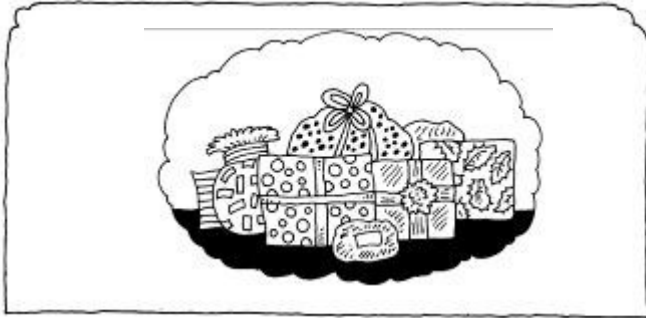


RANDOM acts of kindness

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One of God's Ten Commandments says not to steal another man's wife. David tried to hide what he had done, but God sees and knows everything.



Our sister used her pocket money to buy two hens and a rooster for a poor family in another country. Selling chickens and eggs would give them money to buy food.



Then our family decided we would like to do random acts of kindness and help some families who don't have much money, to have a special Christmas.



"I know a man who has just lost his job. The family may be struggling to buy food to eat, let alone have money to buy presents for their children," our father said.



Our mother began to buy a few extra items with her shopping each week. We made some Christmas cookies and homemade lemonade.



Our father dug new potatoes and picked fresh vegetables and strawberries from his garden. "Give from what is in your hand," he said. He was thankful he still had a good job.



On Christmas Eve we dropped our gifts on the family's front door step. "We have had a visit from angels," said the mother, with tears in her eyes.



As we sat down to our Christmas dinner we gave thanks for our food, family and friends. It felt good to know that we had shared what we have to help other families.