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Trying to think back to the good things I did for others is a challenge for me. I never really had the opportunity to do any great deed for a person, and if I did, I didn't notice the chance to help. Even though I didn't make a huge difference in the world, I like to think I help people in small ways and make a difference in their life.

One day, my mom and I were coming home from a shopping trip we took to a nearby store. We were stopped at a light, and I saw a homeless man standing with a sign saying, 'POOR, anything will help. God bless!' My mom didn't seem to notice, but I looked the man right in the eyes. He had these bright blue pure eyes. I just remember thinking, what if this was Jesus or an angel sent from God to test me? I told my mom we needed to help him in some way. She didn't have any money on her, but she had a few Wendy's gift cards. We rolled down the window, and he came over. We handed him the gift cards, and he smiled. I remember him saying, "God bless you." I liked the way it felt knowing I helped this man out.

Another thing that makes me feel good is helping out my mom. She works so hard to cook, clean, watch my cousin for my aunt, work, and take care of my sisters and me. Our house gets messy very quickly with my 3 year old cousin running around, and my mom is always struggling to clean up and keep an eye on my cousin. If I have extra time in the morning before school, or am just sitting around watching T.V while my mom is hard at work, I like to clean up the house. My mom always says I am her little Cinderella, and it makes me proud. I like being the helper, even if it means I have to miss my favorite T.V show or miss hanging out with my neighbors.

In school we learned about Therese of Liesieux , a saint that followed the little way of sainthood. She did little things to help people out, hoping to make a difference in the world. I hope to be like her someday. Not everyone has the power to do great things in the world, but Therese shows that God accepts any offer of kindness, no matter how small. I try to do little things, affecting one person at a time, and hopefully this person sees the kindness I'm trying to give and tries to pass it on. My goal in life is to somehow change the world, in any good way.

I like to try to lift people's spirits when they are sad. People tell me that I am good at making them smile in their saddest times, and I think that's a gift. I am trying to make the world a better place by helping everyone. I hope that I make a change, even if it is a small one.