

# 112學年度第2學期英語朗讀比賽文章

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### The Gift of Giving

While I was getting things ready for the Saturday garage sale, a picture caught my eye. It was a picture of my classmates and I when we were in eight. It showed the sizes of the clothes each of us wore, and the picture touched something deep in my heart. So I had my kids, Lynn and Jessica, look at the photo and told them, “Look, so many people are so poor that they don’t have the right clothes to wear. This weekend, we’re going to show what a big help we can be. How about each of us gives away a few things for free?”

I told the kids to start with old stuff they didn’t want anymore. Lynn took out boxes of old toy soldiers and T-shirts he grew out of. I smiled at Lynn and turned my head to see what Jessica would bring with her. There I saw her coming with her favorite doll, Gail, still new and well taken care of. “Jess, you don’t have to! You love this doll so much,” said I. “Mommy, if Gail can make me happy, she will make other girls happy, too. Bye now, Gail,” said Jessica as she waved to her doll.

I was impressed. What Jessica just did gave me much to think about. Giving away things you don’t want is easy, but sharing what you love isn’t. Putting yourselves in others’ shoes and giving them what they need most is, well, love.