take care of her and protect her. At school when you were asked what your favorite thing in the world was, your answer was your little sister. You are very kind and insightful. You are creative and enjoy making movies to the scripts that you have written. You have a desire to be a writer, producer and a movie director. You even won the reflections contest at Brookwood Elementary School in the movie category. Your drawing was chosen to be printed on the cover of the school directory. You are sensitive to other people's feelings. You have a desire to do what is right and are willing to follow the rules. You enjoy thinking of new inventions, and ways of doing things better as you contemplate starting your own business someday. You love to learn all about the history of the world and have a real interest in World War II. You participate in soccer, basketball, baseball and tennis. In fact your baseball team went undefeated this year and won first place in the tournament. Liam, like President Monson, you are friendly to all, happy, tender hearted, treat others kindly and seem to notice when someone needs a friend. Your family loves you very much and so does your Heavenly Father. They are proud of you today.

Annabelle Keefer

August 1, 2015

Annabelle, you were born with the ability to make friends easily. You enjoy others and like to talk to everyone you meet. You are spunky, outgoing, and you love life. You are a good student and you love to read. When your younger sister needs help with her schoolwork, you are very capable and willing to help her. You love to help your mom cook and bake. Things come easy to you. You are a quick learner and enjoy trying new things. You play soccer and dance and are going to play Lacrosse this year. You are easy going and have the ability to just go with the flow. You are an example to your mom and you help strengthen her. You are helpful to her in many ways. You have strong faith and a desire to seek after spiritual things. You love going to primary and are an example to your family. You love your Heavenly Father and it touches your mom to know that you have such a strong desire for your family to be together. Annabelle, like President Monson, you have a happy tender heart. You treat others kindly and are a friend to all. Your family loves you very much and so does your Heavenly Father.

Jane Christensen

August 1, 2015

Jane, you were born with a very strong spirit full of determination and motivation. You have the ability to focus and accomplish the things you desire. You are aware of those around you, and you watch out for those who are in need of comfort. You are fun and exciting, and you bring joy and laughter wherever you go. You play soccer. You are creative, and you love art. You enjoy making things for other people, and you use your creativity in cooking and other projects. You play the piano, and you have a beautiful voice that some of us were lucky enough to hear in Stake Conference not too long ago. You are optimistic about life and even had a positive attitude when switching schools from Brookwood Elementary to the program at Peruvian Park. Your great aunt, Jane Manning, a pioneer, was the first African American woman to come to Utah where she remained faithful throughout her life. You were named after her and your great grandmother. Jane, like Ruth in the scriptures, your great grandmother and your great aunt, you are courageous, faithful and loyal. Your Heavenly Father is proud of you and loves you very much.

Nash Wong

September 5, 2015

Nash, you were born into a family that loves you very much. You have a desire to help others. You are a hard worker and love to see the accomplishments from your hard work. When you were 3 years old, you helped your dad blow insulation in the attic of your house. You stayed with him all day until he was finished, even though you were covered in white from head to toe. You make others laugh, and you have a talent for making up words when there aren't words to describe what you are thinking. You are a good big brother to your baby sister. You are a good listener and are very obedient. You offer your help without having to be asked. You even did a great job trimming the bushes in your yard after overhearing your mom say it needed to be done. You don't give up easily, and you have a happy and optimistic personality. You like soccer, karate and playing with your friends and family. You like to swim and play water games. Nash, you are very determined just like Ammon was. He was determined to make sure that everyone had an opportunity to hear the gospel. Nash your family is very proud of you. They love you very much, and so does your Heavenly Father.

Graden Miller
September 5, 2015

Graden, you were born with a sensitive spirit and a desire to do what's right. You are aware of others and want to help those who are less fortunate. You enjoy playing with your friends. You have a fun sense of humor and like to play jokes on others. You love your family and enjoy your quiet snuggly time with your mom and dad. You are athletic and enjoy playing competitive sports including basketball, baseball, soccer and football. You like to watch ESPN and prefer it over cartoons. You love recess and will play any sport with anybody. You enjoy doing class projects and are very helpful to your teachers. You are a big U of U fan and were happy to get your new scripture case that is shaped like a football. You are excited to be baptized and are aware of the feelings that you have as you talk about the Holy Ghost. As you make choices in your life, you are aware of the good and bad feelings you have. Your Heavenly Father loves you and is proud of your righteous desires. Your family is very proud of you. Graden, like Daniel you trust in the lord, always showing devotion through prayer. Your family loves you very much.

Redding Egan
September 5, 2015

Redding, you were named after a town where your dad served on his mission. You are the oldest in your family, and you are in charge of being a good example to your younger siblings. You like going to the Snow Shack. You love holidays, parties and being with your cousins. Your cousins call you "The Party Cousin." You are a fast runner, and you like to wear neon colored sports clothes. You like sports including hunting, football, baseball and basketball, and you are learning to rollerblade. Like your cousin Mason, you like the Green Bay Packers. You love your family and are willing to help out especially with your new baby brother named Deacon. You enjoy movies and like to make big cities out of blocks. You are very sensitive and recognize when others need help. You are happy and brave and even went on the new Cannibal ride at Lagoon. You are a hard worker. You don't like cats, but you love your dog Meatloaf and your pet frog named Big Daddy. Redding, like President Monson, you are happy and have a tender heart, noticing when others need help. Your Heavenly Father loves you very much and is proud of you.

Tobin Frederick Hansen

September 5, 2015

Tobin, you were named in part after your Grandpa Fred. You love art and are a great artist. You love to draw and have even drawn pictures of your family and brothers. You are good at organizing things. You enjoy playing with your friends and brothers. You are a good example to others in many ways. You are thoughtful in your prayers taking time to think about and pray for those in need. You are obedient and are good at following directions. You express yourself well and are a great communicator. You are very responsible, independent and obedient. After you have been given an assignment, you don't have to be reminded. You just do it. You are easy to get along with. You are not demanding and can just go with the flow. You like to read, especially books that are funny. You are a quick learner, good at math and love swimming. Tobin, like Peter, you are persistent, having great faith to do what is asked of you. You love your family and they love you. You are a very important to them. Your Heavenly Father is very proud of you, and he loves you very much.

Camille Liebsch

September 5, 2015

Camille, you were born with a desire to do what is right. From a very young age, you have had an ability to know the difference between right and wrong. You are aware of your surroundings and the needs of others. You are helpful and responsible and are always willing to help, even when you haven't been asked. You are helpful to your mom in the kitchen. When you see that your mom needs help, you are always a step ahead of what she might need next. Even when others are asked to help out, you will volunteer to do their part if they forget. You are responsible, and you take very good care of your things. You love to go to church and are sad when there is a reason that you can't be there. You love spending time with your siblings. You like music, and you love to dance and sing. You play the violin. You love to play and do many physical activities and enjoy a good competition. You enjoy playing on the trampoline, reading, and are good at math. Camille, like the Stripling Warriors, you love and obey your parents. You are very precious to them. They love you very much and so does your Heavenly Father.

Lars Dagleish
September 5, 2015

Lars, your family is crazy about you. They love you very much. Your mother knew you were supposed to be here. You are naturally happy, joyful and full of light. You seem to always have a smile on your face, and you make others smile too. You have a good attitude and get along well with everyone. You are content and can always find a way to entertain yourself. You love sports including baseball, basketball, soccer and tennis, but your favorite is tackle football. When no one else will play football, you will play it with your dog, T mo, fully dressed in a combination of lacrosse and football gear that you have been able to round up. You are a good student who is sensitive to other's feelings and who includes others. You are passionate about life and enjoy helping your parents at home. If your dad is working in the garage, you put on a hard hat, tool belt and are ready to help. You are helpful in the kitchen too, but you replace the hard hat for your sisters bakers hat. Lars, like Joseph Smith, you are friendly to others and have a desire to do what is right. Your Heavenly Father loves you and is very proud of you.

Naish Hinckley
September 5, 2015

Naish, you were born a free spirit with very few inhibitions. Life is always one big exciting party. You don't just live life; you attack it. After you didn't take to swimming lessons very well, as a 4-year old, you jumped off of the high dive and just figured that you would learn how to swim.... and you did. You learned how to ski at age 5 and went down the hill full speed, ready for the lift the same day. You have a curious mind and love to figure things out. If something interests you, you will practice religiously until you have mastered it. You are a gifted athlete and love rugby, soccer, basketball, skiing, skateboarding, windsurfing, hiking and flipping on the trampoline. You keep your family laughing and are very quick witted for being so young. You are very introspective and are curious about where we came from and where we are going. You ask a lot of thought provoking questions that your scriptural dad has a difficult time answering. Naish, like Isaiah, you speak and think deeply. You ask about things that leave your parents scratching their heads. You are an absolute treasure to your family. They love you very much and so does your Heavenly Father.

Calli Vanderlinden
September 26, 2015

Calli, you brought joy to your family from the day you were born. You are happy and easy going. You are nice to others and a friend to everyone. You are helpful to your teachers and to other students at school. You like to swim and do gymnastics. You love to be with your family and enjoy playing with your cousins. You enjoy baking and making smoothies with your sisters. You adore your Grandma Pat and Grandma Sally and love spending time with them and Hap Pap. You think you may even want to move in with your Grandma Pat some day. You are prayerful, obedient and reverent at church. You love to ride your electric motor scooter. You especially like riding it with your parents because that means you can go on longer rides. You are very helpful at home and are always willing to help your dad in the yard. You help your mom with vacuuming and laundry. You are a sensitive and caring person, and you are very aware of what is going on around you. You like to include others and reach out to those who may be feeling left out. Calli, like the Good Samaritan, you are always willing to help those in need. Your Heavenly Father is proud of you, and loves you very much.

Vander Olsen
September 26, 2015

Vander, you were born with a smile on your face. You love to joke around and have a mature sense of humor. You are courageous and a strong defender of the right. You are obedient and do whatever your mom asks of you. You love life and enjoy new experiences. You are very creative and artistic. You enjoy building and inventing things, and you also enjoy learning new things. You are technical and are very detail oriented. You love to play baseball and are learning to play the piano. You are a leader, a people person and are creative in making up games so there is always something to do. You have a great attitude about life. You love to read and are very good at math. You are helpful to your teacher and are good friends with your younger brother and sisters. You try to eat healthy and have always been curious about why it is important to eat a variety of foods. Vander, like Samuel the Lamanite, you have righteous desires and like to do what is asked of you. Your parents are so very proud of you. They love you very much and so does your Heavenly Father.

Will Walker
September 26, 2014

Will, you have a fun loving and happy personality. You love to laugh, tell jokes and love to have fun. You make friends easily. You are a great older brother and are very helpful and protective of your siblings. You are a great leader who is obedient, responsible, dependable, and does what is right. You are a quick learner who loves to read and enjoys art, especially painting. You are very curious and always seem to have a desire to learn more about the world around you. You love to play basketball and your favorite basketball team is the Utah Jazz. You like to swim, hike in the Red Rocks of St. George, and you also enjoy doing science experiments. You are willing to help out in the kitchen, but mostly when treats are being made. You were very helpful to your mom this summer when you helped repair the sprinklers in the back yard, and you are helpful to your dad when he has projects that he is working on. Will, like Daniel, you have a desire to do the right thing, even when it is difficult. Your family loves you very much. They are proud of you, and so is your Heavenly Father.

Gwen Buehner
September 26, 2015

Gwen, you are sensitive, caring and friendly. You love to learn and enjoy being creative. You like doing art and crafts. You are musical and you love to sing. You have a beautiful voice and you sing from the heart. You are very athletic and enjoy running, biking, swimming and rock climbing. You are curious and enjoy learning new things. You are a leader who is helpful, caring and who gets along well with others. You are an open and loving person. You are sensitive to the spirit and to other people's feelings. You notice when someone is struggling and reach out to help if you can. If your mom is having a bad day, you always seem to be aware of it. You give her a hug and ask how you can help. You have fun with your siblings and you enjoy inventing games to play with them. You are very helpful and love to hang out with your dad. Gwen, you are courageous and loyal like Ruth, and you put the needs of others before your own. Gwen your Heavenly Father loves you very much and so does your family. They are proud very proud of you.

Aubrey Bjorklund
September 26, 2015

Aubrey, your parents were overjoyed when you were born. You have always been kind and sensitive and are one of the first to notice when people are left out. You are a peacemaker and have always wanted to do the right thing. You love to ski with your dad! You enjoy outdoor adventure and like hiking, biking and camping. You enjoy dancing and participate in tap and ballet. You like to play with your friends. You enjoy playing soccer, tennis, and swimming. You love Chinese food and your favorite is honey-seared chicken. You love primary and are excited to get baptized and have been counting down the days till your baptism. You have a beautiful voice and like to sing. You have fond memories of singing with your grandma in the hammock. You like school. You enjoy reading and like going to the library. You are very helpful, easy to get along with and are great friends with your sisters. You are spiritually minded for being so young. Aubrey, like Ammon, you are service oriented and notice when others need help. Heavenly Father is proud of you and your decision to be baptized.

Riley Thorpe
September 26, 2015

Riley, you were welcomed into your family and were a huge joy from the moment you were born. You immediately loved to be cuddled and loved. You love your siblings and are a great brother. You make everything fun and can turn most anything into a game. You are very attentive and helpful to your new baby brother. You are intelligent, and you love to read. You have completed the first book of the Harry Potter series, and have nearly completed your goal of reading the Book of Mormon. You love sports, are a total BYU sports fan. You enjoy any sport that includes a ball, especially soccer. You are diligent about paying your tithing. You desire to serve a mission, and you ask your dad a lot of questions about his mission. You are very service oriented and are helpful in coming up with family service projects that you can all do together. Riley, like Nephi, you are an action person, a go-getter who just gets things done. Heavenly Father is very proud of you. He loves you very much.

McKenna Hanson
October 31, 2015

McKenna, you have always enjoyed people. You are kind and make friends easily. You enjoy being with your older sister and brother and love to play games with them. You are an artist and like to draw. You enjoy drawing Disney characters and animals. You love to dance and you participate in jazz classes. You like school. You enjoy writing stories and reading stories to others. You enjoy learning and like to share what you have earned with others. You like helping in the kitchen. On Sundays, you and your sister make desert together. You enjoy the time you and your dad spend together winding down together in the evenings. McKenna, you have always known what you want. Like the Sons of Mosiah, you are unwavering and steadfast in your desire to do what is right. Your family loves you very much and so does your Heavenly Father. They are proud of you.

Brianne Christesen

October 31, 2015

Brianne, you were born with a dynamic personality. You are a go-getter and you know what you want. You are a good organizer and like things to be in their place. You are good at math. You love people and enjoy making new friends. You care about other people's feelings, and you take time to make sure others feel included. You are a hard worker and enjoy cleaning and mopping. You like to participate in primary and school. You are thoughtful and ask good questions. You like to think things through. You enjoy cooking and like to help make breakfasts and desserts. You are excited for your older brother to baptize you. You love young children and are very loving to them. You look forward to being a mom someday. Brianne, like Samuel the Lamanite, you stand up for the right and are not afraid. Your Heavenly Father loves you very much and so does your family. They are very proud of you.

Archie Sullivan

December 5, 2015

Archie, it has been said that you really are the energizer bunny with no off button. You have always had a lot of energy in body and mind. You are an outdoor kind of kid who enjoys healthy competition, running, riding bikes and playing with bugs. You are very social, and you love people of all ages. You are not shy, and you enjoy talking to everyone about anything. You are very observant and aware of what is going on around you. While visiting the Yogurt Stop with your mom, an employee commented on how slow business had been. As a six year old and without hesitation, you said, it's probably because of the Snow Shack that just opened up out there. Your teacher at school said you are the best helper. If you see a need, you help out. You are very aware of people's feelings and are sensitive to the needs of others. You have great rhythm and play the piano. You enjoy singing and playing basketball. Archie, like Nephi, you are a great leader. You have the ability to bring people together. Your family adores you. They love you very much and so does your Heavenly Father.

Allie Huang
December 5, 2015

Allie, you were born with the ability to be a friend to whomever you meet. You take a genuine interest in other people and look for opportunities to help others, and then finding a creative way to help them. You have an infectious smile. You are friendly, musical, helpful, silly and creative. You recognize your Father in Heaven's hand in everyday life. You are the first to notice the flowers in the spring, the colorful sunsets and the beauties in a rainstorm. You are always on the move singing, dancing, twirling, trying new things, even complicated recipes in the kitchen. You have a beautiful voice and sang "Love One Another" for a Sunday School class. That song has renewed meaning to your mother because you live the words to that song. Allie, like Mary Magdalene, you are faithful. You know Jesus is your friend. You follow him and share your testimony of him. You have a light within you and know that you are a daughter God. You are very special to your family and your Heavenly Father. They love you very much.

Sloane Ellison
December 5, 2015

Sloane, you have a real talent of making others feel wanted and loved. You make friends quickly wherever you go. You are creative, and you enjoy art, music, reading and writing letters. You love animals especially horses, cats and dogs and enjoy them when you visit your grandparents in Southern Utah. You lovingly pester and tease your brothers, which keeps them on their toes. You love music and love to sing. You sing primary songs along with the CD player in your bedroom. You sing in the shower. You sing in primary, and you sing and dance to the old time music on your grandpa's phone. You enjoy spending time with your Uncle Dave. You love to ski, swim and do gymnastics including cartwheels and back flips. You are a model student. You love your teacher and enjoy helping others. You even enjoy helping the lunch lady wipe down the tables in the lunchroom. If you see a need, you just do it. Sloane, like President Monson, you have a happy heart and are sensitive to notice when someone needs a friend. Your family loves you very much and so does your Heavenly Father.

Rachel Martin
December 5, 2015

Rachael, you were born a fearless, smart, beautiful and most independent girl. You are a humble, quiet, incredible reader who asked for a bearded dragon for your eighth birthday. You are responsible to take care of your little lizard, feeding it live crickets when it is hungry. Your mom thinks you have the best laugh in the whole world. When you laugh it seems to come all the way up from the tips of your toes. You are learning to play the violin. You love to play jokes on your brothers and sisters. You are a good student and a great speller, winning your class spelling bee. Your family is reading the Book of Mormon together, and for an eight year old, you have a great command of those difficult words. You befriend everyone. You are not judgmental, and you are accepting of others and any challenges that they may have. You are really excited to be baptized. Rachael, like King Benjamin, you are kind and are a great example to others. Your family is very proud of you. They love you very much and so does your Heavenly Father.