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MY TEMPLE SKETCHBOOK



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Hello!

My name is Brayden, and I live in Utah, USA. I'm going to tell you about a goal I made when I was 10 years old.

It all started on a trip to visit my grandparents. My grandparents had temple books in their living room, and I loved looking at the pictures. I decided that I wanted to make my own temple book. I made a long-term goal to draw all of the temples.

I decided to draw my first temple. I picked up a pencil, looked up a picture online, and drew the St. George Utah Temple. Then I drew the Logan Utah Temple and the Manti Utah Temple. My mom suggested that I use a big sketchbook for my temples. Now, a year and a half later, I am at temple number 81, the Reno Nevada Temple. I still have 105 temples to go!

There are times when I want to give up on the temple I'm drawing. When this happens, I like to say a prayer and ask Heavenly Father to help me through the hard parts.

DRAWINGS BY BRAYDEN B.

Something cool about this goal is how it has helped my three younger brothers love the temple more. My little brother Kade draws temples he wants to visit someday, and my other brothers draw temples for teachers and friends.

My goal has also helped me find some of my other interests. I love to design! I started creating 3D temple models last summer, and I hope to be an architect when I grow up.

This goal has helped me feel closer to Heavenly Father and Jesus. Whenever I draw a temple, I feel the Spirit. I know that temples are houses of God. Recently, I've been able to go inside the Payson Utah Temple and others. I feel the Spirit so strongly when I do temple baptisms.

Whenever I see a temple, it helps me to be stronger in choosing the right. ●

Since writing this, Brayden has drawn over 100 more temples! Go to the back cover to see how you can send us a drawing too.