

## Forces of nature

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Long time ago, there was a girl called Lily. Lily did not like helping the needy. She had never donated money to the charity, sold flags or visited the elderly home. She was not kind or helpful. At school, all her classmates joined the activities to raise money for the charity, only she refused to join them. She was very selfish.

One night, Lily was watching TV at home. She watched a documentary which was about a powerful earthquake in Japan. In the TV programme, an earthquake measuring 5.8 on the Richter scale struck northern Japan! The buildings shook severely. Everyone was panic. A man was very frightened. He hid under a table quickly. He would be buried by the broken ceiling. But Lily thought the TV programme was boring. 'I'm not interested in anything about natural events or disasters. This TV programme is so tiresome!' Lily said. Then she went to bed.

Lily went to bed after watching TV. At first, she slept soundly. But at midnight, she had a terrible nightmare. It was upset and scary. In her dream, an powerful earthquake occurred. It caused a severe flood and tsunamis. The earthquake caused enormous damage to the houses and buildings, and even destroyed everything. All the people lost their homes. Somebody even lost their family members! Lily lost her home too. She could only live in a tent. She was cold at night because she did not have any blankets. Nobody helped her. She felt lonely and helpless.

The next morning when Lily woke up, she was very worried about the people who lived in the earthquake zones. She finally understood that they needed help! She regretted that she didn't help them before.

From then on, Lily was willing to help the people in need. She enjoyed joining the charity work and always donated money to the charity.