

“He Has Lifted Up the Lowly”

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[Luke 1:52-53](#)

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“He has lifted up the lowly and filled the hungry with good things.” From Luke 1:52-53

Elizabeth’s family is having company for dinner and the table is almost all set! Her mother put the wine glasses around at each place setting and Aunt Gertrude lit the candles on the Advent wreath.



“Everything looks beautiful!” thought Elizabeth and her heart swelled with the excitement of Christmas. “Oh! I forgot to ask mommy who our company is. It’s probably some one important because we have all our best china out.”

Elizabeth made sure the napkins were all folded evenly. And she made sure the forks were exactly where they are supposed to be when important folks come for dinner. “It’s probably Pastor Ed and his wife and family. They are the most important people we know!”

Soon the doorbell rang and Elizabeth rushed to the door expecting it to be their company. But instead, there, standing in the snow, were the two poor sisters and their father from Harrisburg!



"Oh! Hello! How are you! Latisha and Toquoia! I remember you!" But then she thought they really had bad timing, arriving unannounced just before important company is due to arrive.

"Hold on! Let me tell my daddy that you are here." And Elizabeth shut the door and left them outside in the snow while she ran to get her daddy.

"Daddy, Latisha and Toquoia are here! What should we do? Our company will be here soon!"

"You closed the door on them?! Oh, my darling daughter, they ARE our company!"

"Ohhhhh! I'm so sorry!" and Elizabeth ran to the door and invited them inside. "I'm so sorry!" she said again.

"Welcome to our home," said Mr. Mawakasunga to their guests. "Please, let me take your coats."

Soon they were all seated around the dinner table having a very nice visit. After dinner the adults talked around the table and Elizabeth showed Latisha and Toquoia her bedroom and they played with her toys upstairs.

All too soon the evening was over and Elizabeth had had a wonderful evening with the sisters. After they all said their goodbyes, she helped Aunt Gertrude clear the table.

For a moment, Elizabeth was alone in the dining room. She had so much unexpected fun tonight. And then she thought about how she closed the door in their faces, thinking they were not the expected dinner guests.

"I'm sorry God," she said because she was embarrassed and ashamed by her mistake.



She took the candle snuffer and put out the candles. And as she watched the smoke curl up to the ceiling, she thought about her prayers winding their way into God's presence.

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