

Welcome back to the Different Isn't Bad podcast for kids. I'm Miss Robin. I hope you're having a great week, I am.

Have you ever said you would do something and then not done it? Or maybe you've said "No I don't want to do that!" but then you changed your mind?

Today, Buddy the cat learns what it means to be a good son.

Listen in.

Buddy the cat had only been a house cat for a little. Everyday he looked out the glass door and watched as all the other cats played and relaxed in the sun. There were days he wished he could be outside again. But today was not one of those days.

It was a cold night and Buddy was glad he would spend the night in the comfort of his own warm house.

"Buddy" his cat daddy called. "It's time to go to bed."

Buddy wanted to please his new cat daddy, but he loved the attention he got as he curled up in his daddy's lap and enjoyed being the center of attention.

"Yes daddy, I promise to go to bed without a fuss, just give me one more pet please."

But Buddy didn't go to bed and when his cat mama finally picked him up and put him on his soft chair in his new room, Buddy tried to run for the door.

Picking him back up, cat mama reminded Buddy of what he had promised his cat daddy.

Placing him back in his bed and she closed the door behind her. Buddy yowled and scratched the door all night long..

The next night cat daddy said the words Buddy didn't want to hear.

"Buddy, It's bedtime."

Buddy fussed, and meowed, throwing the biggest cat tantrum he had ever thrown!

"No!" he said. "I don't want to go to bed."

But a little later after he had calmed down Buddy changed his mind and went all by himself into his room. He jumped up on his blanket, closed his eyes and went to sleep without so much as one meow, or yelp or scratch.

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

What did Buddy's cat daddy ask him to do?

What did Buddy say and do the first night?

What happened the second night Buddy?

When we tell our parents we will do something and then don't do it, are we really obeying?

Now here's our verse for today.

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

James 4:17 "So, whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin."

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

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So Miss Robin, If I say I'm going to obey and then I don't, it's sin?

Yes, kids. In fact the Bible says we all sin and fall short of our father God's rules. That's why we need Jesus! He is the one who took the punishment for us when he died on the cross for our sins.

Jesus is the reason God can give us grace. Remember, Grace means receiving something we did not earn.

That makes me smile because I get a chance to change my mind and do the right thing!

In the Bible Jesus told a parable or a "tale" of two sons who were asked by their dad to do something right.

The first son said he would do it and then never did. The second son said "No I will NOT do it." then later changed his mind and did what the dad had asked. Just like Buddy did in our story.

Which one of the sons obeyed his dad?

You might think it's the first son because he said he would do what the dad told him, but Jesus said it was actually the second son because he had a change of heart and did what he was told to do.

The first son just talked about it but never did it!

If you'd like to read the story in the Bible go to Matthew 21:28-32.

God sees our hearts and gives us many chances to obey. There are those who just like to talk about obeying but never obey. God says "My kids know my voice and do what I tell them to do." John 10:27 says "My sheep (that's what Jesus calls his children sometimes) hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."

To follow Jesus means we watch him and learn from him and do what he does. In fact the Bible says that's how we know who God's children truly are, by their actions.

Remember though you can never do enough good things to earn your way to heaven, that comes from just believing that Jesus is God and asking him to forgive our sins and be our good shepherd. If you'd like to hear more about that go back and listen to episodes 65 & 66 Libby the Lost Lamb.

So today, when you play with your friends, do your chores and yes even when you go to bed remember our verse and ask Jesus to help you do what is right because He is always with you when you are His child.

I'm so glad you joined me today. If you'd like to learn more about me, Miss Robin, take your adult with you to my instagram account at @robinmarie59, I have some fun videos there along with lots of pictures of my family and my cat. You can also learn more about me and find coloring pages on my website at www.robinmarie.org along with all the transcripts to this podcast and to my NEW podcast for mommies, aunts or grandma called "Chasing Different."

So until next time. Remember Be brave, be kind and be different! Love God and love people.
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