

## “Sometimes In Life - In Four Chapters”

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### Chapter I “Sometimes in Life People are Mean-spirited.”

Barabas was walking down the alley from his house to Elizabeth’s house. It is a beautiful day, in spite of what the weatherman predicted. And guess what Barabas found lying there, right in the middle of the alley? A TWENTY DOLLAR BILL! WOW! He bent over and picked it up and looked it over.

“Yep! It’s real all right.” Barabas said to himself.

Then, out of nowhere, BOOM! Ken came up behind Barabas and knocked him to the ground grabbing the money and shouted “That is MY money!” Ken ran on and disappeared around the corner.



Sometimes in life people ARE mean-spirited.

### Chapter II “Sometimes in Life You Get Beat Up.”

Barabas stood up and whipped his forehead. “Aughhhh...!” said Barabas when he saw the blood on his hand. (We will just pretend there is blood there.) Barabas carefully touched his forehead again and he could feel where the cut was. He must have hit his head on a stone in the alleyway. Barabas was beginning to get a nasty headache! Barabas is big for a second grader and “boys aren’t supposed to cry”, but you know, boys actually DO cry and that is okay. Barabas started to cry.

Sometimes in life you DO get beat up!

### Chapter III “Sometimes in Life Help Comes.”

Aunt Gertrude (remember she is staying with Elizabeth while her parents are away) was carrying the trash out to the trash can in the backyard when she heard a child crying. She went to the alley to see what had happened. There she saw Barabas and saw that his head was bleeding and that he was crying.

“Oh Barabas!” she exclaimed. She rushed over and put her arm around him, led him into the house, and sat him on the kitchen stool. Then she took a clean tee towel, rinsed it in cold water and carefully pressed against the wound. It bled a lot! Head wounds often do that. Sometimes in life help DOES come!

### Chapter IV “Always in Life God is With Us”

Elizabeth heard the commotion in the kitchen and came down and peeked in.

“Barabas!” she cried! “What happened?” And she ran over and hugged Barabas, (who quickly stopped crying)! He was already beginning to feel better.

“I found a \$20 bill and Ken knocked me down and took the money.” Barabas explained. “Then he just ran away. Then Aunt Gertrude helped me.”

“Thank goodness.” said Elizabeth.

And Barabas said “Thank God!” And he meant it.



God is always with us. “He is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” That means that when the bad things happen to us, God is with us to help us get better. Sometimes God gives YOU the strength to get better by your self and sometimes he sends other people, like Aunt Gertrude, to help you.

But either way, **ALWAYS IN LIFE, GOD IS WITH US!**

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