

## The Golden Rule

Jean belonged to a group of girls called a Brownie Troop. They learned many things there and had a great time doing projects together. One afternoon at a meeting, the leader began passing out boxes of cookies that the girls were to sell to people in their neighborhood. Each girl was to get two boxes to sell. When they were all passed out, Lynn, a new girl, didn't get any. She was not part of the group when the cookies were ordered.



Jean knew how sad Lynn must be feeling. She held tightly for a minute to her cookies; then she handed them quickly to Lynn and said, "Here, Lynn, you may have mine." How happy Lynn looked when she thanked Jean for them!

As Jean walked home from the meeting she was glad that she had made Lynn happy. She had learned that she should live everyday by the Golden Rule that tells us to do good to others. But she was disappointed that she would not be able to sell cookies with the rest of the girls.

When Jean got home, her mother said, "Hi honey. Where are your cookies?" Jean explained how she had given her cookies to the new girl. Mother said that she was glad that she did and maybe they could get some boxes from another Brownie Troop. That sounded like a good idea to Jean.

That evening, mother made phone calls to other Brownie leaders, but she was not able to find any extra boxes. The sale began and Jean felt sad as she looked out the window at her friends going from door-to-door selling the cookies.

When mother saw her looking out the window, she went over to Jean and gave her a big hug. She said, "Don't forget, dear little one, that we can never lose anything by doing good. You did the right thing, and now you need to trust God that your goodness will be rewarded."

Jean felt much happier. She had really wanted to give her cookies to Lynn so she would not let herself feel sorry that she did. As she was thinking about that, she heard her mother calling her. Her mother said that a troop leader had phoned to say that two boxes had been found, and someone would drop them off at Jean's house later that day.

The next day was Saturday and Jean planned to get up early to sell the cookies. But then, error spoke to her and told her that because the sale had been going on for two days already, there would be no one left in her neighborhood that hadn't bought a box. But she decided she would not listen to error's lies, and would instead trust God.

So out she went and in a half an hour, she was back home. Her mother asked her why she wasn't out selling the cookies. Jean said that she had sold both boxes. How glad Jean was to learn that she could never lose anything good if she always trusted God, and followed the Golden Rule!

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*Luke 6:35 "Do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest."*