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The Starfish Story



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**One day a man was walking along the beach
when he noticed a boy picking things up
and throwing them into the ocean.**

**Approaching the boy, he asked
“What are you doing?”**

**The youth replied
“Throwing starfish back into the ocean.
The surf is up and the tide is going out.
If they’re left on the beach, they die.”**

**“Son”, the man said,
“don’t you realize there are miles and miles of beach
and thousands and thousands of starfish?
You can’t make a difference!”**

**After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another
starfish, and threw it back into the ocean.**

**Smiling at the man, the boy said
“Just made a difference for that one.”**