

# Jimena's TEMPLE MIRACLE

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(Based on a true story)



*Jimena was nervous. But she knew the Lord would help her.*

*This story took place in Guatemala.*

Jimena climbed into the car and buckled her seat belt. She and her parents were on their way to the temple. This would be her first time doing temple baptisms. Papi was going to baptize her for some of their ancestors. Jimena couldn't wait!

But then Jimena thought of something that made her feel panicky inside. "Papi," she said, "what about my pump?"

Jimena had type 1 diabetes. To stay healthy, she always wore a small device called an insulin pump to help control the sugar levels in her blood. If she went for too long without wearing it, she felt sick.

"Will they let me wear it inside the temple?" Jimena asked. Her heart was beating fast. "What about when I get in the water?"

"It will be OK," said Papi. "You can wear your pump until you get in the water. Then Mamá

can help you put it back on as soon as you get out."

Mamá nodded. "And if you start to feel sick while you are doing baptisms, just tell Papi and you can stop." Mamá squeezed her hand. "We'll be with you the whole time."

"OK," said Jimena. She still felt nervous. But Mamá and Papi had helped her feel a bit better.

When they arrived, Jimena held Mamá and Papi's hands as they walked toward the temple doors. As soon as she stepped inside, Jimena felt a warm, comforting feeling. She knew the Holy Ghost was telling her that Heavenly Father would help her, even though she was nervous. Everything would be OK, just like Papi said.

Jimena changed into white clothes. Then Mamá helped her take off her pump. "It will only be for a few minutes," Mamá said. She gave Jimena a hug.

Jimena stepped into the water. Papi was waiting for her. He helped her down the stairs.

Papi said the baptism prayer and dipped Jimena under the water. When she came back up, Jimena smiled. Then they did a few more baptisms.

"Are you feeling OK?" Papi whispered in her ear.

"Yes!" said Jimena.

Papi baptized her for a few more people. "Can you do more?" he asked again.

"Yes!" said Jimena.

After the last baptism, Mamá helped Jimena put on her pump and checked Jimena's blood sugar. Mamá smiled. It was normal! It was like Jimena hadn't taken off her pump at all.

Next they went into a smaller room. Papi placed his hands on Jimena's head. He confirmed her a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for the people who had died that she had been baptized for. Now her ancestors could choose to join Jesus Christ's Church!

At home evening the next week, Jimena and her parents talked about their temple trip. "The temple is the house of the Lord," said Papi. "When we go, we can have miracles in our lives."

"What kind of miracles?" asked Jimena's little brother, Pablo.

"I was nervous to take off my insulin pump to get in the water," said Jimena. "But while I was doing baptisms, I didn't even feel sick. It was a miracle!" Jimena smiled. "And even though I was scared, the Holy Ghost helped me feel calm. That was a miracle too." ●



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When has the Holy Ghost helped you feel calm?