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## **The spirit of the holidays, offered anonymously**

While shopping for Christmas presents, one woman noticed a small girl with her father looking at dolls. Every time she saw a doll that she liked, she asked her father if she had enough money to buy it. Dad usually said, “Yes.”

Nearby, a mother and her young son were also looking at toys. But every time the boy noticed something he wanted to buy, his mother sadly told him he didn’t have enough money. The boy looked longingly at a Pokemon toy, but ended up selecting a book of stickers.

The girl, meanwhile, had finally settled on a Barbie doll, but when she saw the boy and his mother start toward the checkout, she put her doll down and snatched up the Pokemon toy. At the cash register, she quickly paid and then whispered something to the cashier, who smiled and placed the toy in a bag behind the counter.

When the boy and mother were ready to pay for their purchases, the cashier produced the bag and told the boy that he was the store’s 100th customer that day. When he looked in the bag and found the toy he’d wanted, the little boy’s face threatened to split with joy.

Then the woman overheard the little girl talking to her father. Dad asked why she’d bought the toy for the little boy. The girl said, “Well, Grandma and Grandpa sometimes buy me things to make me happy, don’t they? I just wanted to do the same thing.”