

"The Lost Dog"
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In a far, far away place under an old oak tree lived a dog named Rascal. Rascal was a very playful puppy. He did not like being tied up to that old tree. He never got to be untied, even though he was a good dog. Other dogs liked him so they came to visit him since he was stuck under the tree.

One day a family was driving down the road in a big red car. In the car were two kids, Sophie and Nate and their parents. They looked out the window and they said a dog. "Mom, Dad, can we have the dog? PLEASE. PLEASE," said Sophie and Nate. "May we have him? PLEASE. PLEASE," they begged. "Okay," said Dad, "if Mom says okay." "Well," said Mom "alright." They were on their way home from the toy store in Mississippi. They had wanted a bike, but Sophie said, "That's okay, I don't want a bike anymore. A dog is enough." "Yeah," said Nate. "We will need a leash and a collar with a name and phone number," said Dad. "Let's go home," said Sophie. "Okay," said mom "get in the car."

When they got home the kids played in the yard with Rascal for a long time. Later mom said, "Dinnertime," and the kids fed Rascal, then put their pajamas on and went to bed.

The next day when Sophie woke up, Rascal was on her bed licking her face. "Yuck," said Sophie. Nate asked if they could have pancakes. "Sure," said Mom "I'll cook some pancakes. Howmany do you want?" "Two," said Nate. "Go ask Sophie," said Mom. "Okay mom. She wants three," said Nate.

"Mom, can Emily spend the night," said Sophie. "When," asked Mom? "Tonight," said Sophie. "Okay, we will go to her house to pick her up after breakfast," said Mom. Sophie and Nate looked out the window and saw Rascal. "I'm going to go play with him after breakfast," said Nate. "Breakfast is ready," shouted Mom. Everybody ran to the table to eat.

After breakfast, Mom and Sophie went to get Emily. Nate and Dad went outside to play with Rascal. When the girls got home they played with Rascal and Nate, for a while. Dad went to get a leash and a collar for Rascal. Mom stayed outside and watched the kids play. Emily said, "Rascal is so cute. Where did you get him?" "Well, we were driving hom from the toy store and on the side of the road was Rascal," said Sophie.

"Let's go play with you new doll," whispered Emily. "Nate, Brett just called and wants you to come over. Do you want to go?" asked Mom. "Yeah," said Nate "why wouldn't I?" "Dad's going to take you when he gets home," said Mom. "Okay," yelled Mom "Dad is almost here." "Where are you going?" asked Sophie and Emily. "I am going to Brett's house," screamed Nate. "Mom, since Nate is going to Brett's house, can you take us shopping?" asked Sophie. "Sure," said Mom "How old are you now, Emily?" "Twelve," Emily screamed. "And you are eleven, right Sophie?" asked Mom. "Yeah," said Sophie "and Nate is six, Mom. Don't you know anything?" "Hey Nate, Dad is here," yelled Mom. "Bye," screamed all of the girls. "Let's go shopping now," said Sophie and Emily. "Okay, get in the car," said Mom.

When they got in the car Sophie yelled, "Rascal. Rascal, where are you? Everyone scream on the count of three. 1, 2, 3," "RASCAL!" Rascal did not come. "Mom, where is he?" worried Sophie. "I don't know," said Mom.

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(2 hours later)

"Kids, time to go to bed," hollered Mom. In the morning, the kids made posters to hang in Mississippi. Sophie started crying. "Mom, I know we have lost him," she cried. Mom said, "Emily's mom is her to pick her up." "Bye, Emily," everyone yelled. Dad asked Mom, "Do you want to go get Nate?" "I guess," said Mom "Sophie, why don't you stay here with Dad."

(3 Weeks later)

"Get in the car," Mom said "We are going to the toy store." They were driving down the road when they got to the place where they found Rascal. They could not believe their eyes. It was Rascal. They got out of the car. They got Rascal, put him in the car, and drove home." When they got home, Mom said, "Kids, it's time for bed."

In the morning, Sophie looked out the window and yelled, "Mom, Rascal is not here." "What?" said Mom "Rascal is not here. Let me see. Oh, he is not here. Is he? Kids get in the car." "Where are we going?" asked Sophie. "Just get in the car," said mom "you'll see." When they got to the place where they found Rascal, Mom pulled over and got out of the car.

When she came back, she had Rascal in her hands. When they got home, Mom called somebody. When she got off the phone, the kids yelled, "Who was that?" She said, "It was somebody." "What do you mean?" yelled Nate. "You'll see tomorrow," said Mom. Sophie yelled, "What do we do with Rascal tonight?" "We will leave him inside," said Dad. "Okay" said Sophie. Nate said, "can he sleep with me?" "No" said dad. "Why no" yelled Nate. "Maybe tomorrow night" said dad. "Why not tonight?" screamed Nate. "NATE, just go to bed" yelled dad! In the morning Sophie said "why did Rascal choose to sleep in my bed?" "What?" said Nate "he got to sleep in Sophie's room and not in my room". "Because we put him in the living room and he went in Sophie's room and got on the bed and slept in her room," said dad. "I didn't want him to but he did anyway, yelled Sophie". "Kids, kids, settle down tonight, Sophie you close the door in your room and Nate you close the door with Rascal in your room" said mom. "Yes" yelled Nate! "Finally I get my way," said Sophie. "Both of you got your way" yelled dad. "Now you both are happy right?" said Mom. "You are aren't you?" "Yes" said Sophie. "No," yelled Nate. "What did you say?" yelled dad. I said "no." "You are grounded for one week and Rascal won't sleep in your room" screamed dad. "Go to your room! You don't always get your way." "I'll be there in a minute to talk to you," yelled mom. (three hours later) Mom walked into Nate's room and said, "Did you know that you don't always get your way? You need to know that if you ever do that again I will make it two weeks. I hope you understand me because if you misbehave it will cost you two weeks in your room." "I understand," whispered Nate. "Great," said mom. "If you are very, very good I might leave off a couple of days".

Mom left Nate's room and went outside to play with Sophie. They played fetch with Rascal. Later mom said "where is Nate? It is time for bed," mom yelled. Sophie said that she didn't know. Nobody knew where he was so they split up in to teams. Mom and Sophie were on a team and Dad was by himself team. Each team got a walkie-talkie and split up. (two hours later)" You girls are late for bed,"

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said Dad. Sophie looked out the window in the back of the house and said "did anyone look in the back of the house because he is out there." Mom and Dad went out the door and told Sophie to stay in the house when they saw Nate, they both said, "you are in serious trouble. Why would you do something like that?" yelled Mom. "I don't know," whispered Nate. "Just go to your room, you are grounded for two weeks and no television, computer, DS, play station, or Wii. Kids go to bed," said Mom. In the morning Mom brought Nate some breakfast. After Sophie ate she asked if she could have a sleepover since it was almost her birthday. Mom said, "maybe" Sophie went to her room to play with Rascal. Later mom asked Sophie if she would take Nate some lunch. "Okay," said Sophie.

(two weeks later)

"Nate, you aren't grounded anymore," yelled Dad. "Sophie you can have a sleepover tomorrow night, you and your mom need to go to the store and get some things for the party."

The next day eleven friends came over. They all yelled and screamed. Nate said that he thought it was too loud. Dad said that he would take him somewhere later; so he wouldn't have to stay there with all these girls.

That night the girls left Rascal outside by himself. One of the girls went outside to get Rascal and he was not there. Mom said, "get in the car." All eleven of them got in the car. When they got to the place where they found Rascal they all yelled, "STOP!" Mom got out of the car and got Rascal and put him in the car. When they got home dad said, "get in bed everyone." In the morning all the girls left.

You know Rascal their mean old dog, he kept running away. Nate kept getting in trouble. Sophie kept being Sophie. Mom and Dad kept chasing and watching after all three of the rascals.

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