

A LITTLE STORY FOR LITTLE PEOPLE

Josefina's Reward

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IT was Monday morning. Eight-year-old Josefina was preparing to go to school.

She washed her face, put on her school dress, ate her breakfast, and was ready to go.

"Goodbye, Mother," said Josefina.

"Goodbye, Fiña dear. Be careful on the way. Look out for the autos," said Mother.

Josefina started to walk to school. On her way she met her teacher, Miss Enriquez.

"Good morning, Miss Enriquez," said Josefina very politely. "May I help you carry your books?"

"Good morning, Josefina. Thank you. You may, indeed, help me. Here are three books."

Miss Enriquez and Josefina walked together to school. When they reached their room, Josefina laid the books on the table, and her teacher again thanked her.

When the bell rang, the pupils lined up and entered the room.

As soon as all was quiet, Miss Enriquez said, "I want to tell you what a polite girl Josefina is, because she helped me carry my books on the way to school this morning. Let us call her 'the polite girl.' I hope every little girl will be as polite as Josefina."

"Josefina, 'the polite girl!'" exclaimed her classmates.

When Josefina went home for lunch she told her Mother of her reward for being polite.

"It always pays to be polite," said Mother. "Yes, indeed, there is always a reward for politeness."

"I shall always try to be polite so that I shall be called 'the polite girl' by everyone who knows me," said Josefina. "I think my teachers and playmates will like me more if I am polite to them."

"Yes, Josefina," said Mother, "that will be a splendid reward."

I agree with Josefina's Mother. Don't you? We all like the boy or girl who is polite to everyone. It pays to have the habit.



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