

"Best Friends"

Isaiah 40:21-31

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Elizabeth and Barabas were sitting waiting for Uncle Floyd to drive them to school on Friday. Remember it was SO COLD Friday morning!

Elizabeth noticed that Barabas seemed . . . sad. This happens to Barabas sometimes. He often feels too tall for second grade. And he has this giant scar on his face!

And his father used to be in jail, even though he now has a job in California. And his mother died in that car crash, when he was a baby, when he got the scar. And besides that, his green Eagles shirt was in the dirty laundry basket!

So, it seems he has plenty to be sad about.

However, Barabas has Elizabeth for a best friend! And that is a very good thing!



Elizabeth said: "I can tell you are feeling sad."

"Yeah," said Barabas.

Elizabeth put her hand on Barabas's shoulder to show that she cares. And she sat quietly Sometimes sitting quietly IS a way to care.

"Are you wondering about your mother?" Elizabeth asked after a bit.

"Yeah," said Barabas.

And then Elizabeth thought it was time for some jokes. So, she asked "What can you call Gator when he is wearing a vest? An investigator!

And then she asked "What did Mr. Potato Head say when he saw 3 holes in the ground? Well, Well, Well!"

And then Elizabeth thought of one more "joke" and said: "Who do you hope wins the Super Bowl tonight?" And Barabas said "The Eagles of course!" And then he added "Who do YOU hope wins."

And Elizabeth smiled and said: "The Vikings!"

"Oh Elizabeth!" and he threw his arms into the air. "The Vikings are NOT in the Super Bowl!!!"

And then he saw that Elizabeth was laughing and laughing! And Barabas knew that was a joke and so he laughed too.

When your friend is feeling down and sad, perhaps you can cheer him up. Perhaps you could help him feel really happy and free of his sadness.

And then, perhaps, he could feel free enough to fly like an eagle!
God help us to be GOOD Best Friends! THE END