

# Akoni Prepares for the Temple

Meet Akoni and learn how he prepared to go to the temple.



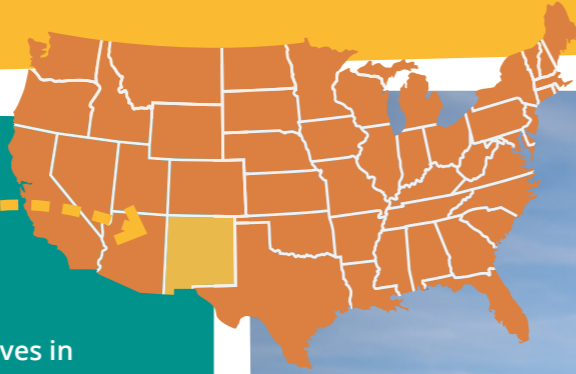
"I was nervous to go to the temple for the first time," says Akoni. "But when I'm in the temple, I feel safe."

The closest temple to Akoni is the Albuquerque New Mexico Temple. It is a four-hour drive away. Akoni is excited that soon a new temple will be built closer.

FOR OLDER KIDS



Akoni is 12 years old. He lives in New Mexico, USA, in the Navajo Nation. This is an area of the United States governed by the Navajo people. More than 250,000 people live there.



Akoni hopes to serve a mission one day, just like his older siblings.

When Akoni was younger, he watched his older siblings go to Young Women and Young Men.



He also saw how happy they were when they went to the temple. Akoni was excited to visit the temple too.



He has started sharing the gospel by inviting his friend to church. He wants to be an example to his younger brother and others too!



Akoni prepared for Young Men by going to church and talking with his family.

He asked questions about the temple so he would be ready to go inside.

The tall rocks in this picture are called the "wings of the rocks." This place is important to the Navajo people.

