

# Teddy Gets a Home

(and other stories)



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# Chapter 1: Teddy Gets a Home



Teddy, the stuffed bear, moved just a little bit to make himself more comfortable in the paper bag that he was being carried in. He had been “donated” to the thrift store a month or so ago, and finally, today, someone had bought him! Teddy was glad to have a new home, and yet, he was a little worried, too. His last home hadn't been a happy one. The little girl that owned him had hardly ever played with him, and that made him very unhappy. Bears like to be played with. He remembered that he had sat on the shelf for months and months. Dust had gotten stuck in his fur and had tickled his nose! Finally, one day the little girl's mommy put Teddy, along with many other toys, into a big bag and dropped them into a huge red box outside the grocery store. Teddy hadn't been wanted in their home—and now he was being given away! He couldn't believe it.

Teddy had a hard time getting used to life on a store shelf. He felt very sorry for himself and wanted more than anything to have a boy or girl to love him. Then, one day

a lady stopped by the toys and began sorting through them. She had such a nice smile and seemed so friendly that Teddy was hoping that she would notice him. She did!



“Oh, won’t Tommy be delighted with you!” she said, as she brought him over to the cash register. Teddy didn’t know who Tommy was, but if he was anything

like this lady, then maybe he was going to have a nice home after all.

In due time Mrs. Greene arrived home with her purchases. A young boy and a young girl came running and shouting, “Mommy! Mommy!” They were happy to see their mom, even though she had been gone for only a short time.

“That’s funny,” thought Teddy. “I don’t remember my last family ever greeting each other like that.”

“Tommy,” Mrs. Greene said, “I’ve brought you something for doing so well at school.”

“What is it?” asked Tommy excitedly.

Mrs. Greene pulled Teddy out of the bag.

“Oh boy!” yelled Tommy, jumping up and down. “My very own teddy bear!” And Teddy felt himself embraced in a huge hug—the kind bears love best. At last someone wanted him and loved him!

Later that night, Susie, Tommy’s little sister, asked to play with Teddy.

“Sure,” Tommy smiled. Teddy couldn’t believe it! No one had ever shared anything at the other house. “I wonder what makes these people so different?” he asked himself.

Teddy felt a little embarrassed at being dressed in a doll’s dress and being rocked in a cradle, but he didn’t mind too much since it was obvious that Susie was being tender and loving to him.



Later that day Teddy saw Tommy get hurt. Teddy readied himself for loud cries and banging doors, but there was only soft crying and then Mrs. Greene with her arms around Tommy saying soft and loving words.

When Mr. Greene got home, Teddy was ready for everyone to become grumpy. He thought all homes were like this. Instead, everyone came out to say hello to Mr. Greene. Even Mrs. Greene welcomed him home and gave him a kiss.

“Look, Daddy, see my new bear!” Tommy said.

“Well, Son, he looks like a first-rate bear.”

Teddy decided then and there that he liked Mr. Greene.

After supper, the Greenes did the strangest thing that Teddy had ever seen. They all sat close together on the couch and read out of a big black book called the Bible. Then they all closed their eyes and took turns talking to God. Teddy didn’t know Who God was, but he was pretty sure that He had something to do with the difference between the two families. The other family didn’t do things together, never mentioned the name of God, and they were unhappy all the time. Teddy couldn’t understand it, but after being snuggled in for the night with Tommy by his daddy and mommy, Teddy much preferred this new home that had God in it.



*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”*

*II Corinthians 5:17*

## Chapter 2: Teddy Goes to Church



Teddy snuggled down a little more in Tommy's lap while he waited for the "service" to begin. He wasn't sure what a service was, but Tommy had assured him that it was great fun and worth going to. At first Mr. and Mrs. Greene weren't going to let Teddy go to the service, but since Teddy sat so nice and quiet during family devotions, they decided that he could go to church once in a while.



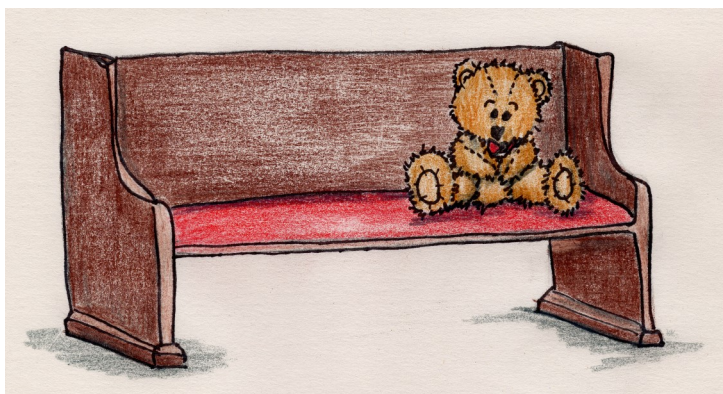
There had been an awful lot going on at the Greene house that Sunday morning! Mr. Greene studied his Sunday School lesson and Mrs. Greene seemed to be everywhere at once—making breakfast, choosing clothes for Tommy and Susie to wear, and beginning lunch for after church. Tommy and Susie were getting into their special clothes, but Tommy didn't forget to get Teddy all spiffed up too. His fur got a brushing and his bow tie was straightened. Teddy liked to



look nice. This family always took good care of the things they owned. Teddy was pretty sure that this was because of God—Who was very important in the Greene home.

Finally it was time to head for the service at church. When they arrived at the church doors, Teddy was a little shy about all the new faces, but he soon discovered that they all had the same friendly smiles that the Greens had, and he quickly felt comfortable. The people all seemed happy, and they had nice things to say to the Greene family—and about Teddy, too! He liked these church people!

When the service started, everyone bowed their heads, closed their eyes, and prayed to God. And then they heard a lesson from the Bible, God's Word. Teddy realized

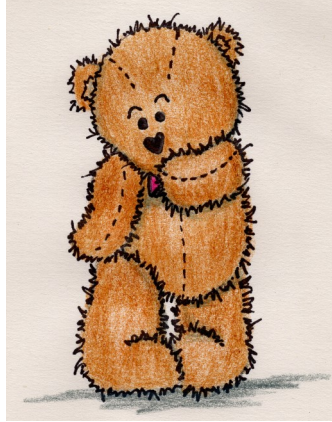


that everything that they said or did had something to do with God. Teddy especially loved the song time.

“That’s it!” Teddy cried to himself. “That’s the key to what makes the Greene family and all of these families happy—they all have God as a part of everything they do!” Teddy had known other people who put “things” first in their life. Things like money or jobs or possessions or friends. These people were always unhappy, always wanting more. Teddy felt bad for them because if they only would put God first of all, then they could be full of joy like the Greenses and their friends.

“Sometimes,” thought Teddy, “humans can be just a little sawdust-brained!”

At bedtime Teddy snuggled next to his beloved Tommy. He was grateful and happy to be loved so much. But Teddy knew that Mr. and Mrs. Greene, Tommy and Susie, were even more loved and more content than he was, because God loved them and they loved God.



*“A new commandment I give to you, that  
you love one another: just as I have loved  
you, you also are to love one another.”*

*John 13:34*

## Chapter 3: Teddy Goes to Camp



Teddy jumped with joy when he heard Tommy exclaim, “There’s the sign for Camp New Life!” Teddy and Tommy had been making plans for summer camp for weeks now. Finally the day had arrived. Of course, Teddy



had no idea what a camp was, but if Tommy was excited, he was excited, too. Mrs. Greene, Tommy’s mother, pulled the family car into a parking spot in front of a cabin with a big sign on it that

said, “Registration.” She and Tommy got out of the car and headed to the end of a long line of boys and girls. Teddy smiled. He liked boys and girls.

They had been in line for only a few minutes, though, when a much bigger boy looked at Tommy holding Teddy and said with a sneer,

“Hey little boy, why are you carrying that baby toy?”

Tommy wasn't embarrassed. He answered politely, "Teddy is my friend." The big boy laughed and pointed at Tommy, but he didn't say anything more.

Mrs. Greene turned to Tommy and said, "I'm proud of you, son. You didn't get angry and ruin your testimony."

"What's a testimony?" asked Tommy with a puzzled look. Teddy was glad that Tommy had asked, because he had been wondering what a testimony was, too.

"A testimony," answered Mrs. Greene, "is how well others see Jesus Christ in us." Ever since Teddy had come to live with the Greene family, he knew they were special. He had come to find out that this was because they all loved God and His Son, Jesus Christ. Teddy knew first-hand that Tommy had a good "testimony."

Camp was just as much fun as Tommy and Teddy had hoped for. They got to go on hikes through the



the woods, make a wallet out of leather, eat hotdogs by a campfire, swim in a lake, and most special of all, learn more about Jesus during lessons called “chapel.” There was one thing that was not nice, though. The big boy that had made fun of Teddy on the first day was in the same cabin as Tommy and Teddy. Every day he did something to tease them. He had even grabbed Teddy once and stuffed him up a tree! This boy, Teddy thought, did not have a good testimony!

Everything changed on Friday night, the last evening of camp. The whole camp was gathered around a huge bonfire. First they



sang songs about how much Jesus loved them, and then the camp director, Mr. Dean, got up to speak to them.

“Campers, we’ve had a lot of fun this week, haven’t we?” All the children cheered.

“But,” he continued, “if there is only one thing you remember from this week, it must be this: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to earth to pay the penalty for your sins.

Our camp is called ‘Camp New Life,’ and you can have a new life in Christ if you believe that Jesus died for your sins and that He came alive again after three days. You see, everyone that was ever born, except for God’s Son, Jesus Christ, is born with sin in their heart—and God cannot allow sin in heaven. So if we want to be with God forever, we need to get rid of our sin. We do that by believing that Jesus died to take the punishment that we deserved. When you believe that Jesus did that for you, then the Bible tells us that your old nature that is full of sin gets replaced with a new nature that wants to be like Jesus by living the way God wants you to.

If you are tired of the bad things you do and want new life, you need to trust in Jesus Christ as your Savior from your sin. That’s all you need to do, simply believe that Jesus died for you. When you do, then you might want to thank God that you have a new life in Christ.”

Teddy was happy to see many boys and girls leave their tree-stump seats to get saved. His eyes opened wider in surprise

when he recognized the big boy who had been mean to him and Tommy bowing his head in prayer.

Later, back in the cabin, just as he and Tommy had snuggled into their sleeping bag, the big boy came and stood next to Tommy. “Uh-oh,” thought Teddy. “I hope I don't have to sleep up a tree tonight!” But instead of a mean face, the boy smiled!

“Hey, kid,” he began, “sorry for picking on you. I watched you all week and you never tried to be mean back to me. I knew you were a Christian and I wanted to become one, too. Because of you, I trusted in Jesus to be my Savior tonight. Thanks, kid.”

Tommy and Teddy smiled. Camp had been perfect after all!





*“Believe in the Lord Jesus,  
and you will be saved.”*

*Acts 16:31*

*“For by grace you have been saved through  
faith. And this is not your own doing; it is  
the gift of God, not a result of works, so that  
no one may boast.”*

*Ephesians 2:8-9*

*“For God so loved the world, that  
He gave His only Son, that whoever  
believes in Him should not perish  
but have eternal life.”*

*John 3:16*

## Chapter 4: Teddy Goes to School



It was a big day for Teddy. He was going to visit Tommy's school. Since Teddy had come to live at the Greene home, he and Tommy had become the best of friends. They wanted to be together all the time. Teddy slept with Tommy, played with him, sat next



to him at the dinner table, and was even able to visit church from time to time. But he had never been able to go to school with Tommy. Apparently, there was some kind of rule about not bringing toys to school.

Teddy knew that Tommy didn't like the rule, but Tommy obeyed it because he knew that obeying is one way to show that you love God.

It came as quite a surprise, then, when one day Tommy came home from school and ran upstairs to find Teddy and said, "Teddy! You're coming to school with me tomorrow!" Bears don't really have to know "why," but Tommy explained anyway. "Tomorrow is a

special day at my school. All the kids can bring one special thing from home for Show and Tell—and I chose you!” Teddy was very happy to be the “one special thing” that Tommy chose. He couldn’t wait to find out what a Show and Tell was!

That evening Teddy got a brushing and fluffing. Mrs. Greene retied his bow and mended a tear, and Mr. Greene fixed one of his eyes that was trying to look the wrong way. Once in bed with Tommy, Teddy had a hard time falling asleep. He was very excited.

And then, for the first time ever, when Tommy had his backpack on and was ready to run for the bus, Teddy got to go, too. The bumpy ride on the big yellow bus came to an end when Teddy saw the sign for “Fellowship Christian School.” He was jostled by the other children as he and Tommy made their way to Mrs. Cobb’s classroom. Teddy saw some of the other children point at him and smile. He was having a great time so far.

“Okay, class,” instructed Mrs. Cobb, “put your special items on your desks and

then hang your jackets and backpacks in your cubbies.” Tommy plopped Teddy down on his



desk, then hung his stuff up. Soon everyone was sitting in a circle around the teacher. Before she did even one more thing, Tommy’s teacher stopped to pray to God and ask Him to help them in their school today. Teddy knew that

God was very important in the Greene home, and he was glad that the people in Tommy’s school loved Him, too.

“Now, let’s begin Show and Tell,” said Mrs. Cobb. Teddy watched carefully from the warmth of Tommy’s lap. He saw a doll made of glass, a set of pretty story books, a fancy toy airplane, and then, finally, Mrs. Cobb instructed, “Okay, Tommy. It’s your turn. Show us what you brought and tell us why it’s important to you.”

Tommy stood up and held out Teddy for the other students to see. Teddy could see that they liked him. Then he heard Tommy say, “This is my bear, Teddy. He’s special to

me because I love him and he helps me remember about God's love." Teddy was surprised. He made Tommy think about God's love? He was glad when a little girl with pig-tails asked, "How, Tommy? How does your teddy bear make you think about God's love?"

"Well," answered Tommy, "I love Teddy even though he's not perfect. Sometimes his eye gets crooked and his legs go backwards, but he's mine. This reminds me that God loves me



just the way I am, too. And when I remember that Teddy belongs to me, it helps me remember that I have belonged to God ever since I trusted in Jesus, His Son, as my Savior from my sin. And also, Teddy loves me back, and I love God back too."

"Thank you, Tommy," said Mrs. Cobb. Tommy and Teddy sat down.

The rest of the school day passed in a blur. Teddy learned that one bear plus one bear equals two bears. He learned that his

name was spelled T-E-D-D-Y. He got to share Tommy's peanut butter and jelly sandwich at lunch, and at recess, everyone wanted to get a chance to spin him on the merry-go-round. He got a little dizzy, but bears love to play with children even if it makes them dizzy.

He was glad to get back on the big yellow bus and head home. He was tired and he had been hugged so much that his stuffing was sore.

That night as he snuggled under the covers with Tommy, he was glad that he had finally had a chance to go to school. He was especially glad, though, that he helped Tommy remember about God's love. That was the most important thing of all.



*“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is  
from God, and whoever loves has been born  
of God and knows God.”*

*I John 4:7*

## Chapter 5:

# Teddy Goes to the Hospital



Teddy woke from a deep sleep with a start. Something was wrong! Teddy realized that his beloved Tommy was crying!

“Oh, Teddy,” Tommy cried, “my tummy hurts!” Teddy didn’t know what to do. Teddy bears can show a lot of love, but they can’t run for help. Much to Teddy’s relief, Mrs. Greene, Tommy’s mommy, came into the room. She came quickly to the side of Tommy’s bed and turned on the nightlight.

“Tommy! What the matter?”

“My tummy hurts really bad!” moaned Tommy.

“Show me where,” instructed Mrs. Greene. Tommy pointed to his right side. Mrs. Greene felt his forehead. “Well, you have a fever, too. Tell you what, let’s go visit the doctor and get to the bottom of this. Okay?”

“Okay,” said Tommy in a small voice. Teddy felt sorry for Tommy. He didn’t like to see him get sick.



He and Tommy had been best friends ever since Mrs. Greene had bought Teddy at a used toy store and given him to Tommy. Teddy hadn't known what to expect in the new home since his last home had not been happy, but he soon discovered that the Greene home was



a very nice place to live. He had no idea why at first, but he soon found that everyone in the family: Mr. and Mrs. Greene, Tommy, and his little sister, Susie, all loved God. They read a special book written by God, called "The Bible." They talked to God by "praying," and they even went to church several times a week. They also called God their "Father." This seemed to make them nice people. Of course, Teddy knew that this didn't mean they never had problems. Poor Tommy's tummy ache was an example of that!

Before too long, Susie was brought to the neighbor's house, and Tommy was being carried by his daddy to the car. Teddy felt a moment of panic. He wasn't going to be left

behind, was he? But, no. Mrs. Greene dashed back in for her pocketbook and Teddy.

Teddy snuggled close to Tommy on the way to the hospital, in the waiting room, and then in the examining room. All the people at the hospital were nice to Tommy and Teddy. When the doctor said that Tommy would have to stay for something called an “operation,” Tommy got a special bracelet on his wrist—and a nice nurse put one on Teddy, too!

Pastor Brown had come right to the hospital when he heard about Tommy. He had a word of prayer with the family and asked God to watch over Tommy. Teddy knew that God would be with Tommy the whole time. God had made a promise in the Bible to take care of His children, and God always keeps His promises.

Mr. and Mrs. Greene were able to stay with Tommy right up until he was wheeled into the operating room, but Teddy got special permission to go there, too. Tommy held onto Teddy until he fell asleep, and then the nurse carefully put him on Tommy’s bed to wait for him.

Teddy could see that Tommy was being

taken care of very well. When the doctor was all done fixing Tommy's hurt, he put a special bandage on Tommy. The nurse put one on Teddy too. Teddy liked having a bandage just like Tommy's.

Tommy and Teddy stayed in the hospital for just over a day. It was kind of fun. Lots of church people came to visit, and they brought cards, presents, and even some shiny balloons.



Teddy sighed with relief when he and Tommy were safely back in Tommy's room. The whole thing had been a little scary, but it had given Teddy another chance to see God's love. Even though bad things sometimes happen to God's children, God loves them and watches over them every single minute.



*“Casting all your anxieties on Him,  
because He cares for you.”*

*I Peter 5:7*

## Chapter 6: Teddy Gets Lost



Teddy and Tommy were having the best time! As a reward for perfect attendance in Sunday School (Teddy found out that this meant never missing a Sunday), Tommy and six other boys and girls were taken to an amusement park. Teddy had never been to an amusement park before.

He and Tommy rode on a ride that went very, very high into the air. Tommy was brave enough to look over the edge, but Teddy was a little scared. They also went on a ride that spun them around and around until they were both seeing funny. Then they went on a ride that went very fast around the corners. Teddy got squished on that one. He didn't mind, though. Teddy bears love all sorts of attention.

At lunch, the Sunday School teacher, Mr. Hamilton, talked to the children. "Okay, everyone. We sure don't want to get separated, so pay attention and stay with your buddy. We'll meet back here at 2:30 exactly."

“Okay!” all the children said. Then the groups of twos took off to explore the park. Teddy watched them go with a smile. It was fun watching the kids enjoying themselves. But, wait! Where had Tommy gone? Teddy couldn’t see him anywhere! He didn’t know what to do. Bears just have to sit still and wait. In only a few minutes, though, a little girl with pigtails saw him sitting there.

“Oh, Mommy! Look, a sweet bear!” She picked Teddy up and gave him a hug. It made Teddy feel a little bit better. “Can I keep him?” she asked.

“No, honey,” answered the tall woman, “he doesn’t belong to us. Let’s bring him to Lost & Found.”

Teddy found himself being carried off to a bright red building. The little girl and her mother explained to the man who was behind the counter that they had found Teddy. The man thanked them and then put Teddy in a corner. There were several



hats, some sunglasses, and lots of keys already there, but he was the first bear. Teddy knew that Tommy would be unhappy when he found out that Teddy was gone. He and Tommy were very special to each other. Teddy had been a gift to Tommy by Tommy's mother. But Teddy was pretty sure that Tommy would remember to pray to God for help. The Greene family prayed about everything. Teddy knew that God was very important in their lives.

The clock on the wall ticked slowly as Teddy waited patiently for Tommy to find him. Sure enough, after some time had passed, he heard running footsteps coming toward the red building, and then Tommy's voice:

"Excuse me, sir, did someone find my bear?"

The man reached for Teddy in the corner. "Is this what you are looking for, young man?" the man asked with a twinkle in his eye.



"Yes!" exclaimed Tommy. "Thank you!"

Soon Teddy was being hugged in one of the biggest bear hugs ever. “Oh, Teddy,” Tommy said, “I’m so sorry! I just ran right off and left you. Do you forgive me?” Of course Teddy did!

That night as they lay on Tommy’s bed, Tommy told Teddy what happened. “When I



realized that I had lost you,” he explained, “I was ready to cry. Then I remembered my Bible verse from Sunday

school. It said that we should pray to God when we need help, so I did, Teddy. I stopped next to a tree and asked God to help me find you. Mr. Hamilton saw me there and I told him that you were missing. He knew just what to do and I got you back. God did answer my prayer, didn’t He, Teddy? He sent someone to find you and the man to keep you until Mr. Hamilton told me where to go. Let’s thank Him right now! Okay, Teddy?”

Teddy was very happy to listen to Tommy thank God for watching over them. God is very wonderful, he thought.





*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

*Philippians 4:6-7*

## Chapter 7:

### Teddy Meets a Missionary



Teddy sat very still so he wouldn't get Tommy into trouble. Mr. and Mrs. Greene had given special permission for Tommy to bring Teddy to the Missionary Conference at church. Both Tommy and Teddy were excited about meeting a real-life missionary. Would the missionary wear safari clothes? Would he even know how to speak English? Would he have a monkey for a pet?



Right at 7:00 p.m., Pastor Brown stood before the people to welcome them to the Missionary Conference. Teddy looked for the missionary, but the only other man sitting on the platform was dressed in a suit like the Pastor. That couldn't be the missionary. He looked too much like a regular person.

“And now, “ finished the Pastor, “give your attention to Brother Woods as he shares

his burden for church planting in New England.” Teddy was a little confused. Where was the missionary who lived in the jungle?

Mr. Woods was very interesting. He explained how God had given him a burden for the people in the New England area. He said that more churches were needed to teach the people about God.

Teddy and Tommy listened with interest as Mr. Woods told how he, his wife, and his family found a home to live in, invited people into their home for a Bible study, and then eventually were able to build a church building. Now that there were over seventy people in that church who wanted to serve God, they were ready to ask a man to come and be their pastor, then the Woods family would start all over again in a new area.

Teddy perked up his ears when Mr. Woods said, “A lot of people wonder if I am a ‘real’ missionary because I do not live in a jungle. God has told us in the Bible that making sure our neighbors know about Christ is just as important as telling the people who live in deepest, darkest Africa about Him. I have a challenge for you, too!”

Teddy and Tommy moved to the edge of their seats. What would the challenge be?

“Being a witness about Jesus Christ isn’t only for the pastor or the deacons. Each one of us must be a witness for God—even children. Every day we will meet people: family members, friends, coworkers—and we will have a chance to tell them about Jesus Christ. Don’t miss those special opportunities that are for you alone. Be a witness in your own town.”

Tommy squeezed Teddy. Teddy knew that the squeeze meant that Tommy had been listening and was excited, that Tommy was ready to go out and be a witness for God. Teddy was ready to help! He wanted other people to have a loving home like he had, a loving home because God was in charge there.

After the service, Tommy and Teddy got to meet the missionary. He shook Tommy’s hand just as if Tommy were a grown up, then he turned to Teddy and shook his paw! Teddy



liked the missionary!

Mr. Woods then turned and called, "Jacob!" A little boy just Tommy's size came over. Teddy opened his eyes in surprise when he saw that Jacob had a teddy bear of his own! Tommy and Teddy had a lot of fun playing with Jacob and his teddy, George, until it was time for the Greenes to go home.

That night when Tommy said his bedtime prayers, Teddy was happy that he remembered to pray for the Woods family. He also prayed and asked God to help them to be a good witness at home and wherever they went.



*“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”*

*Matthew 5:15*

## Chapter 8: Teddy Gets a New Sister



Everyone was all in a dither at the Greene home. Mrs. Greene was ready to have a brand new baby. The whole family had talked of nothing else for many months.

Teddy remembered when Mr. and Mrs. Greene had told Tommy and his little sister, Susie, that they were going to get a new brother or sister. He and Tommy had snuggled next to Mrs. Greene, and Susie was on Mr. Greene's lap.

The family had just finished devotions. Teddy didn't used to know what "devotions" were before he came to live at the Greene home. Now he knew that they were when you read God's Word, the Bible. You also pray to God during devotions. Teddy learned that praying was talking to God. If Mr. Greene said it once, he said it a thousand times, "You would never spend a whole day with your best friend without talking to him! Why would you do that to God?"

By that he meant that praying to God should be done a lot.



That night at devotions, the family had learned that God created everything. Teddy and Tommy tried to think of even one thing that God had not created, but there wasn't anything. God made it all!

"God has made someone special for our family," said Mr. Greene.

"Who?" Susie asked. Teddy listened carefully to the answer. Bears cannot ask questions, but they love to hear answers.

"God is going to give us a new baby!" exclaimed Mrs. Greene. Teddy looked around the room. He didn't see a baby anywhere. Maybe they were going to the store to get it. Thankfully, Mrs. Greene explained. "The baby is in a special place below my tummy. God will help the baby grow, and in six months or so, it will be born."

Teddy stopped all his remembering when



Tommy grabbed him by the paw and dashed for the car.

Teddy, Tommy, Susie, Grandpa and Grandma Greene, and Pastor Brown all waited two whole hours before the baby finally came. Tommy held Teddy up so he could see Tommy's new little sister, Mary. She was smaller than Teddy! He had always been the smallest one in the family before this.

Mr. Greene gathered the family around Mrs. Greene and baby Mary, and prayed to God to thank Him for creating Mary and keeping her safe. It was a very special prayer.

Mrs. Greene had a package for Tommy and Susie from Mary. It was to say that she was glad to have a big brother and a big sister. Tommy got a warm jacket and hat for Teddy to wear when the days got colder. Susie got a baby teddy bear so she could pretend to have a



baby—just like her mother.

“Look, Teddy!” exclaimed Tommy, “You got a new sister, too!” Teddy looked at Susie’s bear and was very happy. Now both he and Tommy had new baby sisters.

That night Tommy and Teddy were especially thankful to God during their bedtime prayers. They thanked God for all of His wonderful creation—especially for babies.



*“Know that the Lord, He is God!  
It is He who made us, and we are His;  
we are His people, and the sheep of  
His pasture.”*

*Psalm 100:3*



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Jesus loves me,  
This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so!





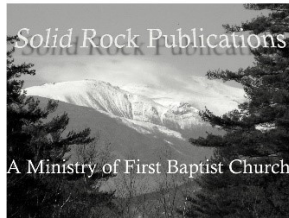
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