

# A LIFE-CHANGING GIFT

## AT THE THRIFT STORE

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One year we didn't have much money for Christmas, so I prayed for help to be able to buy a gift for my stepdad, Adrian (whom my sister and I call Weegee). My sister and I had only two dollars between us to spend on gifts.

When my mom said we were going to a nearby thrift store to shop for Christmas gifts, I ran to my room and prayed for help: "Please help us find a gift for two dollars."

At the store Elaina and I looked through the books and found a triple combination that looked brand new. We were so excited when we found it. I held onto it tight as we ran through the aisles to my mom. Jumping up and down, we said together, "We found a gift for Weegee!" At the checkout my mom asked, "How much for this?" The lady replied, "Two dollars." My prayer was answered.

At that time our stepfather was not a member. He didn't like Mormons, he didn't believe in "the Mormon book," and he didn't like members picking us up for Young Men and Young Women activities. He even chased away

the elders. But the ward members and missionaries didn't give up on him.

On Christmas day we saved his gift for last. Elaina and I said, "This is the greatest gift anyone could ever give you! It will make you happy." Weegee guessed a couple of times, and we laughed at his answers. We told him, "It's an awesome gift! It's going to change your life. It changed ours."

Our mom was worried that he would be mad about our gift to him, but Elaina and I knew it was the right thing to do.

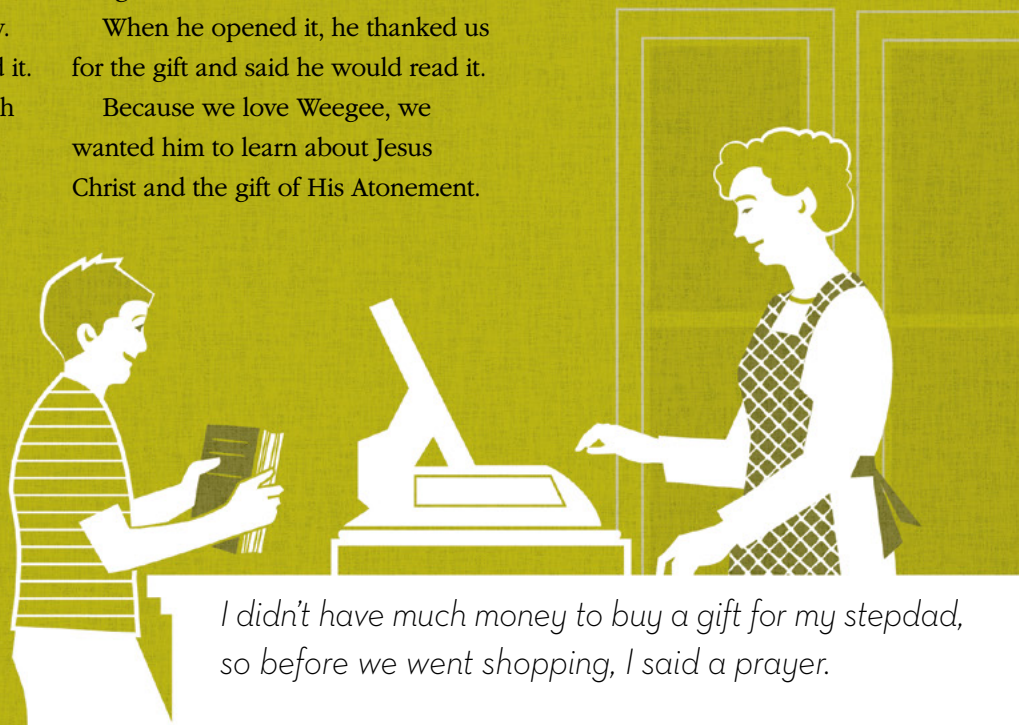
When he opened it, he thanked us for the gift and said he would read it.

Because we love Weegee, we wanted him to learn about Jesus Christ and the gift of His Atonement.

We wanted him to believe like we do, to pray and repent, and to have the gospel in his life.

He read and prayed about the Book of Mormon, and with the help of the elders and ward members, he was baptized and is now a member of the Church. We were so happy to be sealed in the temple, and we know we will always be together forever as a family. ■

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