

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

Happiness is the best makeup. —Drew Barrymore

Customer service people have a specific job to do: resolve issues or problems a customer has with a purchase or with the store's service.

Like most people, I have to return merchandise from time to time. But, fortunately, I cannot remember anything unpleasant. How about you? This is a good thing; it means that my experiences with customer service are generally positive.

This past week, I had an issue with a product I had purchased. I wrote to the company, and I received a nice reply from "Bess." At the end of her note, her signature was followed by her job title: Customer Happiness Specialist!

In other words, her job was to make me happy, and keep me happy.

This is a huge job, isn't it?

My philosophy is that generally it is *not my job to make the people around me happy*. I think that everyone must be responsible for their own happiness, contentment and peace. And I truly believe there is truth in this position.

BUT, that said, I also believe that I *can play an important role in promoting happiness*. I should do my very best to make it easier for my wife, my family, my friends and even strangers to be happy and have a good day.

I was impressed with Bess. And I decided that I, too, wanted to be a "happiness specialist."

What is required of someone who wants to be a Happiness Specialist?

You need a good heart and a good attitude (what some people would call a good disposition or outlook on life). You probably need an infinite amount of patience. A sense of humor wouldn't hurt, and you definitely need a smile.

Do you qualify for the job?

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Gracious God, thank you for giving to me all I need to bring good cheer into the world. Amen.

*Blessings,
Lisa & Pastor Ben Motz*

Daily Bible Readings

- Sunday: Exodus 1-4
- Monday: Exodus 5-7
- Tuesday: Exodus 8-10
- Wednesday: Exodus 11-13
- Thursday: Exodus 14-17
- Friday: Exodus 18-20
- Saturday: Psalms 13-15

Verse to Remember
*I am the LORD your God, ...
 you shall have no other gods
 before me.*
 —Exodus 20:2-3

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The Life of Moses

DIRECTIONS: This week we begin readings in Exodus, and Moses is the prominent figure in this book. This puzzle reveals the name of a very important person in his life. Use the grid on the right to fill in the empty boxes on the left, which — when filled out correctly — will reveal the name of this person. Remember, only one of the letters derived from the top or the bottom clue is the correct one. We've done one box for you.

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A5	E4	B2	E5	D4	A5



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3	Y	X	F	I	H
4	U	N	Z	A	O
5	M	D	S	V	L

Secret name? _____

INCOMPLETE PHRASES: Directions: Are you familiar with common American idioms and phrases? If so, this activity should be “a piece of cake.”

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| 1. A drop in the _____. | 6. The ball is _____. |
| 2. A diamond in the _____. | 7. A horse, a horse, _____. |
| 3. Barking up _____. | 8. A labor _____. |
| 4. Abandon hope _____. | 9. Been there, _____. |
| 5. A multitude _____. | 10. A house divided _____. |

Answers to INCOMPLETE PHRASES: 1. bucket, 2. rough, 3. the wrong tree, 4. ye who enter here, 5. of sins, 6. in your court, 7. my kingdom for a horse!, 8. of love, 9. done that, 10. against itself cannot stand.

Answer to Life of Moses: (spelled backwards): MAIRIM