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A Simple Thank You

"Whatcha reading?" Auggie asked Mom as he walked into the kitchen.

"It's a sweet thank you note!" Mom handed it to Auggie. "I went a baby shower the other week and the sweet expecting mother sent this to me!"

"Thank you for coming to the baby shower," Auggie read. "It was so great to have you there, celebrating with me! And the cute blanket and diapers will be so nice to have! I really appreciate you thinking about me and the baby! Love, Karen."

"It's short and sweet!" Mom said as she took the card back. "Nowadays, thank you notes are more and more rare. Auggie, I want you to always remember to say thank you. It is so good to express gratitude to those who do kind things for you. It's the least you can do. Expressing gratitude is talked about several times in the scriptures as well. Like when one of the ten lepers came to thank Jesus after being healed. Or when Paul said, those 'who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.' And don't forget all the prophets who thank God time after time in the scriptures. See Auggie, we can tell our friends, teachers, and family thank you too!"

"Do I have to write a note every time I want to say thank you?" Auggie asked.

"No, not every time. But a note here and there wouldn't hurt," Mom stood up and opened a nearby drawer. "Here's a card you can write a thank-you on. You can write it to a teacher or to Grandma and Grandpa- they just sent you that red hat in the mail! It'll make them feel happy and appreciated when they receive it, and you'll feel happy and grateful you sent it! It's always good to be thankful!"