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*It was that time of year again when pictures of bunnies and pink eggs were everywhere. <sup>1</sup>**Little Lady Grace and Big Brother David** were getting ready to go to Grandma and Grandpa's house to celebrate Easter.*

"Mommy, I know that we are celebrating the resurrection of Jesus...but what does a bunny and eggs have to do with Easter? And what is Easter? Why can't we just call it God's Day?" David curiously asked.

"Those are great questions sweetheart. I really don't know why it is called Easter or how it has anything to do with bunnies and eggs...to the world it can be called Easter and to us it can be called God's Day. How about that?" Mom said.

David ran through the house yelling with excitement, "God's alive, God's alive! Everyone, lets go celebrate! Mom, Dad, Grace, it is time to go to Grandma and Grandpa's!"

"Okay, hurry and get in the car," Dad said.

"Daddy, remember the pet store down the street? They were selling baby bunnies. Can we get one?" Grace asked.

"You have been cleaning and doing chores around the house. If you want to spend your hard-earned money on a bunny, I think it is do-able," Dad said.

*The family got in the car and drove to pick up a bunny before heading to Grandma and Grandpa's house.*

"Mommy, Daddy! I already know which one I want!" Grace shouted with excitement.

"I think I know which one you want," Mom said. "I bet it is that one," Mom pointed to a little bunny hopping around the cage.

"Exactly. He's the cutest little hop-along baby bunny I have ever seen in my whole entire life," Grace said in a serious tone of voice.

"David, do you see a pet you want. You've been doing your chores like a good boy. You have money to get what you would like," Dad said.

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<sup>1</sup> Be sure to read "**Big Brother David and Little Lady Grace Go Trick or Treating**" at [LaymansBookstore.com](http://LaymansBookstore.com)

“No, it is okay. I am saving up my money for a harmonica,” David said.

*Grace purchased the bunny that she wanted and the family headed to go to Grandma and Grandpa's house. Grace was holding her bunny and kissing it the entire trip.*

“Grandma! Grandpa! Look at my baby bunny!” Grace said.

“Wow! What's his name?” Grandpa asked.

“Hop-Along...do you know why I named him that?” Grace asked.

“Because he jumps around a lot and he is super cute,” said Grandpa in a funny voice.

“Yeah, he likes to hop along wherever he goes...and he is the cutest little baby bunny I have ever seen,” said Grace.

“Just remember, you need to take care of your baby bunny. Sometimes it might take a lot of hard work. But you will learn a very valuable lesson taking care of Hop-Along,” Grandma said.

*Little Lady Grace played with Hop-Along all day: feeding him carrots, watching him eat grass and being a care-free bunny.*

“David, can you watch Hop-Along for me? I need to go inside and get more carrots,” said Grace.

“Sure, I will try to watch him.”

*Grace went inside and got distracted. A few minutes later, Grace realized that she had forgotten about Hop-Along. She ran outside to go look for him.*

“David, where is my little baby bunny Hop-Along?” Grace asked.

“I don't know. I was playing. The last time I saw him was over there,” David pointed across the backyard.

“He is not there,” Grace said while holding back tears in her eyes. “My baby is gone. I need to find him...Will you help me?” Grace asked.

“Yes. Lets ask Mom and Dad to help also. I will look over there. You look over here,” David said as he pointed in both directions.

*The entire family looked all over the place for Hop-Along but they could not find him. Grace was so sad that she could not look. All she could do was cry while sitting on the picnic table.*

“Sweetheart, Hop-Along is nowhere to be found. We looked everywhere,” Dad said while trying to comfort Grace.

“I am sorry Grace. Maybe he will hop along back to us later today,” Grandpa said while trying to hold back tears. “Maybe Grandpa will find him later on.”

“I hope so Grandpa. Hop-Along was unique. I will never find another one like him,” Grace said with her head resting on her arm.

“Grace, do you want us to leave you alone? I know that when I am upset I want people to leave *me* alone because I do not want to say hurtful things that I do not mean to other people,” David offered.

“Yes. I am just going to sit here and pray to God to help me find my little baby bunny Hop-Along,” Grace mumbled.

*The family left Grace alone so that she could pray.*

“God, could you give Hop-Along back to me?” Grace prayed with tears flowing from her eyes. “I am sorry that I did not take care of him like I should have. I really loved him. I really want to take care of him. He is my baby.”

*Grace sat there quietly praying to God. After a few minutes she felt a calm feeling throughout her whole body. She opened her eyes and Hop-Along was sleeping in the tall grass underneath her dangling feet. She scooped up her baby bunny, kissed it, and ran inside to tell everybody the good news.*

“Everybody! I prayed to God that He would give me back my baby bunny Hop-Along! I cannot believe that God would answer my prayers!” Grace said with excitement as old tears clung to her face.

“Praise Jesus!” shouted Grandma.

“Wow! I am so glad you have your little baby bunny back,” said Grandpa.

*Mom and Dad both smiled and held each other and looked at Grace with a proud look in their eyes.*

"I like praying to Jesus," said Grace, "I am going to do it more often."

"That is very good," said Dad, "but just remember, God always gives us what we need, not always what we want. Trust God and He will always take care of you."

"See! I knew you would learn a valuable lesson today," Grandma said.

# The End!

## What Did We Learn From This Story?

That day, Gracie learned that God always helps you find what you think you have lost; even if you never find the thing you lost! God will always help you find exactly what you need. In this story, Grace needed to learn that when you feel sad and frustrated, sometimes all you need to do is pray to Jesus Christ and ask Him to help you.

Jesus Christ, the God of the universe, teaches us to trust in Him at all times; even when it something makes us angry, scared or sad. <sup>2</sup>**Proverbs 3:5-6** in the Holy Bible affirms this. Many people in the Bible—and throughout history—had so much faith and trust in God that Jesus Christ answered their prayers exactly like He answered Little Lady Grace's prayer. (<sup>3</sup>**1 John 5:14**)

In this story, Little Lady Grace did exactly as the Lord asks us to do—pray for God's guidance. Would you like God to answer your prayers? If you do, please pray to Jesus Christ this simple prayer:

**Dear Jesus Christ,  
Will you help me pray the right prayers?  
I think it would be really great if I could learn from you.  
I want to learn how to trust you more and more everyday.  
Thank you Jesus.  
Amen.**

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<sup>2</sup> **Proverbs 3: 5-6—Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.**

<sup>3</sup> **1 John 5:14—And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:**

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