

The Devil & the Duck

A Parable



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There was a little boy
and his sister visiting
their grandparents on
their farm.

He was given a slingshot
to play with out in the
woods.

He practiced in the
woods; but he could
never hit the target.

As he was walking back, he saw Grandma's pet duck.



Not thinking, he let the slingshot fly, hit the duck square in the head, and killed it.

He was shocked and very sad!

In a panic, he hid the dead duck in the wood pile.

Then, he saw his sister watching! Molly had seen it all, but she said nothing.

After lunch the next day,
Grandma said, "Molly,
let's wash the dishes."

But Molly said, "Grandma,
Johnny told me he
wanted to help in the
kitchen."

Then, she whispered to
him, "Remember the
duck." So, Johnny
washed the dishes.

Later that day, Grandpa asked if the children wanted to go fishing.

Grandma said, "I'm sorry but I need Molly to help make dinner."

Molly just smiled and said, "Well, that's all right because Johnny told me he wanted to help."

She
whispered
again,
"Remember
the duck."



So, Molly went fishing
with Grandpa. Johnny
stayed to help make
dinner.

For days, Johnny did both his chores and Molly's chores.

At last, he couldn't stand it any longer.

He came to Grandma and confessed that he had killed the duck.

Grandma knelt down, gave him a hug and said,
"Sweetheart, I know. I was standing at the window. I saw it all. But, because I love you, I forgave you.

I was just wondering how long you would let Molly make a slave of you."

A thought for today and every day:

Whatever is in your past, whatever you have done that the devil keeps throwing up in your face (lying, cheating, debt, fear, bad habits, hatred, anger, bitterness, etc...) whatever it is...

You need to know that
God was standing at the
window.



He saw it all.

He has seen your whole life. He wants you to know that He loves you and that you are forgiven.

He's just wondering how long you will let the devil make a slave of you.

The great thing about God is that when you ask for forgiveness, He not only forgives you, but He forgets.

It is by God's grace and mercy that we are saved.

Always remember:
God is at the window!

When Jesus died on the
cross, He was thinking
of you!



