

Do Great Things for God

# Amy Carmichael



The Brown-Eyed Girl Who Learned to Pray

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Amy Carmichael had brown eyes, though she wished they were blue.

She begged God to change their color, but peering into the mirror, it didn't seem like he'd heard her prayer. She did so want blue eyes!



Amy started her life in a small village in Ireland. She loved to paint, ride ponies, and cause mischief! But then she was sent away to a school in England.



While she was away, she found herself thinking about her mother's favorite hymn, "Jesus Loves Me." She loved the lines "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; we are weak, but he is strong." Amy realized that Jesus had died for her sins and that her life was made for him.



After she moved back to Ireland, one Sunday after church, Amy and her brothers saw a poor, old woman shouldering a heavy bundle, so they stopped to help.

Amy's cheeks burned with embarrassment when she saw the frowns of people passing by, but Amy knew that God wanted her to love people who were seen as unlovable.





Amy asked God for help, and this time, God answered her prayer in just the way she'd asked. He provided a new meeting hall, and Amy named it "The Welcome."



Amy started to care for the "shawlies"—women who had very little money and who wore thin shawls as they worked in local mills. Amy started a meeting for the shawlies in her church, but some church people didn't want to share their space with people who were poor.