



Josie knew a way she could follow Jesus Christ's example.

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(Based on a true story)

This story took place in the USA.

Josie sat with her cousin Ashlyn under a tree outside her house.

"I wish there was something fun we could do to earn money," Josie said.

"Maybe we could earn money by doing things for people," said Ashlyn.

"What if we made it a club?" Josie jumped up excitedly. "Like a pet-sitting club or a dog-walking club."

"We could do all kinds of things," Ashlyn said. "People always need help. And they would pay us."

Ashlyn was right. Every day Josie saw people who needed help.

Suddenly Josie had another idea. She felt warm inside. It reminded her of her baptism last year. She'd promised to always remember Jesus and follow His example. She knew one way she could do that.

"What if we have a club that helps people for free?" Josie asked. The warm feeling got stronger.

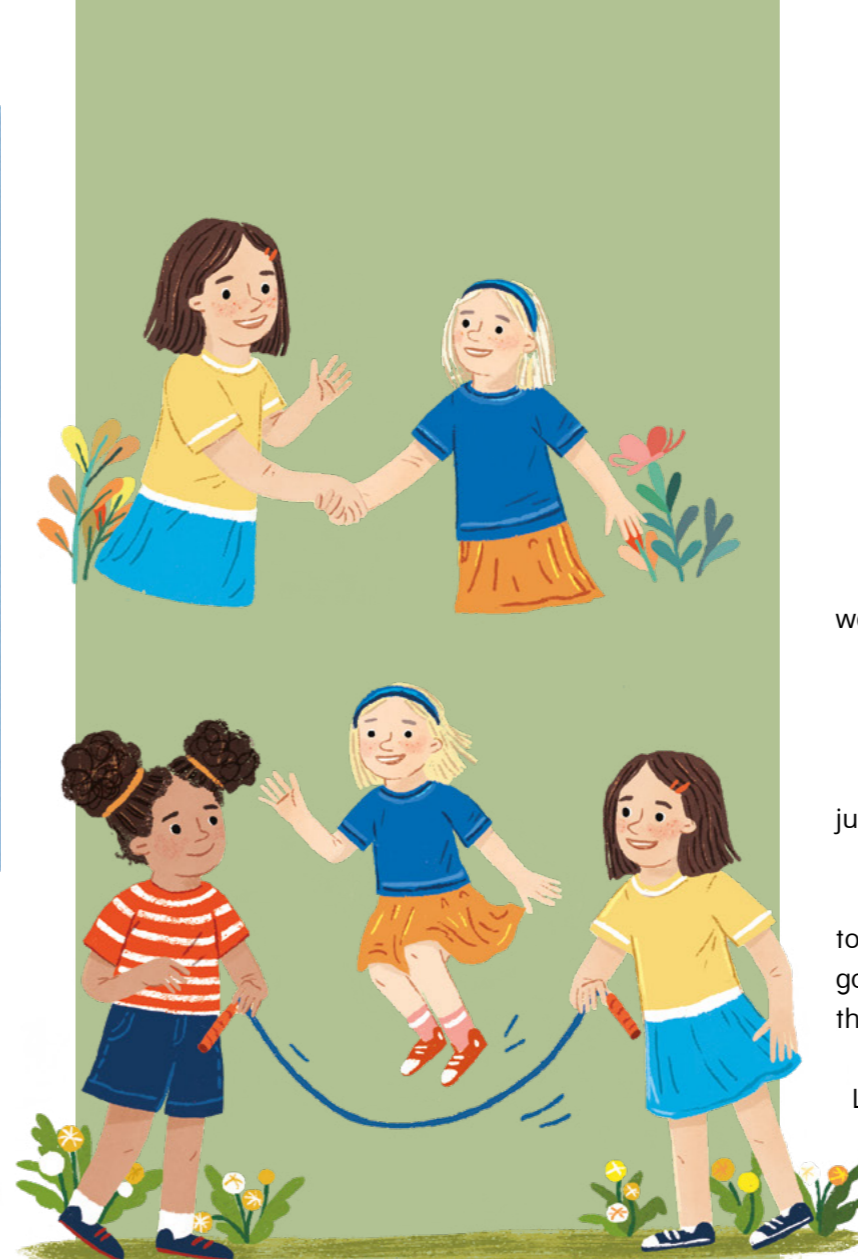
Ashlyn's eyes grew wide. "That would be really fun," she said. "We can help people at school and church—pretty much everywhere."

"We can call it the Making Things Better Club!" Josie said. "Let's start tomorrow at school."

The next day at recess, Ashlyn and Josie ran to the edge of the playground.

"Do you see anyone we can help?" Ashlyn stood on her tiptoes and looked toward the bumpy rainbow slide.

"Not yet." Josie searched the monkey bars and the swing set. Kids were sliding and swinging. They were bouncing balls and playing with jump ropes. No one really looked like they needed help. Everyone seemed to have a friend. Then she saw a younger girl all by herself with a jump rope.



Josie grabbed Ashlyn's arm. "Look over there!" Josie and Ashlyn found jump ropes and walked over to the girl.

"Hi. I'm Josie."

"And I'm Ashlyn. What's your name?"

The girl looked surprised. "I'm Leslie."

"Do you want to play with us?" Josie held up a jump rope.

Leslie smiled. "Yes!"

Ashlyn and Josie taught Leslie some new ways to jump rope. When the bell rang, they said goodbye. Josie felt good inside. She knew it was the Holy Ghost.

After that, whenever Josie and Ashlyn saw Leslie in the hallway, they said hi to her.

Josie and Ashlyn looked for more people to help. Sometimes they said nice things to people and tried to cheer them up. Other times they invited kids to play with them.

One day, Josie smiled at a boy outside the school. "I like your dinosaur shirt," she said.

The boy grinned and looked down at his shirt. "Thanks."

As Josie sat down, she realized she hadn't even thought about doing that for the club! She had just done it.

Josie thought of all the friends she had made since she and Ashlyn started their club. Josie really liked helping people. It made her want to do more nice things for others. The Making Things Better Club was making *her* better. And that felt great. ●



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