

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

Have you ever been on a long road trip? Do you go to your grandparents house or on vacation? Did your parents use a map? Maybe they just use their phones?

Well sometimes road trips can be fun and sometimes they can cause all kinds of problems.

Listen in.

Stubby the cat was different with only three legs and one eye; his sense of direction wasn't always very good BUT he knew what to do when he was confused.

Stubby the cat and his best friend Lucy were taking their first long road trip together and things weren't going as they planned.

“Stubba -roo!” Lucy the dog barked.

“We need to go this way not that way!”

“If we go that way we'll end up in the ocean” Stubby said as kindly as he could.

“Where's the map, Lucy?” Stubby pulled the big red wagon over.

Lucy stared at him in disbelief!

“What are you doing Stubba-roo? I put the address into my nacky, wacky, I-Phone. It's never let me down before.” Lucy replied.

Stubby knew that a map was always a good thing to take with you on long drives to places you've never been. Mama had reminded him to put it in his suitcase before they left.

“Remember to be brave and kind, Stubby.” Mama said as she kissed him goodbye.

Being brave wasn't as hard as being kind, especially when you knew you were right.

Although a map was the right thing, Stubby knew that sometimes it's more important to be kind than to be right .

“Ok, Lucy, let’s follow your nacky, wacky I-phone and see where it takes us.”

Pulling the big red wagon back onto the road, Stubby listened as Lucy gave him the directions. But he didn't just listen, he paid attention as they passed, beautiful palm trees and valleys full of bright yellow flowers. He felt the cool breeze from the ocean as they came closer to the sea shore and he heard birds singing and children playing in the sand along the beach.

“I guess this was the wrong way to go.” Lucy said when she realized they were far from the place they had wanted to be.

Stubby winked his eye and meowed.

“It might seem like your direction was wrong Lucy, but look where it took us?”

Then Stubby parked the wagon next to shore, grabbed the blanket and sandwiches mama had packed for him and hopped out.

“Come on Lucy. It’s a good day for a picnic by the ocean, don’t you think?”

Lucy barked with happiness.

“I’ll bring the map so we can plan our next adventure.”

Then they settled into the warm sand and enjoyed the picnic and each other's company.

Now it’s time to talk about today’s story. Remember to pause the podcast after each question.

Where do you think Stubby and Lucy might have been going on their long road trip?

Have you ever taken a long road trip with your family? Where?

Have you ever read a map before? See if your adult can find a map and spend some time looking at places you might like to go.

What are some things you would take with you on that long adventure?

Did you know that as Jesus followers we have a map that keeps us going in the right direction?
It's called the Bible!
Here is our verse to say and remember today.

I'll say it first, then you say it with me.

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

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

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What does that mean Miss Robin?

It means that Jesus is the true way to heaven. He's the only way. And his word the Bible is our road map. Sometimes we might get lost but if we turn around and follow Him and His word we will end up in the right place after all.

I don't know about you but that makes me so happy. Just like Stubby and Lucy I often end up in the wrong place but God knows my heart and He is a good and kind friend and he always gives me a second chance to follow his directions again.

And when I ask him to get me back on the right road he does!! Just like Lucy realized that the map was the way to find their new adventure, So Jesus knows that the Bible is the only way to find our true adventure.

Kids. Riding with Jesus is the best adventure you'll ever have! Oh, you might get distracted when you read the map But you'll end up in a place just right for you if you listen and obey. It's a place filled with joy and happiness. That sounds like the best place ever.

So today. Trust Jesus! Read his map, the Bible, and follow it's directions. You'll be glad you did. I'm so glad you joined me.

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See you next time! Bye

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