

RaYBaSH's Torah Thoughts for Kids
Parashah #5: Chayei Sarah "Life of Sarah"
B'reshit (Genesis) 23:1-25:17
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Do you know someone who always raises their hand in class and is the teachers favorite? Have you ever seen someone who just stands out there and wants to do it all, to be seen and praised by everyone? Maybe you've even heard them being called a "big helper" or "everyone can take a lesson from so-n-so" or "I wish I had more helpers like them" or something like that. These people don't necessarily like to help, they just like all the attention that comes from being a helper.

Now think, think hard of someone who is a big helper but is very quiet and people hardly notice all the good work they do. Maybe they pick up trash lying around without being asked. Maybe they lend a hand by just seeing the need and jumping in to help. These are the people who like to help because they like helping people, not because they want credit for it.

This is like Eleazar in our Torah Portion and Nathan in our Haftarah portion. Very little is known or said about them in Scripture, but what is said shouts that they were big helpers behind the scenes. Are you one of those quite, yet big helpers?

Shabbat Shalom and Shavuah Tov!
--Yehudah ben Shomeyr