

## IS IT A LITTLE THING?

"I wish I could have done what the older kids were doing," said Lottie. "All I got to do was pick up trash."

Lottie and her parents were walking home from the community center where they had spent the last hour helping the organizers prepare for the charity fundraiser that would be held the next day. "The older kids were asked to help make signs and to even help make the lemonade. Picking up the trash is for babies and I'm almost six!"

Father turned to Lottie as they approached their front house. "Come. I want to show you something. Take a look at our door."



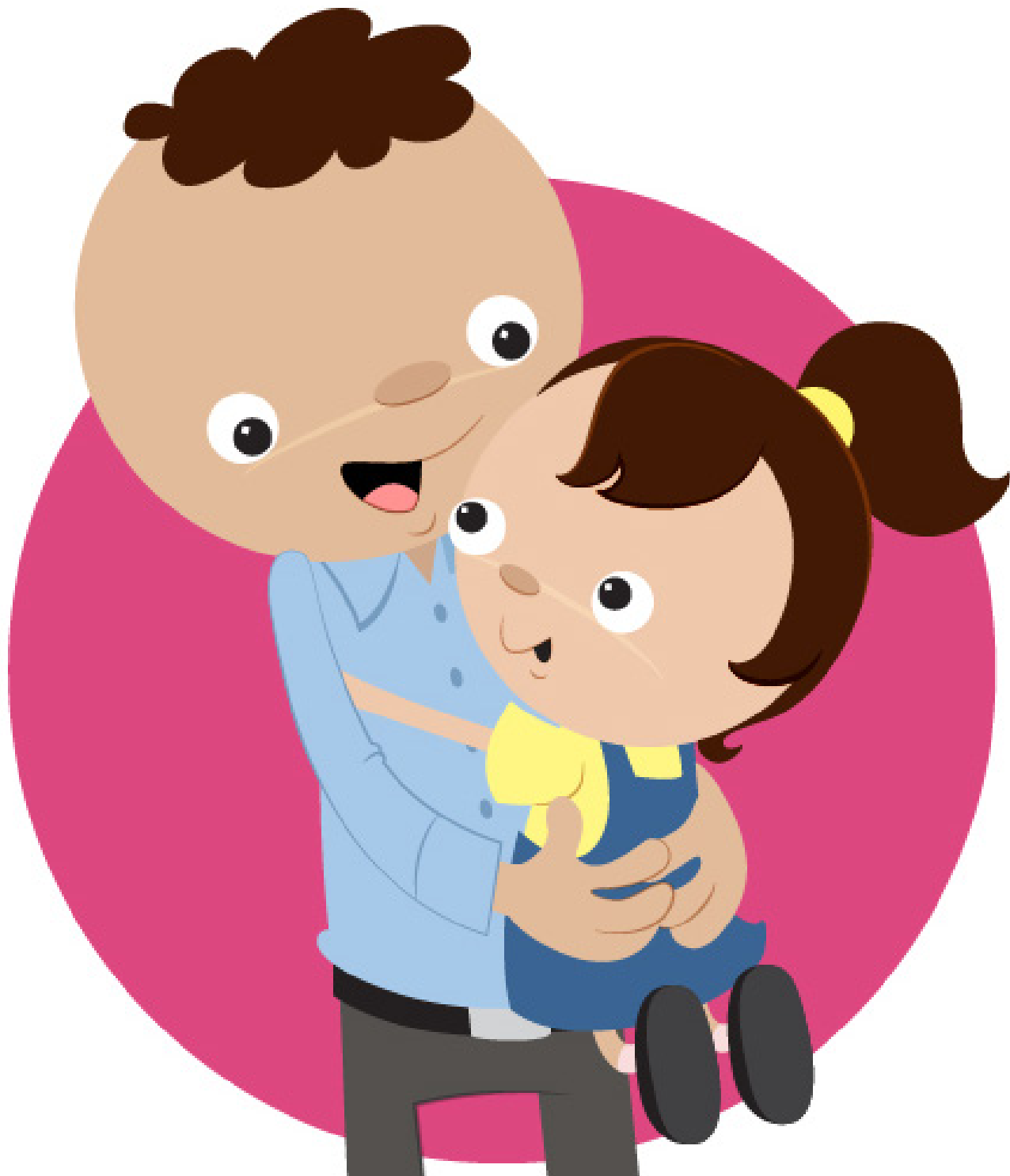


Lottie looked at it. There didn't seem to be anything special about their door.

"It looks big, doesn't it?"

Lottie nodded.

"Aha! But did you know that without something very tiny, these doors would not open? In fact, they would be entirely useless without these." Father pointed to the door's hinges, which allowed the door to swing open. "This is such an important part of the door, but you don't really notice it until you get up close. What would happen if one day these hinges got tired of doing their job and said, 'We're just little things, we don't really matter, so we're going to quit doing our job?'"



"We wouldn't be able to get in or out of our house!" exclaimed Lottie. "They're little, but they're important."

"That's exactly right," Mom agreed. "It's the same with little jobs. When you begin thinking the little things you do aren't important, you can think about our front door and these hinges."

Lottie felt better as they all walked into the house together. Little things really did matter.

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Do you sometimes feel as though the jobs you do aren't important? What's more important than the size of the job is how much thought and care you put into the job you are given to do.

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