

## Children's Message

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This past week I had the chance to help a young man. He was only 23 years old and he was here in Canada from the Punjab in Northern India. He has been in Canada for four years and he works with my wife. This young man was looking to rent or buy a place. So we told him to stop by at our house and we could talk more.

The more we talked at our house and I got to know him, I learned that he was a Sikh. He told me that he was not practicing his faith and that explained why he did not wear a turban. He was very surprised that I knew so much about his faith and that I was so open minded about his culture. The more we talked the more we both realized how much we shared in common. I did not tell him that I knew many people from India before I met him. I just let him be amazed.

As we talked over soup, he shared with me the best advice his mom gave him. That advice was to be a good person and to be good to people. In other words, be the best you that you can be. This started to sound like the Golden Rule to me. The Golden Rule is to do unto others as you would have them do unto you. This is not an exclusive rule or idea to Christians. Sometimes it is expressed or said differently but all faiths share the same idea. We are all God's Children made in His image. So it is best to treat everyone well and with respect.

Different people from different cultures and places are a great chance to learn. We can learn about their culture, faith and home country. We also get to share with them who we are. These encounters or meetings are a great chance to make new friends and find things we share in common. I felt that I was able to help a child of God. One who was far from home and his mom and dad. I knew that our kindness would be appreciated by his parents.

Being different is a good thing. It means you have knowledge to share with others. Then everyone has a chance to learn something new. I was able to make this young man feel at home in my house. I was able to do this because I knew so much about his culture and religion from meeting others from his country years ago. Always take chances to learn more. It will only make you a richer person.

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