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Come out come out wherever you are. I've been waiting for you. Welcome back to Miss Robins place where "Different isn't bad" and kids can be themselves. This is a podcast just for you!

If you haven't met Stubby the cat go back and listen to episode 1 Different Isn't Bad. There You'll find out just how different Stubby really is and how much he is loved.

In today's original story Stubby the cat has had a hard emotional day at school and Lucy the dog, who you met in episode 3 tries to help.

Have you ever had BIG emotions? Me too!

Sometimes I go from happy to sad to mad to happy again! Emotions are kind of like that.

Have you ever been on a rollercoaster with all the ups and downs? Well, that's how I feel when I can't seem to control MY BIG emotions.

We all need a friend like Lucy the dog who will sit down, stare us in the eyes with love, wag her tail, and just listen.

So now join me as we hear about Stubby the cat's emotional day at school and how Lucy the dog helped him feel better.

Ready, Set, Here we go!

Lucy I'm Home by Robin Marie Johnson

Stubby couldn't wait to get home. His first day at school had been very hard and he wanted to talk to his friend Lucy about it.

"Lucy I'm home!" Stubby shouted at the top of his lungs.

From behind the big shed, Lucy came running. She had been waiting all day for Stubby.

I'm here! Lucy barked

With only three legs and a somewhat crooked tail Stubby wasn't as good at jumping so he squeezed his way through a small opening at the bottom of the fence into the yard he and Lucy called home.

"I've missed you" barked Lucy as she poked her wet nose inside Stubbies backpack hoping to find a treat.

"Did you bring anything home for me?"

Stubby frowned.

"I had a terrible day!"

Lucy's head dropped as she leads Stubby across the yard to their favorite place under the Giant Oak Tree.

From the first time they had met this was a spot where laughter and tears seem to happen.

Sitting down under the shade of the oak tree, Stubby began to talk and Lucy began to listen.

"Oh Lucy, nothing went right at school" Stubby cried

Lucy cocked her head to one side. She wanted Stubby to know that she heard him.

"Giggly Goat & Funny Ferret were mean to me today! I thought they were my friends but they have changed"

Lucy licked Stubby's little paw as if saying, I understand.

"They called me "Kimpy" just because I don't walk like they do."

"That must have hurt Stub-a-rue" Lucy barked

"It did! Stubby replied

"Then when I cried they called me a cry baby."

“That wasn’t very nice.” Lucy barked again.

Stubby cried and cried until his tears were all dried up. Then as if he had heard a small voice in his head, that sounded a bit like mama, Stubby began to straighten himself up.

“Tomorrow is a new day, and I will be happy again.”

“That’s not who I am! I’m not any of those names they called me. I’m Brave, I’m Kind and I’m different and that’s good enough!!

Turning his frown upside down. Stubby began to laugh.

“Let’s do the happy dance Lucy.”

And dance they did until they got so tired they fell on the grass and took an afternoon nap.

All was well in Stubby’s world again.

Questions

1. What happened at school that made Stubby have a hard day?
2. Has any of your friends been mean to you? What happened?
3. What was it that helped Stubby go from sad to happy again?
4. Who can you help feel better?
5. What will you do to help them?

Thank you for sharing your time with me. These short children’s stories were meant to feel like the old time “Sit around the Radio” broadcast that were so popular during turbulent times in our past. It’s a place my heart often yearns to return to. A place where families gathered together, listening to stories that made them laugh and cry! It was a simpler time.

So If you enjoyed this episode and want to hear more about the adventures of Stubby the cat, be looking for them every Friday. There you can sit down, connect and make a difference in the life of your child.

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I'd love to hear YOUR stories so again visit my website at www.robinmarie.org and share them with me.

There's a resource page full of things for families to look at and for families to do.

That's all for now.