

Lucy Mouse's Very Special Christmas Move

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Lucy Mouse woke up to hear her brothers and sisters squeaking in excitement. She pressed her nose against the car window to try to get a better view of their new home. "Wow, I'm going to be a cowboy!" called out Lucy's little brother as the horses turned their heads to watch the little car zoom by. The car stopped in front of a building marked "Sheriff" and the little family hesitantly got out. Lucy whispered a prayer again and asked God to give her new friends and prayed this would be a place where people loved God like they did in the church home where she used to live.

"Don't go too far!" called out Lucy's mom as the brothers and sisters all scampered in different directions to explore. Lucy scampered to a building and the smell of hay tickled her nose as she climbed the wooden fence. Suddenly Lucy came face to face with a feathery soft white nose. A snort of surprise from the stranger nearly toppled Lucy from her perch on top of the fence, but her paws tightly gripped the wood and she regained her balance. "Who are you?" asked a startled Lucy.

"I'm Kairos", replied the beautiful horse. He seemed so kind that Lucy found herself telling her new friend about her fears about moving to a new home, and how sad she was that they had to move right before Christmas. "Well, I don't think you could find a more special place to be then here for Christmas. And everyone here loves God, so you're going to feel right at home!" exclaimed Kairos. Lucy looked around in surprise and then giggled as she remembered the story about a very special stable one Christmas Eve a long time ago.

Kairos and Lucy talked about gifts since Christmas was so close. "God gave us a wonderful Christmas gift when He sent Jesus to earth to be our Savior. And my gift to God is to use my talents to make people smile. I can shake hands, answer yes and no questions and I can even play the piano!" Lucy smiled as she pictured Kairos playing the piano and was thoughtful as she wondered what her gifts and talents were. She wanted to give God a Christmas present too. She decided to pray and ask God to show her what her gifts and talents were that she could use to make God smile.

"My Mom reads the story from the Bible in the book of Luke every Christmas Eve. I'll ask my Mom if we can read the story in the barn this Christmas Eve and then you could hear it too. Maybe you could play Silent Night on the piano for us after we hear the story?" asked Lucy. She heard her mom calling her for dinner and quickly scampered down the fence.

"Goodbye, Kairos. I'll see you later!" Called Lucy. She skidded to a stop in the hay on the floor and said, "Hey, you know that God already answered two of my prayers? I have a new friend AND a special place to live where people love God too!" Lucy waved a tiny paw and scampered through the doorway as Kairos chuckled and agreed. "Yes, God gave me a new friend too and there's no place more special than Calicinto Ranch!" He softly whinnied and began to nibble hay for his dinner, suddenly looking even more forward to this Christmas with new friends.

Do you use your gifts and talents to make God happy? What Christmas gift can you give to God this year? Lucy got to move to Calicinto Ranch right before a very special holiday called Christmas! God's Christmas gift to us was to send Jesus to earth as a baby just for US so that we could live in heaven someday with Him. All you have to do is pray the below prayer and really mean it, and then Jesus will be your best friend and Savior too! Lucy Mouse hopes you and your family have a very special Christmas this year. And stay tuned to February's story to see how God answered her prayer!

Dear God, I know I am a sinner. Please forgive me. I believe that Jesus died for me on the cross and that He arose from the grave so that I can live with Him in Heaven someday. I am now trusting Jesus as my Savior. Thank you for loving me and saving me. Amen.

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Can you memorize this special verse that talks about prayer?

Matthew 6:33

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

In your own words what does being kind mean:

second step quiz

Bullying is when someone repeatedly tries to hurt another person in order to feel more powerful.

Remember this summer when we talked about understanding how others feel, putting yourself in someone else's shoes--it's called empathy.

Bullying or making others feel like they are not a part of the group is a RED ZONE choice. The Bible tells us that we should be kind to each other.

Name 3 GREEN ZONE ways that you can STOP bullying at your school:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

When you make GREEN ZONE choices at your school you are being a leader for standing up for what is right. Remember Jesus is always with you and HE will help you to make GREEN ZONE choices.

Be sure to write us and tell us about the GREEN ZONE choices you are making. We are proud of you for doing what is right and good.



Name That Wrangler!

Good Luck!!

This month it's a tricky one. The wrangler in this picture is really friendly. She is one of the Pirelli sisters. She has 3 yellow labs, Honey, Belle, and Candy. She also has a special horse who can do neat tricks.

Extra Bonus: Can you name the Jr. Wrangler in the picture?

BIG HINT:

Her name starts with the letter "S" and means wisdom. The Jr. Wrangler is Wrangler Armando's oldest daughter...

We hope you have enjoyed our stories about Lucy Mouse and her family!! There are many more adventures to come, in the space below color a picture of Lucy Mouse and her family on Christmas Morning at Calicinto Ranch!!

Camp Trivia:
What color is the dining hall?
A. Red B. Brown
C. Yellow D. Green

All of your friends and the animals here at Calicinto Ranch wish you and your family a VERY special Christmas! We LOVE YOU!!

Name that HORSE!!
Can you name the horse in this picture?



This horse loves to give friendly horse rides around Calicinto Ranch! His name has 4 letters...
Good Luck!!

Bible Quiz

Name the two part of the Bible:

How many books are in the Bible?

Remember to read your Bible can pray everyday!!
God has a special plan for your life!!

