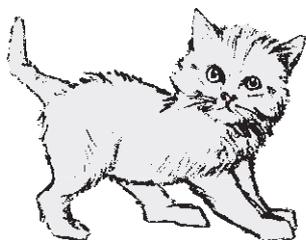




Storytime



The LOST KITTEN

Debbie and Randy were bouncing their red ball in the back yard. Suddenly they heard a tiny sound. "Listen!" Randy said. "What was that?"

The small sound came again.

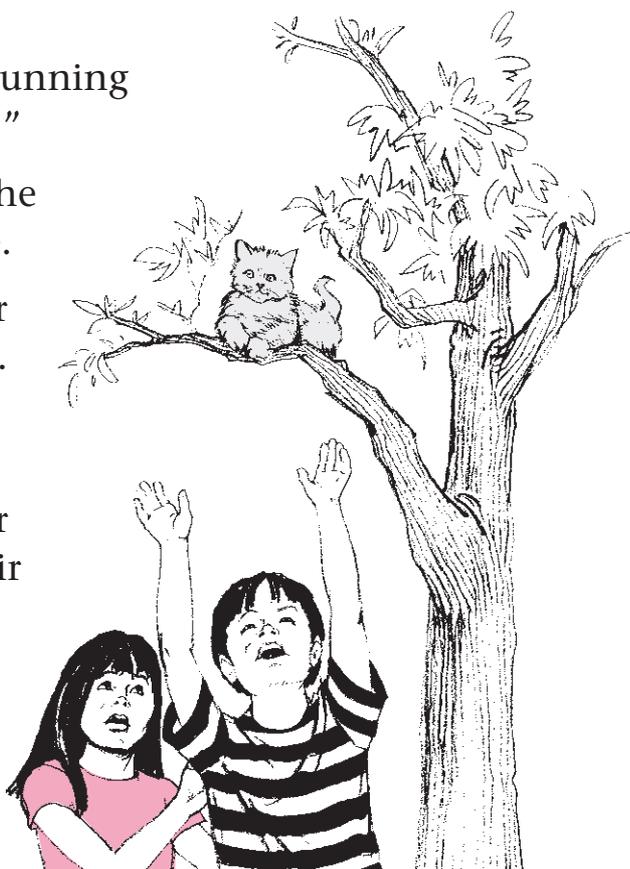
"It's a kitten!" Debbie cried, running toward the hedge. "Let's find it."

Debbie and Randy looked in the hedge. The kitten was not there.

Randy looked in the tree near the hedge. "Here it is!" he cried. Randy put up his arms but he could not reach the kitten.

Randy ran and brought a chair from the porch. He put the chair near the tree.

Debbie held the chair while Randy climbed on it. Then Randy reached up and took the kitten in his arms.





Debbie petted the soft, gray kitten. "Oh, he must be hungry," she said. "Let us give him some milk."

They took the kitten to the kitchen and asked Mother for some milk. The kitten drank the milk quickly. Then it curled up on Debbie's lap and went to sleep.

"May we keep the kitten, Mom?" Randy asked.

"We will see," Mother answered. "Tomorrow we will ask the neighbors if the lost kitten belongs to them."

"It must have been lost a long time," Randy said, "because it is so thin."

"I would not like to be lost," said Debbie.

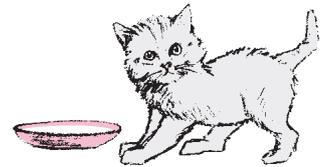
Mother put down her sewing. "No, it is not good to be lost like the little kitten," Mother said. "But there is another way to be lost. The Bible tells us that all who do not take Jesus as their Savior are lost. And they cannot go to Heaven."

"God does not want us to be lost, does He, Mom?" Randy asked.

"No, Randy," Mother answered. "God loves us. That is why He sent His Son, the Lord Jesus, into the world. Jesus came to seek and to save lost people."

"Tell us about Jesus dying on the cross," Randy said.

"I know that story, Mom! Let me tell it." Debbie said eagerly.





Mother nodded, so Debbie began, “Jesus loved us so much He just had to come down and help us. He came as a little baby. When He grew up, He died on the cross for our sins, so we could go to Heaven. But He didn’t stay dead. He rose again. Now He lives in Heaven.”

“Yes, children,” Mother said. “God tells us in the Bible that we have all sinned. That means we have done wrong things. And sin must be punished. So, because the Lord Jesus loved us, He took the punishment for us. He died on the cross for your sins and for mine.”

“**I am so glad that Jesus loves me,**” said Debbie, “and I am so glad that I asked Him to come into my heart.”

Randy was very quiet. Then he said, “I know I have done bad things. I want to take Jesus as my Savior, but I don’t know how.”

Mother said, “Tell Jesus that you have sinned and that you are sorry for your sins. Thank Him for loving you and for dying on the cross for your sins. Ask Him to come into your heart to be your Savior. Would you like to do this right now?”

“Yes, I sure would,” said Randy. He bowed his head and prayed:

“**Lord Jesus,** I know that I have sinned. I am really sorry for my sins. Thank You for loving me so much and for dying on the cross for my sins. Please come into my heart. I am taking You as my Savior right now.”

Randy looked up and smiled. “That is *wonderful*, Randy!” said Mother. “I am so glad you have taken Jesus as your Savior.”

“I am glad too,” said Randy, “because **now** I belong to Jesus.”





“I am glad that I belong to Jesus, too,” said Debbie. “And, Mom, I think the little kitten would like to belong to us, don’t you?”

Mother smiled. “Yes, Debbie,” she agreed. “I think it would.”

“He is such a little scrap of a kitten,” Randy said. “We can call him Scrappy.”

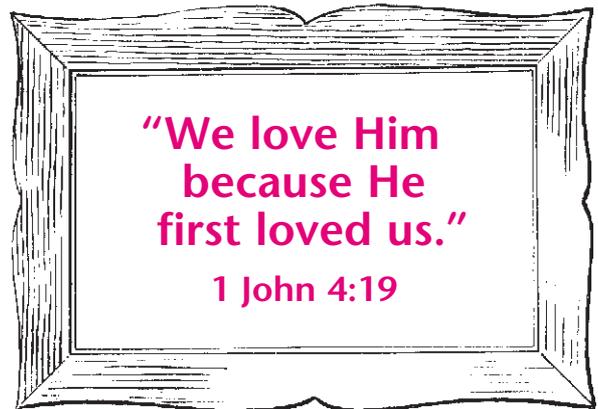
“Oh, yes,” said Debbie. She held the kitten close as she added, “And, little Scrappy, I hope you will love us just like we love you.”

“That reminds me of a Bible verse I want you to learn,” Mother told them. “It tells us that because the Lord Jesus loves us, we should love Him too.”

Randy and Debbie liked the verse. They learned it quickly.

“I am going to write my verse on a card and put it in a special place in my room,” said Randy.

“Me too!” said Debbie. “I really like this verse.”



BE SURE TO LEARN THIS VERSE

♥ Boys and girls, please do what Randy and Debbie did. Write your Memory Verse on a card or a piece of paper and put it in a special place in your room so that you will see it every day.

♥ If you are not sure that you are saved, ask the Lord Jesus to come into your heart like Randy did. If you do, please tell us about it on your Question Page.



OUR BIBLE STORY

One of Jesus' names is "the Good Shepherd." When we take Jesus as our Savior He becomes our "Good Shepherd." We can say, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

A good shepherd knows his sheep. And the Lord Jesus knows each one who has believed on Him. He said, "I am the good shepherd, and know My sheep."

A good shepherd loves his sheep. The Lord Jesus loves us. He loves us so much that He died for us. He said, "The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep."

A good shepherd takes care of his sheep. If a sheep or lamb gets hurt, the shepherd takes care of it until it is well. And the Lord Jesus takes care of us too.

A good shepherd protects his sheep. He protects them from wolves and bears and lions and other wild animals. At night he takes his sheep to a safe place to rest. If a lamb or sheep is lost, he looks for it until he finds it.

The Lord Jesus protects His sheep. He said, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck [take] them out of My hand." This means that no one can ever take us away from the Lord Jesus.



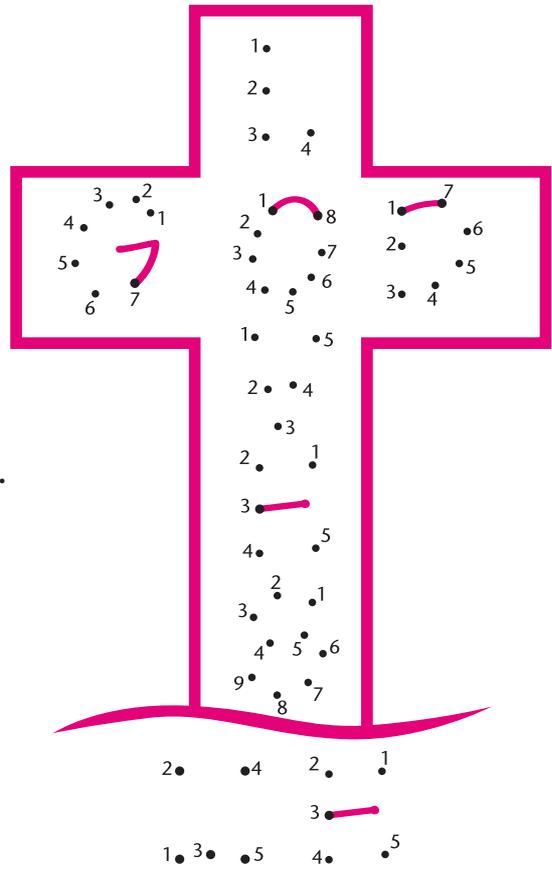
Have YOU taken the Lord Jesus as your Savior? If so, you can say, "The Lord is MY Shepherd, and no one can ever take me away from Him."

(Taken from Psalm 23 and John 10)

Puzzle Page

The Puzzle Page is for you to keep.
Please DO NOT send it back to us.

Connect the dots starting at the number 1 for each letter and see what message the cross has for you.



Boys and Girls

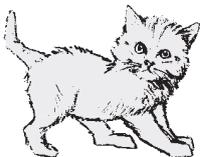
This is the first of seven exciting lessons which you may receive free from The Mailbox Club.

Here is all you have to do:

1. Read the lesson carefully.
2. Fill in the Question Page.
3. Mail it back to us. We will grade it and send it back to you with the next lesson.



When you finish the seven lessons, we will send you a beautiful certificate with your name on it!



Will the children be able to keep Scrapy? Find out in the next lesson!

Question Page

Storytime 1 Lesson 1

Please fill out this page and mail it back to us.



Cut out the Question Page and **FOLD** with the Teacher's address on the outside. Please **DO NOT STAPLE**. **TAPE** the Question Page with one-side sticky tape in two places as shown. Do not cover any barcodes or postage with tape.

1 Put a circle around the right word(s) at the end of each sentence:

The Lord Jesus came into the world to save people because they were **LOST** **HAPPY**

The Lord Jesus died on the cross for **SOME PEOPLE** **ALL PEOPLE**

When we sin we do **RIGHT THINGS** **WRONG THINGS**

We love the Lord Jesus because He first **LOVED US** **SAW US**

2 Now find the right word and fill in the answers below:

They found a kitten in a _____ .

And named it little _____ .

They loved the kitten very _____ .

It made the children _____ .



much

happy

Scrappy

tree

Please print.....

My Name is _____ My age _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

My birthday is _____. I am in the _____ grade.

Have you taken the Lord Jesus as your Savior? _____

When? _____

Do you know someone who would like to take Mailbox Club lessons?
Write their name and age here:

Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____

We will send the lesson to you and you can give the lesson to them.

❖❖ *Make Randy or Debbie smile!* ❖❖
Look on the back of this page for instructions.

ST1 L1 NA 200811

▲ Put student's address above.



Put a smile on Debbie if you mail your Question Page back within 3 days.

▲ Put instructor's address above.