

Jason Helps Out

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“Mom, I’m bored,” said Jason. “There is nothing to do.” “You can clean your room,” said Mom. “That’s not fun.” It was only the second week of summer vacation. It was still too chilly to go to the pool, and Jason was tired of watching T.V. His friends were away on vacation, and even his dog, Riley, was being lazy.

Mom was getting ready to go downtown to the food kitchen to help out. She volunteered three times a week serving lunch to people that weren’t as lucky as Jason. “Why don’t you come with me to the food kitchen and help out?” Mom asked. “I don’t know anything about working at a food kitchen,” said Jason. “You just watch me, and then you will see how to serve the food,” said Mom.



It was time to go, and Jason was excited to try working in the food kitchen. He watched his Mom put some turkey on a plate and some mashed potatoes. She then passed the plate to the next lady, and she put some green beans and bread on the plate. *I can do that*, thought Jason. One of the volunteers left early, so Jason took over her spot in the serving line. He was in charge of putting salad on the plates. He served twenty-five people that day. After the kitchen closed, Jason and his Mom stayed to clean up. “That was great!” said Jason.

Jason was so excited and really enjoyed his day at the food kitchen. He couldn’t wait to get home and tell his Dad about how much fun he had. “Not only did it give me something to do, but I felt so good doing it,” Jason told his Dad. “Jason, that was a nice thing you did today.” “You helped many people who aren’t as lucky as you to have a hot meal.” Mom said, “I am so proud of you Jason!” “You worked very hard.”

Jason went to bed that night thinking about the food kitchen. *I am going to help out again*, he thought. Jason made some new friends, and he didn’t even know they lived so close to him in town! The best part was how good Jason felt inside.

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