

## **"The End of the Story - Or Is It?"**

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Poor Gator. . . Here he is yesterday morning before he got up. His wounds from that encounter with Kat at Downattheriver are healing well. At least the wounds on his belly are. But there are other wounds to heal.

But first I should remind you that Gator is in sixth grade and sixth grade is much more complicated than being in second grade like Barabas. By sixth grade there are many more feelings on the inside of you to figure out.

Gator has always thought that there are two kinds of guys in the world. There are the GOOD guys and

there are the BAD guys. Uncle Floyd is one of the GOOD guys and Kat is one of the BAD guys. Easy, right?

But what about Gator? Gator used to be a bad guy when he lived at Downattheriver before Uncle Floyd adopted him after that bike accident and the stay in the hospital. That is a whole other story. What Gator seems to have learned is that sometimes GOOD people do BAD things and BAD people sometimes do GOOD things. This makes life much more complicated.

After all, when Kat jumped Gator and dug at Gator's underbelly, Kat was BAD. But when Kat saw that it was his former friend Gator, it seemed that Kat regretted hurting Gator. He helped him home. That was a GOOD thing. But then . . . Kat DID keep that house key to Uncle Floyd's back door! That is a BAD thing. Nobody has noticed the key is missing yet.

Gator has all sorts of complicated feelings. He was glad his underbelly was healing. But Gator so much regretted throwing that huge rock at the bump in the snow, which turned out to be Kat (a white cat on white snow)!



And Gator should NOT have been at Downattheriver anyway! And Gator LIED to Uncle Floyd about how it happened! Gator said it was Jeter and Arod, the dogs, who bit him. And, as only dogs can, they both have been by Gator's side helping him to feel better the whole time since that day.

In the Bible lesson this morning, Jesus knew, GOD knew, that life gets so complicated for us people. It is not easy. So God placed his WORD in the mouths of the prophets in the Old Testament lesson and God's WORD was spoken by Jesus in the New Testament lesson.

The truth is, we all do good and bad in this complicated life! The GOOD NEWS in God's WORD is that where we fall short, Jesus fills us in. Thank GOODNESS!

PRAYER: Thank you God for your WORD and the surprising people who bring it to us! Maybe even an alligator and a cat! AMEN

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