

## Protected by the Holy Ghost

After waiting a whole week, Auggie finally got to go on the hike he and Dad had been planning. When they got to the trail, Auggie was bursting with excitement. He ran ahead of Dad, kicking rocks and leaping off stumps. Dad chuckled at Auggie's energy and followed him along the trail. They were having a great time when suddenly, Dad shouted.

"AUGGIE, STOP RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE!" Auggie froze in his tracks. He slowly turned his head to look back at Dad. Very quietly and carefully, Dad approached Auggie. He looked around. He listened. There, just a few feet in front of Auggie, was a rattlesnake, coiled up, rattling its tail. Camouflaged with its surroundings, it almost looked like a rock. Being so distracted with his excitement of the hike, Auggie never saw it.

"Let's go back," Dad suggested.

As the two turned around to find a different trail, Auggie was more cautious, but also had a question.

"Dad, how did you know there was a rattlesnake?" He asked.

"I didn't know," Dad admitted. Auggie was confused.

"What do you mean?"

"I felt a very strong prompting that you were in danger. I didn't know what danger it was, so I told you to stop."

"How did you know I was in danger?" Auggie wondered out loud. Dad stopped to think.

"Well, it was like a still voice," Dad started. "It was almost like a whisper in my ear. The Holy Ghost can speak to us in different ways. We just need to make sure that we are always making good choices so we can hear His promptings."

"I'm so glad you listened to the Holy Ghost!" Auggie exclaimed.

"Me too," Dad said as he hugged his son tight.