



## God, Root Beer and Potato Chips



A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived. He packed his suitcase with a bag of potato chips and a six-pack of root beer and started his journey. When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old woman, who was sitting in the park, just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to her and opened his suitcase. He was about to drink some root beer when he noticed that the old lady looked hungry. He offered her some potato chips. She gratefully accepted them and smiled at him. Her smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered her a root beer. Again, she smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As twilight approached, the boy realized how tired he was. He got up to leave. Before he had walked no more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old woman, and gave her a hug. She gave him her biggest smile ever.



When he opened the door to his home a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? She's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old woman, also radiant with joy, returned to her home. Her son was stunned by the look of peace on her face. He asked, "Mother, what did you do today that made you so happy?" She replied, "I ate potato chips in the park with God." However, before her son responded, she added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

*Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.* People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Have lunch with God.....bring root beer and potato chips!

