

## So God Made a 4-H Member...

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God looked down on the earth he created and said,  
“I need someone who will keep the agriculture industry growing for years to come”;

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God said, “I need someone who will work all year, getting their steers, heifers,  
and pigs ready for that one show day that doesn’t even last all day”;

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“I need someone who will have the leadership skills to run a meeting at a young age,  
Someone who knows the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H pledge like the back of their hand,  
Someone you can count on to finish the job they started, even if it means staying later than planned”;

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God said, “I need somebody to teach the public about all the wonderful things agriculture provides.  
Someone who will let young children pet their calf while at the fair.  
Someone who volunteers for their community any chance they get.  
Someone who knows that there will always be a bright future for agriculture,  
because without it we would be naked and hungry.

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God had to have someone who can have fun when given a deck of cards and a bale of hay.  
Someone who can be best friends with their toughest competitors;

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God said “I need someone who knows how to deal with hard work, pain and sweat  
for long enough to finish the last load of hay and still push through until chores are done.

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It had to be someone that had a passion for livestock and beyond; somebody who can sew,  
cook, show, take pictures, plant crops, care for animals, make things out of wood,  
bake, write, knit, volunteer, fix things, problem solve, all while still having fun.  
Somebody who would be able to handle not getting first because at the end of the day  
it isn’t all about the number of trophies or ribbons you have,  
it’s about the friendships and memories that will last a lifetime.

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