

# A Special Conference

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(Based on a true story)



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This story happened in Indonesia.

"**Aminah**, that's mine!" Indira shouted. She grabbed the doll away from her little sister. "Girls, I'm leaving," Mom called. "Please be good for Dad." Indira looked up. "Where are you going?"



"To the market. I'm buying food to cook something special tomorrow." Mom waved goodbye.

A special meal? But why? Indira went to find Dad. "Why is tomorrow special?" she asked.

Dad smiled. "Tomorrow we get to watch general conference! It's special because we get to hear the prophet and other Church leaders speak. They'll tell us what Heavenly Father wants us to hear."

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When Mom got home, she put away the food. Dad swept the floor.

"Indira, can you help Aminah set out her clothes for tomorrow?" Mom asked.

Indira frowned. "Why do I have to help her?"

"Please do what I ask," Mom said.

Indira groaned. She dragged her feet and went to help Aminah.

The next morning, Indira woke up to a yummy smell. She jumped out of bed and ran to the kitchen. Mom had made beef rendang and satay to eat for lunch later! It would taste so good.



Soon general conference began. Indira sat with her family to watch on the TV. She listened to the choir sing. She heard people talk about temples and scriptures and Jesus Christ.

The last speaker was the prophet, President Russell M. Nelson. He talked about how the Church helps people around the world.

"Our greatest joy comes as we help our brothers and sisters," he said.<sup>1</sup> Indira thought about that. Did helping make her happy?



She kept listening. President Nelson said that living the second great commandment can help us be like Jesus Christ.

When it was over, they ate the lunch Mom made. Indira kept thinking about the prophet's talk.

"What is the second great commandment?" she asked.

"Love your neighbor as yourself," Dad said.<sup>2</sup>

Indira thought about the people the Church helped all over the world. "How can I help if my neighbors live far away?"

"Your neighbors are everyone around you," Mom said.

"Like your family members."

Indira looked down. She was not very nice to her family sometimes.



But maybe helping them could make her happy, like President Nelson said. It was one way she could follow Jesus. She wanted to try!

For the rest of the week, Indira tried to be extra nice to her family. She played with

Amirah. She shared her toys. She did what

Mom and Dad asked without complain-

ing. When Indira helped her family,

they were happy. And that made her happy too.

The prophet was right.

Helping others brought her joy! ●



What did Indira learn from the prophet?

1. "The Second Great Commandment," *Liahona*, Nov. 2019, 100.  
2. See Matthew 22:37-39.