



A Story of Invitation

AMY'S STORY

Sometimes the biggest stories begin with the simplest acts of kindness.

It started with a grilled cheese on a Wednesday afternoon. A friend's child loved coming each week and eventually asked if the whole family could visit EHills together.

They gave it a try, and from their very first visit, they felt like they had found a place where they belonged. Before long, they were taking next steps together, getting involved, inviting friends, and becoming part of the community.

Their story eventually became part of mine.

Because of their invitation, I started coming too. Since then, I've only missed a handful of Sundays. I've invited my spouse, we've brought friends, and even someone who had never been to church before. Today, she and her daughter still come regularly.

Along the way, we've found opportunities to serve wherever there's a need and invest in a community that first invested in us.

When I stop and think about it, it's incredible that something as ordinary as a grilled cheese sandwich could create such an extraordinary ripple effect. One simple meal led to one invitation. That invitation changed one family, then another, and then another.

Every week, more kids walk through those doors, and I can't help but wonder how many more lives are being changed because someone chose to serve a simple meal with kindness. It's a reminder that even the smallest acts of generosity can have an impact far beyond what we ever imagine.