

Hey all you kids and kids at heart! Welcome back to the “Different isn’t Bad” podcast. A podcast your family can trust.

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

Easter is just around the corner and today Miss Robin would like to share a story she wrote for her grandkids, Micah, Ezekiel, Urijah, Oakland and Emery. It’s about a bunny named Benny and his friend Charlie the chicken.

My grandson Micah loves bunnies and my grandson Ezekiel loves chickens so what else could Miss Robin write about today.

Come along and listen in now as I read you one of my original stories just in time for Easter!

Enjoy!

Benny the Bunny and the Chicken Scratch Dance

By Robin Marie Johnson

“Join me on my bunny trail,” Benny the Bunny said to his new friend Charlie the chicken.

“There are too many interesting things beneath the ground to see,’ said Charlie the chicken.

“I’m only scratching the surface. Why don’t you Join me”

But Benny the bunny wasn’t interested in getting dirty, he had adventures to go on and things to learn along his bunny trails.

“No thank you,” Benny said as he twitched his pink nose and straightened his white ears.

Charlie the chicken liked to spend his days scratching in the dirt looking for bugs but Benny the bunny liked to keep his head UP not down.

Hopping along his bunny trail Benny came to a stop. The trail had come to an end and he would have to choose which way to go next. To the left or to the right?

Putting one little bunny paw onto the trail Benny started to quiver. Was he taking the best trail or would the other trail be better?

Quickly, Benny moved toward the right trail hoping there would be a sign from the heavens that this trail would be the BEST.

But nothing!

Bennie looked up into the sky wishing it would help him make a good choice but all he got was a gentle breeze blowing across his furry head.

“Do the chicken scratch dance” Benny heard from behind him.

It was Charlie the chicken who had followed him down the trail.

Benny had never been happier to see his friend. Right now he needed some helpful advice and he knew Charlie liked to give it. He never stopped talking.

“What’s the chicken scratch dance?” Benny was a curious bunny. Although he didn’t always do what others suggested he liked being in the know.

“Don’t always look up. Sometimes you have to look down. Sometimes the ground gives you just what you’re searching for. Move your feet like this.”

Charlie started to do a dance with his scrawny little feet.

“In the chicken world we call this the chicken scratch dance.”

What did Benny the bunny have to lose? He needed to know which direction to follow and looking up was getting him nowhere.

It was the funniest sight the animals on the ranch had ever seen. Charlie the chicken and Bennie the bunny dancing oh so differently! And boy were they different.

And then it happened. Right before the eyes of the ranch animals on the right side trail.

Carrots!

Yes, a trail of them began to emerge out of the ground. Leading the friends to a beautiful Spring garden full of yummy food.

“I can’t believe my eyes,” Benny shouted as Charlie continued to scratch for carrots along the trail.

“What?” Charlie said, keeping his head to the ground.

“Look up,” Bennie yelled. “Look up!”

As Charlie lifted his fluffy feathery head, all he could do was CLUCK with happiness.

“I told you the ground would help us find the right path.” Charlie responded.

“You were right,” Benny replied. “The more we dug the more clues we found. I guess I do need to do more scratching in the dirt more even if I get dirty.”

Charlie the chicken laughed.

“And if you hadn’t reminded me to look up I would have missed the garden.”

Smiling at each other the two friends enjoyed all that the garden had to offer.

Charlie the chicken found lots of bugs and worms in the soft wet ground and Benny the bunny smelt the freshness of the green leaves as he lifted his pink nose into the air and munched on lots and lots of carrots!

Are you ready kids and kids at heart ? It’s time to connect?

Remember to pause the podcast after each question and let everyone have a turn answering.

1. Why didn’t Benny the bunny want to hang out with Charlie the chicken?
2. What made Benny the bunny stop and listen to Charlie the chicken?
3. What did Charlie tell Benny to do and what did they find at the end of the right trail?

I hope you like the story? I enjoyed reading it to you!

In our next episode we will have a story about Easter. I can’t wait for Easter. It’s a time I like to spend with my children and grandchildren. We usually go to church, eat together and then the kids have an easter egg hunt in the backyard. Bubbles and water are usually a part of the big day.

I’d love to hear some of the things you do on Easter . Have your parents come with you and visit me at www.robinmarie.org . On my website there are coloring pages and pictures of lots of my favorite characters in my podcast stories plus a place on my homepage to send me your story and thoughts.

Have a great week full of adventures and don’t forget to be brave, kind and different because different isn't bad it’s just different.