

Welcome, I'm Miss Robin and this is the Different Isn't Bad podcast for kids. Have you ever felt like giving up? Maybe you tried something new, like a sport or art project or even tried making a new friend and nothing worked out as you had planned?

Your "Want To" was broken.

In today's episode Stubby the cat learns what it means to keep going and to keep trying.

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Stubby the cat was the kindest, bravest, cat in the big backyard. Everyday he would go searching for a new friend. But most of the other cats in the yard complained about everything.

"The food around here is bad" one would say.

"I agree," another would reply.

"That new grey cat is taking over the yard, I don't like him." said another.

Stubby knew their words only made things worse. He wanted to be different.

"We should be thankful we have food at all." Stubby said to his friends as they gathered at the watering bowl.

The other cats just rolled their eyes and slowly moved away.

One day Stubby was tired and he decided he didn't want to be different anymore. It would be easier to join the others complaining rather than being kind every day.

"Mama," Stubby cried one morning as he got ready to go play. "My "Want To" is broken.

Mama cat reached out with her soft paw. "Stubby, sometimes my "want to" is broken also. I've been sick for a long time. It would be much easier to lay in bed and feel sorry for myself than to get up, stretch, and move into the sunshine.

When I feel like my "want to" is breaking, I remember my "Get Too".

Stubby tilted his head showing that he didn't understand what Mama was saying.

"When I feel like giving up Stubby, I repeat this." Mama pulled herself up and continued.

"I get to have another day with my Stubby," she said.

"I get to sit another day in the sunshine." She winked.

"I get to hear the sweet songs of the blue birds and feel the joy it brings to my day."

"Our words make a difference don't they mama" Stubby said as he began to understand.

Mama nodded.

"Now Stubby, I get to take a nap." she said and curled up in her cozy warm bed..

"I will choose to be different again," Stubby announced as he watched his mama sleeping.

Then off into the big backyard he bounced with a new and better "want to" than before.

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

What was happening that caused Stubby to want to give up?

What did mama cat tell Stubby she does when her "want to" is breaking?

Has your "want to" ever been broken? What happened?

Tell your loved one some things you "Get To" do.

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We all go through times when we want to give up. When our "Want To" is broken. I know I have.

Here is a verse to remember the next time that happens.

Today I'm reading it out of the Message translation because it's so good!

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

2 Corinthians 4:16a

So we're not giving up. How could we?

Now it's your turn to say it with me.

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So we're not giving up. How could we?

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When my “Want To” is breaking I need my friends. People who love me and want the best for me. I need them to speak words of encouragement.

Do you know what encouragement means?

I like this definition of encouragement: To fill with courage.

Courage is what we need to keep going and doing what is right. The Bible says in Galatians 6:9 Let us not become tired of doing what is right.

Do you get tired of doing what is right? Me too, especially if people don't change. But God says not to give up. When God is our father, He helps us be courageous and strong.

So when you're “Want To” is breaking try this:

1. Say a little prayer and ask God for help.
2. Talk to a good friend or family member.
3. Read one or two verses out of your Bible.
4. Go for a walk and soak in the sunshine.
5. Make your own “Get To” list

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I'm so glad you chose to join me today. Whenever I'm discouraged I think about all my podcast friends and smile. You mean so much to me.

If you'd like to know more about me, Miss Robin, bring your adult and go to my instagram account @robinmarie59, I have some fun cat videos there or to my website at [www.robinmarie.org](http://www.robinmarie.org) where you'll find all the transcripts to this podcast and to my NEW podcast for your mommies, aunts or grandma called “Chasing Different”.

So until next time. Be brave, be kind and be different.

Bye