



## **CAST YOUR PIG UPON THE WATERS**

**(Children's Story/Parable)**

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**“Cast your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will find it again”  
(Ecclesiastes 11:1, NIV).**

Pigs don't swim. Everyone knows that—except for Victoria Herberta, of Houston, Texas. For some reason she thought it would be interesting to teach her pet pig, “Priscilla,” how to swim. Later Victoria took some friends and Priscilla for an outing to a lake near her home. While they were there, Priscilla heard the cries of 11-year-old Anthony Burk, who had ventured out over his head and didn't know how to swim. Priscilla swam to the drowning boy, who grabbed her leash, and she towed him to safety.

Whenever we do something positive for someone else, we don't always know if or when it may lead to something greater than we intended. When Victoria Herberta taught her pet pig, Priscilla, to swim, she surely could not have suspected that she was making a lifeguard out of Priscilla, who would someday save someone's life.

That's how it is with the rest of us too. Kindness is an investment. When we cast the bread of kindness on the waters, we may well be starting a chain of positive influence that may help many others in unexpected ways.