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M A T T H E W 5 : 9

When we are peacemakers, we show that we are God's children. We are all sinners. When we believe that Jesus died on the cross for our sins, God forgives us. Then we have peace with Him. We become members of His family. We are His children, and He is our heavenly Father. He gives us His power to be peacemakers. ♥

Missy hid Matthew 5:9 in her heart, and the Holy Spirit helped her to be a peacemaker. One rainy afternoon Missy and her brother Bill were playing with their toy cars and trucks. There was one little dump truck that Bill got for his birthday that they both loved to play with. When Missy picked it up, Bill grabbed it from her and said, "No, that's mine, and you can't play with it. I'm going to play with it."

Missy was so frustrated. Some harsh words were ready to jump out of her mouth. She started to say, "You are just mean and selfish! You don't know how to share."

Then something very wonderful happened. Missy remembered Matthew 5:9: "*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.*"

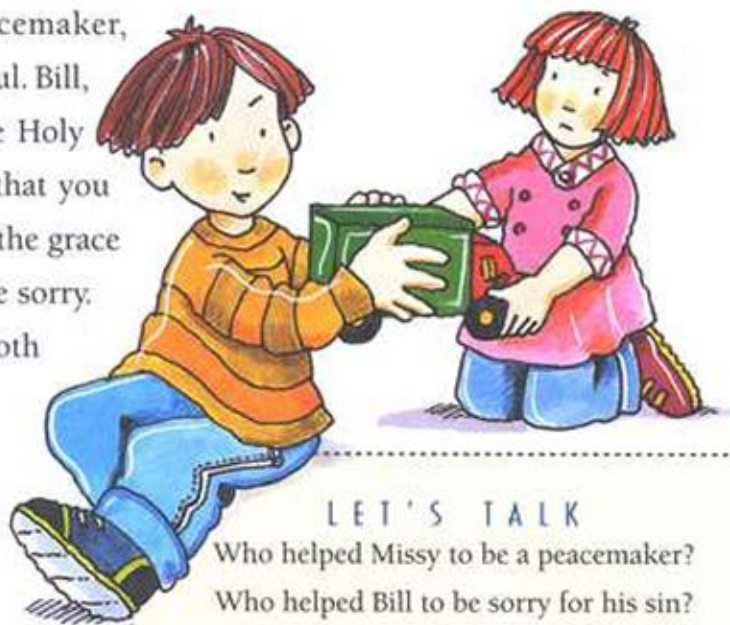
Missy did not want to be a troublemaker. She wanted to be a

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peacemaker. "You're right, Bill," Missy said. "It's yours, and I should have asked you first. I'll play with something else."

Bill looked ashamed. He felt awful and was quite sorry. "I'm sorry, Missy. I was being a troublemaker, but you decided to be a peacemaker. Here, you can play with the dump truck."

Their mom walked into the room and gave Missy and Bill a great big hug. "I heard you being a peacemaker, Missy, and I'm very thankful. Bill, I'm also thankful that the Holy Spirit helped you realize that you were wrong. He gave you the grace to tell Missy that you were sorry. This shows me that you both love the Lord Jesus."



LET'S TALK

Who helped Missy to be a peacemaker?

Who helped Bill to be sorry for his sin?

Say Matthew 5:9 three times.

Say the A and B verses.

LET'S PRAY

Thank God that Jesus died on the cross for your sins so you can have peace with God.

Ask God to help you to be a peacemaker.