

Here are three success stories condensed from my book:



A friend of mine did not have much money while her husband was deployed. She has three children and wanted them to learn the value of charity. How could she do that if she barely had enough money for her own needs? She got creative! She and her children cut coupons on Sunday afternoons. Earlier in the week, they scoured the neighborhood during recycling day for newspapers that would carry those coupons. They organized their coupons into two piles: *We Need These* and *We Can Give These Away*. Naturally, they took the coupons they needed to the store and got discounted items for their own pantry. The rest of the coupons went to the local St. Vincent DePaul Society for other folks who might need them. This was a small effort that made a big difference in the lives of her children and the people they helped.



The second story has reached global proportions. When Annie Wignall was eleven years old, she found that there were children who had been taken from their parents with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. These children may have been the victims of disaster, orphaned in a car accident, or had been removed from their homes by court order. She wanted to help. So, she began sewing little care bags filled with toys and toiletries. She gave these bags to the local police department to use for children in need. Word of her care bags spread. In fact, word spread so far and so wide, that now she is a college student who has her own nonprofit foundation! See pictures of the bags she distributes around the world at her website: www.carebags4kids.org. Won't you help her continue her good work? Can you sew bags? Collect toothpaste and toothbrushes from local dentists? Collect small new or gently used stuffed animals? Here is a link to my directions for sewing a simple bag, but you can get as creative as you want: [Care Bags directions](#).



Another friend also has three children. She and her girls decided that the things they get for birthday parties from friends are usually toys they either don't need or don't want. They did something different. On the invitations to her youngest girl's party, she indicated that the guests were to bring a small gift for a needy child (She planned to support the Care Bags Foundation.) My friend's daughter had a beautiful birthday party complete with games, food, and decorations. She also got to open all the presents and thanked her guests for getting such a wonderful present for needy children. Everyone benefitted from this plan!