

Every year I hear Sophie's story, and wonder to myself how can I take inspiration from your story. Something that always inspires me from your story is to be nice, be happy, be grateful, always live life to the fullest, because you never know when it can be taken from you. I try my best to inspire other people to do the same.

One gift God gave me is being a good friend. I want to make sure that my friends can trust me with their problems, and secrets. Sometimes I just sit and listen to my friends, and if they want advice I give it to them, but if they don't then we never bring it up again. Another thing that I think makes me a good friend is try to include everyone in a game, or a group. I try to make everyone feel welcomed, and happy while we are together. Another example of being a good friend is when a new kid comes to the school, I try my best to make them feel welcomed, and know that they have friends in the school, although I may not know the person I still am nice to them. I use my being a good friend to the best of my ability, although it may be hard at times to be nice and understanding I still do my best.

The next gift I am going to be talking about is empathy. One example is if someone is having a bad day or is upset, I check in with them, since I would want them to do the same for me. The next example is when my friend's parent had cancer, I made sure to show that I cared and prayed for her, and her family. I made sure she was alright and was there to talk to her if she ever needed to, since I would want someone to do the same if I had to go through what they did. Before Covid my friend was having a really bad day, and started crying, I just sat there and let them hug me and cry into my shoulder. Although I wasn't fully able to understand what was happening I still tried my best to comfort her. I would want my friends to comfort me too.

The last gift I am going to talk about is my motivation toward others. One way I show motivation is with my friends that struggle with school. I tell them that they can do it, that they can work their hardest to try and get good grades, I make sure they know that they know that I am there for them if they need the motivation. Another example is this year because of Covid I didn't play basketball, but I went up and volunteered to work the scoreboard, while motivating and cheering my former teammates. Although I wasn't able to play I tried my best to motivate them.

Although what I do is not as impactful for what you do for cancer research, I try my best to have at least a small impact on the people around me. These gifts are just a few that God has blessed me with. I am very grateful for all these gifts.