

THE ADVENTURES OF FOYER TED

By Ian Menzies



Back at the beginning of the pandemic, the call went out to put a Teddy Bear in a window for local children to spot when out exercising 'on a bear hunt'. As the foyer of our Parish Centre has large glass windows to a street that has considerable foot traffic, I raided the church's toy box and put a bear on the couch in the window.

On an impulse, a week or so later I raided the church bookshelves and gave him *The Hungry Caterpillar* to read.

I was astonished to be swamped with feedback about how cute he looked, how that was so-and-so's favourite book, and what would he be doing next? So, the next week

he gained some headphones and the responses kept flowing. The challenge was on! Each week Foyer Ted had a new activity, duly photographed and included in our weekly newsletter.

Along came Easter eggs, a bunch of flowers for Mother's Day, some 'Blues Brothers' sunglasses, a mobile phone, binoculars and a bird book, jigsaws, knitting, crosswords... And the comments kept rolling in. Some people were making a special trip each week just to see what he was doing!

It was such a simple thing, really, but the Adventures of Foyer Ted demonstrate that even little things can make a surprising difference.

Reflection:

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed"

Matthew 13:12

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