

Welcome, I'm Miss Robin and this is the Different Isn't Bad podcast for kids and kids at heart.

Have you ever been teased about how you look on the outside? Or maybe someone thought you were selfish but really you were just afraid you'd miss out?

Me too.

In today's episode we meet a new cat that lives in the big backyard. His name is Max and he is very misunderstood.

Listen in.

Max was selfish. At least that's what all the other cats called him.

"Have you seen the way he eats his food?" laughed Pockets "He's so selfish he doesn't even share."

"Look at him," shouted Boots. "He can't even squeeze through the side gate at night, much less jump over it. He's so fat"

"That's what he gets for being so selfish," Tommy cat meowed.

The only thing that made Max feel better was eating the grains and table scraps farmer Dave placed in the feeders every morning.

Max would gobble up as much food as he could eat. He was afraid the other animals would push him out if he didn't get there first.

"You're a good cat" farmer Dave would say as he patted Max on the head.

"Don't let them bother you"

Max meowed and finished his meal, then waddled back out into the yard, hoping one of the backyard cats would invite him to play.

One by one the cats passed Max by until at last he was alone.

"I'm not selfish," Max thought to himself as he sat in the corner of the yard. "I'm just afraid,"

"I know you're afraid, so was I," a small voice interrupted his thoughts. It was Stubby the cat. Max knew that Stubby was different. Born with only three legs and one blind eye Stubby never let anyone get him down.

“You don’t have to be afraid, I’ll be your friend. Would you like to play chase with me? Stubby meowed.

“That would be nice,” Max replied. “But I’m not very fast.”

“That’s ok, follow me, we can do it together.”

Max smiled. None of the other cats had shown any compassion but Stubby was kind, brave and different.

“Can I have a head start?” Max asked.”

Of course,” Stubby replied.

Then off they ran, Stubby three legged and blind and Max just a little behind.

This was going to be a good day after all.

Now it’s time to talk about the story you just heard with someone you love and trust.

1. Why do you think Max the cat gobbled up his food so fast?
2. What are a few things Stubby the cat did or said to make Max feel better?
3. Have you ever been misunderstood? What happened?

Ok, it’s time for our Bible verse. We say it and remember it.

I’ll say it first then you can say it with me.

Matthew 7:12

Do to others what you would have them do to you.

Now it’s your turn to say it with me. Here we go.

Matthew 7:12

Do to others what you would have them do to you.

God says, think about how you would like to be treated and treat others the same way. That’s not always so easy, is it?

But when we do what God says we show the love of Jesus just like he showed his love to us.

So today as you play with your friends or your brothers and sisters, think about our verse and about Max and Stubby and be brave, kind and different.

Learn to be understanding, not mean or rude.

I'm so glad you joined me today. If you haven't heard season's 1 & 2 or the first 2 episodes of season 3 go back and listen. There are a lot of stories to choose from.

If you'd like to see real pictures of all the animals in my stories, and coloring pages you can download, have your adult take you to my website at www.robinmarie.org Your parents can also find Miss Robin on my instagram account at robinmarie59.

Don't forget our coloring contest is still going on! Listen to my bonus episode for all the details, it's FUN!

So until next time.

Remember to be brave, be kind and be different just like Stubby the cat.

Bye!