

Scripture Reading: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

*Grandparents are the best kind of grownups. —Anon*

As we walked into the crowded ice cream shop, a young boy about the age of 10 turned to watch us as we made our way to the end of the long line.

But when I looked at him more closely, I saw that he was not watching me, but my friend who is 101 — young in mind and spirit but aged in body. Yet she advanced rather smartly with her walker and made eye contact with the youngster and smiled.

At that point the boy darted out of the line and moved toward some chairs — some very high chairs that were tucked under the high counter. Eagerly, he pulled out the chair and offered her a seat. Putting her walker aside, she and I worked together to get her seated while the boy folded the walker and leaned against the wall. He then returned to his place in line.

I had a wonderful day, but what was most special about it was this child.

Who had taught him to help others in such a way?

And how had this teaching been accomplished? A teacher? Maybe.

A grandparent, perhaps?

Yes, this is a real possibility! Of course, his parents no doubt had a role. But a grandma and grandpa have a way of illustrating important values that parents don't. They know how to show youngsters that caring for one another is really important — perhaps the most important thing in life.

—Melanie Silva

*Prayer: Help me, loving God, to think of others and their needs before my own — even if it means I lose my place in line. Amen.*