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they've completed the step," Gala says.

The invitation set the stage: a hologram that showed Logan's face or Danny's, depending on how it was held, and invited guests to enter a world alive with magic. "Everything was very artificial—and purposefully that way," explains Rogers. A high-tech cake of gravity-defying construction emitted clouds of gas, revolving slowly on a turntable; Rogers slips into laughter when describing the not-too-scientific process of scooping out the top layer to get the dry ice bowl to fit. The scene overwhelmed even the parents, who knew the details in advance. "I walked in and was blown away," recalls Debbie.

It was an unforgettable experience as two seventh-graders parted with childhood. Stepping into the future, and assuming new roles in their communities of faith, they really did see magic come to life. With a big dose of wonder, they're off to a good start. 🐾

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Opposite: Guests signed a blown-up version of Logan and Danny's magical invitation by The Social Butterflies. This page: A high-tech cake of gravity-defying construction by Cake Expressions by Lisa emitted clouds of gas while slowly revolving on a turntable.

