

Glad you're back kids and kids at heart. How is your summer going so far? What have you been doing? I hope you're enjoying our summer favorites episodes. If you are new to the "Different Isn't Bad Podcast" there are lots of stories to catch up on these are just a few of them.

Our Sprinkle series called "It's ok to make mistakes" are some of Miss Robin's favorites. Go back and listen to episodes 41- 44 to hear all about people who made BIG mistakes but God loved and used anyway.

Today's original story is the second part of our story about Stubby and his best friend Lucy the dog.

Spoiler alert. If you haven't heard the first half of this story, go back and listen to last week's podcast episode 47 "Lucy I'm Home" so you don't miss out on how it all began.

Are you ready?

Here we go!

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.

Did you guess right? Awesome job! How did Lucy cheer Stubby up?

If you had a friend who had a bad day what would you do to cheer them up?

Maybe you thought it would have gone a different way.

If you wrote the story how would you have written it differently?

Tell someone about it.

Alright here’s another little surprise for all you kids and kids at heart.

Another question I get a lot is:

Do you ever get scared sharing your stories in front of people ?

YES!

Sometimes my heart beats faster and my mouth gets really dry.

But I have found that when I do share, even if I mess up, kids like what I have written.

If they don’t then I tell myself, “Miss Robin maybe you should add this to your story or take that away from the story.”

There are times that I say to myself “ I’m going to keep it just the way I wrote it because I like it and that's good enough.”

But I try not to let people's opinions stop me from continuing to write and share my stories. The more I do it the better I get at it!

I’d like to take a moment to give a shout out to my great niece Abigail who loves to draw and write! Keep going Abby! Everyday you are getting better and more creative!!

Never ever give up!

Next week Miss Robin will tell you a new story all about two of Stubby's funniest friends. You don’t want to miss it!

I’d love to hear from you so bring your parents over to my place at www.robinmarie.org. You’ll find all kinds of fun things to look at and download, including real pictures and videos of Stubby the cat and all his friends, located on my resource page.

Don’t forget to have your parents subscribe to this kids podcast and spread the word to all your friends and family.

So, until next time.

Remember to be brave, be kind and don’t be afraid to be different!

Bye.