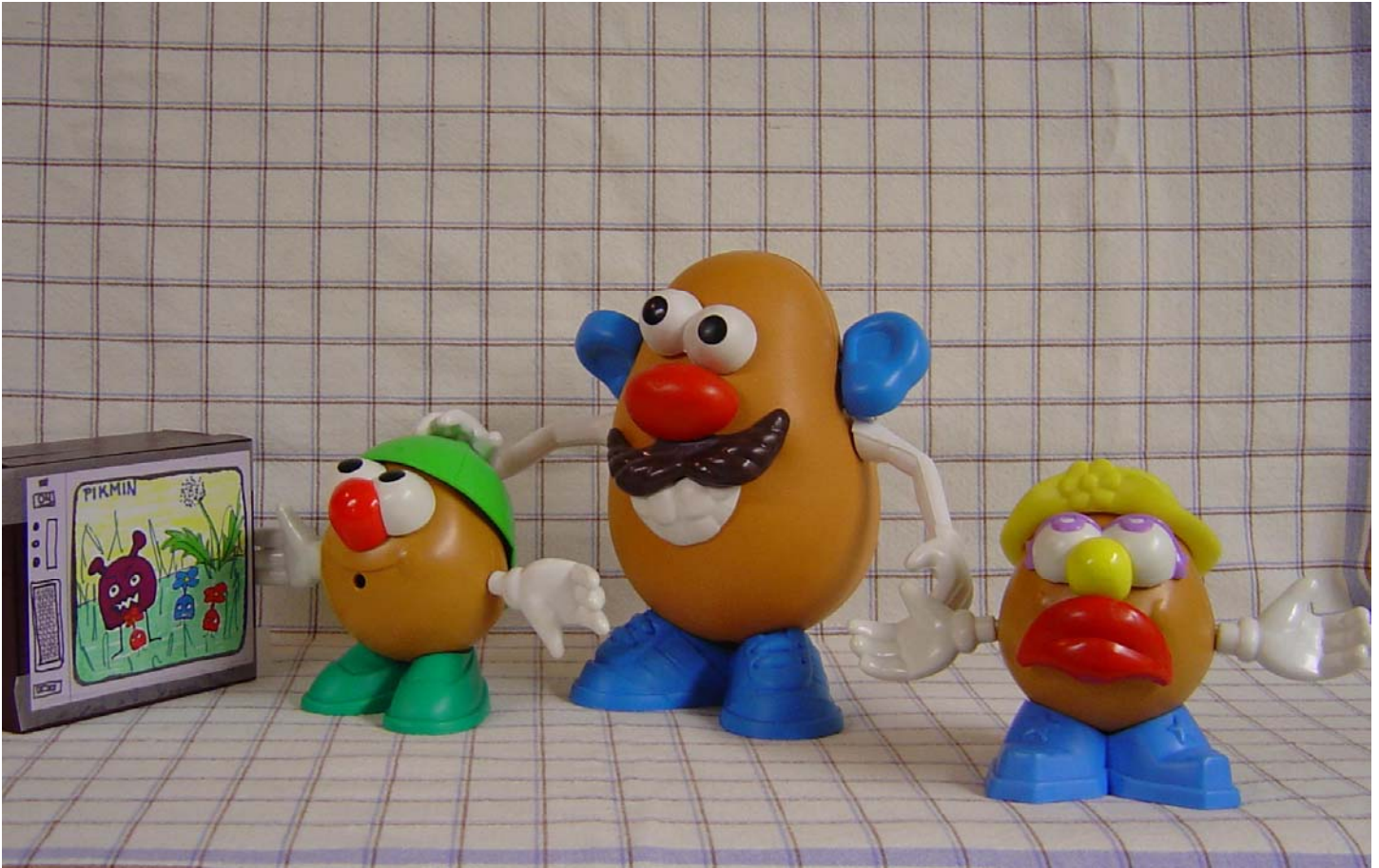


“Look Out For the Interest of Others”  
Philippians 2:4 and Matthew 21: 23-32  
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Mr. Potato Head, the Son is about to run down to the super market for some sour cream. His wife is upstairs scrubbing up for when their company comes to dinner.

Just before Mr. Potato Head, the Son, went out the door he said to Haman "Please do your chores to help us get ready for our company! You need to put away the silverware from the dishwasher and carry out the kitchen trash." And Haman said "I will Daddy!" Mr. Potato Head loves his little Tater Tot. He proudly patted him on the head with much affection.



Then, just as he was going out the door, Mr. Potato Head, the Son said to Polly, "You need to clean up the dog doo-doo from the back yard Polly. Please go out now." Polly said "NO!" But her daddy was already out the door when she said it.

Now, Haman, who said "I will Daddy," when asked to help, continued to play his game and to have fun rocking back and forth as he played. And Haman never did empty the silverware out of the dishwasher or carry out the kitchen trash.

And Polly, who said "NO!" when asked to help, regretted saying that. And even though she doesn't LIKE cleaning up the dog doo-doo from the yard, she did it. She got out the shovel and the bag and cleaned up all the piles. Then she put everything away and washed her hands because maybe she got germs on her hands.

Now, when Mr. Potato Head, the Son, got back from the store, who do you think he was pleased with? Polly.

And who do you think he was angry with? Haman

Jesus told the people who LOVE God, that they should go out and SERVE God. That meant that they should look out, not only for their own interest, but also for the interest of others. Some people do that and some don't.

We can be the kind of people who say "Yes, we will help," and then not do the work;

or

We can be the kind of people who look out for others and find ways to help.

Sometimes that means you can't just sit and play your own games. You need to help out at home by doing your chores.

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