



# Brave Anika

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A true story from the USA.

“Are you ready?” Mami asked. Anika nodded and hugged her teddy bear. She was bringing it to church. She hoped it would help her feel brave.

Anika had a part to say in the

Primary program today. But she was new to this country. She didn’t speak much English. She was going to say it in Spanish instead. Would everyone understand?

Mami gave her a hug. “I know you’re

nervous. But remember, the Holy Ghost will be with you! You are not alone.”

That made Anika feel a little better. She smiled at her teddy bear. *Then there will be three of us*, she thought. *Me, my bear, and the Holy Ghost!*

At the Primary program, Anika’s class talked about what they had learned that year. They went to the stand one by one. Soon it was Anika’s turn.

She hugged her bear. She could be brave!

“My family studies the scriptures with *Come, Follow Me* every night,” Anika said in Spanish. She took a deep breath. “We learned how Joseph Smith forgave those who hurt him. I can forgive others too. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.”

Anika went back to her seat. Her teacher smiled at her and her bear. “Good job,” she whispered. “Both of you were very brave!”

Anika felt warm in her heart. She had been brave! And she knew the Holy Ghost was with her. ●

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