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Well, hi there kids. 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!

In today's original story, Stubby finds out that he is royalty.

Do you know what it means to be royalty?

It means you are part of a Monarchy. In episode 9 "The Jester Club" we talked about the Monarchy. Go back and listen if you haven't heard it.

Being part of a Monarchy means you have to act differently. It's not always easy being royal.

Have you ever wanted to be a King? How about a Queen? What about a Prince or Princess?

When I was a little girl, I dreamed of being a princess.

In today's episode "The Unlikely Prince" Stubby learns the real meaning of being a royal and that treating people the way you want to be treated is the most royal thing you could ever do.

So now, on to our story

Ready, Set, here we go!!

## **The Unlikely Prince**

**by Robin Marie Johnson**

Stubby loved spending time with his sister, Princess. Her name was a reminder of who she was.

With her soft long tail, four swift feet and big blue eyes, she was the perfect image of their daddy.

Although daddy was no longer around, Mama cat used to tell them stories about him.

“I wish you had met the King,” Mama purred. “He was the bravest, strongest, kindest King anyone has ever known.”

Looking down at his little stumpy leg, Stubby felt like he didn’t belong!

His sister Princess was royalty for sure. She was beautiful!

“I wish I looked more like daddy,” Stubby said as his sister curled up next to him ready for bed.

“You are more like him than you think, Stubby.” Princess replied.

“But I am half a cat.” Stubby cried. With only three legs and one eye, Stubby looked very different from his royal family.

“You are a Prince my son,” Mama would say every day.

But seeing himself as mama and Princess saw him was hard. Even his name reminded him of it. Stubby, the unlikely Prince!

“Maybe today will be different.” Stubby muttered to himself as he wiped the sleep out of his eyes.

“Hold your head up high,” Mama repeated. “You are the son of a King!! Don’t let anyone make you feel less than you are.”

It was a new day, and Stubby was changing.

“Remember who your daddy is,” he repeated to himself. “Your daddy is a King that makes you a Prince!”

The more Stubby said it, the more he believed it!!

“I am a Prince! Stubby shouted in his bravest voice!”

Licking his fur and straightening his crooked tail, Stubby stood tall. It didn’t matter what he looked like on the outside; it was the inside that counted, and he was brave and kind on the inside, just like his daddy the King.

“I will walk and talk like a prince, because that’s who I am!”

Princess and mama smiled; they knew that as royalty, all of them needed to act differently.

So with a bounce in their step and a twinkle in their eye, the royal family headed out into their kingdom to play with Stubby, the unlikely Prince leading the way.

*So now it's your turn, kids. Pause the podcast and discuss the questions with someone you love and trust.*

1. What kind of cat was Stubby's daddy?
2. Why didn't Stubby feel like a prince?
3. If you were part of a royal family, how would you behave?
4. What brave, kind things will you do for others today?

Thank you for sharing your time with me. These short children's stories feel a little like the old time "Sit around the Radio" broadcast. 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.

If you enjoyed this episode and want to hear more about the adventures of Stubby the cat, have your adults subscribe to this podcast so you won't miss any of them. Ask them to give Stubby a review too! I know he would do the happy dance!

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That's all for now.