



Patty Porcupine's Visit



Patty Porcupine had started coming to Mitten and Boots's Sunday school class. Mitten did not like to sit beside her, because she thought that Patty was not a nice little girl. Patty pouted about everything, and once she took Betsy Bunny's crayon. But Miss Julie wanted all the children to be friends, so she asked Mrs. Cat to invite Patty over to play with Mitten. Maybe Mitten and Patty could be good friends.

"Mitten," Mother said one day, "Patty is going to come today to have lunch and play with you."

"But, Mother," Mitten said, "Patty is not a nice girl. She wants to have her own way. She does not share. I wish she would not come to my house."

Mother sat down in the rocking chair and put Mitten on her lap. "Mitten, God loves Patty Porcupine just as much as He loves you. He wants you to be her friend. Maybe you can help Patty see that God wants her to be nice to other people."

"I will try," said Mitten. Later that morning, Patty's mother brought her to Mitten's house. Mitten invited Patty to play in her room.

While they were playing, Mitten noticed that Patty was sharing and playing nicely. "You are being a nice friend," Mitten told Patty.

"Yes," Patty said. "I'm trying to be kind now. Miss Julie told me in Sunday school that God is happy when I am kind to others. I want to do what is right. I want to share like you do, Mitten."

Mitten and Patty played with dolls and played Sunday school. Patty pretended to be Miss Julie. Then they had soup and sandwiches for lunch. Patty had very good manners at the table.

After Patty left to go home, Mitten said to Mother, "I am glad that Patty came to my house. I have a new friend now. God helped Patty learn how to be kind, and He helped me learn how to be a friend."

Ask these questions:

1. Who came to play with Mitten? *Patty Porcupine*
2. Did Mitten want Patty to come and play? *no* Why not? *She had not been nice in Sunday school.*
3. Who helped Patty learn to be kind? *God*