

## Season 2

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Hey Kids and Kids at heart!

Welcome to season 2 of the Different Isn't Bad podcast with Miss Robin

This is a podcast your family can trust!

Miss Robin brings over 25 years of experience with her as she lovingly guides children and families through each short podcast episode teaching all of us what it means to be brave, kind and different.

Around here kids are important and different isn't bad, it's just different!

Miss Robin helps you use your imagination as she leads you on a special journey through her original stories and special featured stories by children's authors around the world.

At the end of each story Miss Robin will ask you to pause and think about the story you just heard then take a few moments to talk with your loved ones about some of the things you've learned.

Most episodes only take 15 minutes! Wow that's not much time at all and think of how much fun we will have.

When you and your adults subscribe to the Different isn't bad podcast you will receive a new episode every week!

That's 4 stories a month and 4 times Miss Robin and you get to be together!

There is another place Miss Robin would like to invite you to. It's her happy place where she tells you all about Stubby the cat, and you can see real pictures of him. You can also see pictures of children just like you who love hearing the stories Miss Robin shares.

Check out the free downloadable coloring pages when you are there.

Remember to always take an adult with you when you visit [www.robinmarie.org](http://www.robinmarie.org)

We're so glad you decided to join our podcast family.

Now onto our story for today

## **Kindness Counts (1-3-21)**

By Robin Marie Johnson

Born with only three legs and one blind eye. Stubby the cat was different.

But Stubby knew different, wasn't bad. And today he was going to go on an adventure.

Hopping down the path that led to the magical forest behind his home, Stubby could hear his mama's voice calling after him.

"Remember Stubby, kindness counts"

Head up and eyes closed, Stubby could feel the afternoon sun on his face as he thought about what mama cat said.

Suddenly without warning Stubby tripped, falling flat on his furry little back.

"Ouch" Stubby cried.

"H..h...hello." a small quiet voice could be heard coming from under a pile of leaves.

Stubby inched his way closer to the sound.

It was then that Stubby saw her. A tiny little Bluebird.

"Do you need my help?" Stubby asked as he straightened himself up trying to look as kind as he could.

"Why would you want to help me? Cats don't like birds." the Bluebird chirped in fear.

"You can trust me, I won't hurt you, " Stubby whispered gently.

The little Bluebird straightened herself up trying to look as brave as she could.

"I fell from the tree. If you could lift me up I might be able to fly again."

"Of course." Stubby replied.

Reaching out, he slid his furry paw under the little Bluebirds tiny feet, giving her a gentle push, up up uppity, until she was soaring into the sky.

“I’m flying,” the Bluebird shouted.

“You were meant to fly, little bird.” Stubby shouted back.

Returning to his big backyard, Stubby held his head up high as mama-cat licked his furry face.

“I’m so proud you showed kindness today” mama cat purred.

Stubby smiled.

“Kindness really does count Mama,” he replied.

Then he licked his paws, jumped up into his safe cozy bed and went to sleep.

### **Interlude - Dance of Felt**

Are you ready kids and kids at heart? Now it’s your turn to connect.

Pause the podcast after each question and talk about it with someone you love and trust.

1. What was different about Stubby the Cat? Here’s a hint: He was born that way.
2. What did mama cat tell Stubby as he was going out on his adventure?
3. What happened to the little bird that Stubby met?
4. Has someone ever been kind to you? What did they do?
5. Talk about something you can do to be kind to someone who is different than you.

Kindness really does count kids and kids at heart. Whenever we show kindness to people we show what it means to be different.

When Miss Robin was a little girl she had a hard time making friends. She was very shy. That means she didn't talk too much. Can you believe that?

Miss Robin was also afraid of what other children would say about her.

Would they think she was nice or would they want to play with her?

These are things children often think about.

Do you?

One day another little girl just about the same age as Miss Robin did something kind that made Miss Robin feel safe enough to be her friend.. She invited her to play on the playground.

In one of Miss Robin's favorite books called "The Bible" there are some special words she likes to remember when it comes to being kind. I'll read them first then you can say it with our kids.

Are you ready, here we go.

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted forgiving one another"

Now you say it with our kids.

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted forgiving one another" **(have Micah & Ez record)**

We've talked about what it means to be kind but what does it mean to be tenderhearted and forgiving?

To be tenderhearted means not to keep anger inside you.

I know that's hard to do when someone has hurt you, isn't it.

Then the Bible says to forgive. What does it mean to forgive?

It means you let go of wanting to be mean back to the people who hurt you.

Instead you choose to be kind to them.

But Miss Robin, what if they keep being mean. What if they bully me?

If you are being "bullied" you should always tell an adult that you trust so they can help you.

Being kind, tenderhearted and forgiving doesn't mean you let someone treat you badly and don't ever say anything. It's more about how YOU treat them.

We'll talk more about that in our next couple podcast but for now remember that when YOU choose to be kind it helps YOU feel better and shines the light of goodness into our world. And we need MORE of that don't we?

So, until next time "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted forgiving one another"

Thanks for spending some time with Miss Robin. She loves sharing with all of you! Anytime you want to stop by and listen or have your parents subscribe and leave a review, that would make her so happy!

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See you next time!

Be Brave, Be Kind and Be Different! **(Have all kids record this with you)**