

Small and Simple Things

“Texting again?” Auggie rolled his eyes at April. “Who are you talking to this time?”

“I’m texting Jessica!” April laughed. “I’m just sending her a quick text telling her she looked so beautiful in her green pants today.”

“Why?” Auggie squinted. “Jessica isn’t even your best friend.”

“Why not?” April turned the question around. “Shouldn’t we always be kind to others?”

“Yeah,” Auggie thought. “But you go out of your way to show kindness to *everyone*. Why?”

“Well,” April started. “The scriptures say that by small and simple things, great things will come to pass. Through small acts of kindness, great things may happen. Who knows? Maybe Jessica had a really hard day and needed a pick-me-up. Or what if Jessica has a hard heart and hearing kind words would make her want to be kind to others? What if one day Jessica chooses to find a church? Wouldn’t she want to learn about a church that has kind members?”

“Wow. I never thought of it that way,” Auggie admitted.

“So,” April nudged her brother. “What small and simple things can you do?”

“Uh,” Auggie thought for a moment. “I could hold the door open for others. Or smile at people at the store. Or write a thank you note to my teacher.”

“I love those ideas,” April smiled as she hugged her brother. “You never know the impact you make on others.”