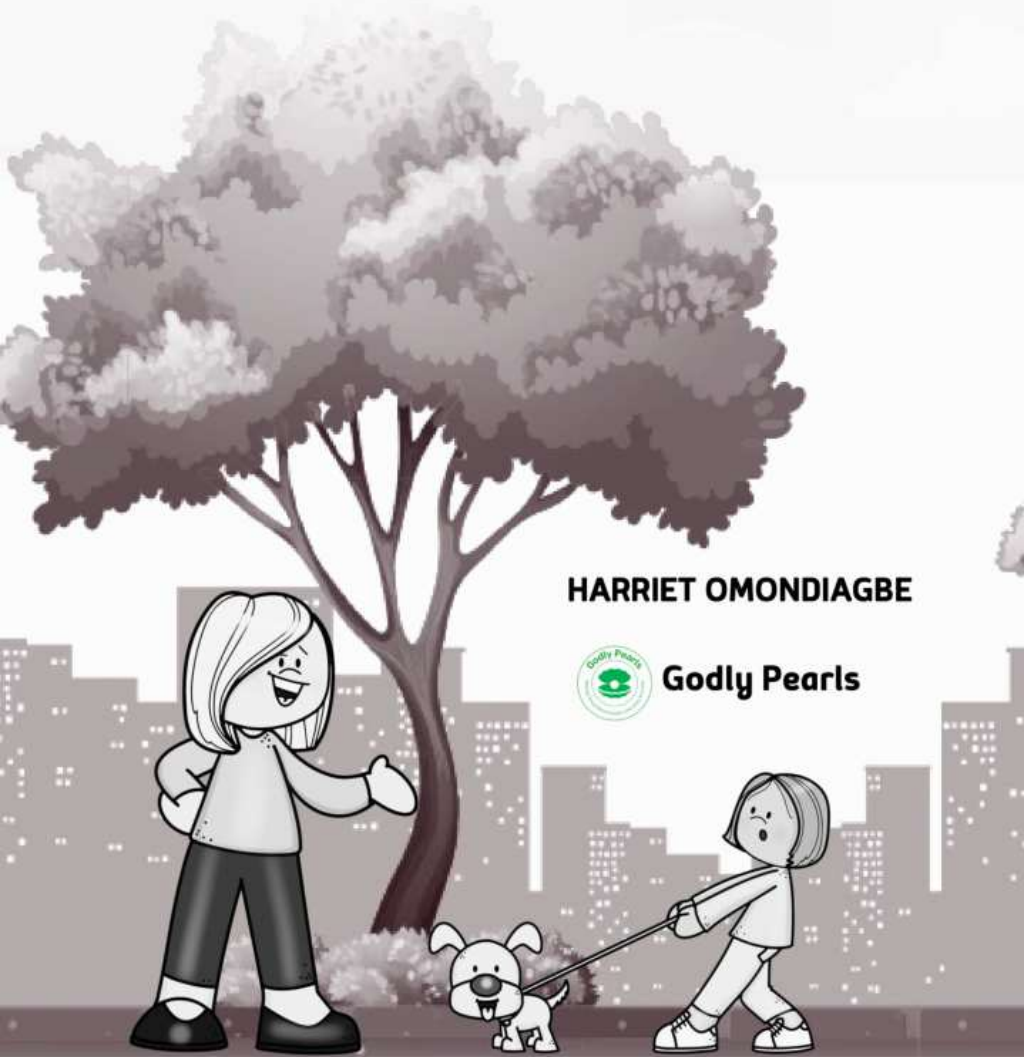


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"....Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you" (Jeremiah 31:3).

"Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed,
Because His compassions fail not.
They are new every morning;
Great is Your faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23).

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved" (John 3:16-17).

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Amanda is my friend, and she lives two streets away from me. She has a dog with six puppies. On my 7th birthday, she gave me one of her puppies!

"I thought you'd like to have a puppy. Happy birthday!", she said.

"Yes, I've always wanted a puppy! Thank you! ", I replied.



The next day, Scout and I were playing around the house, but he started to pull on my pants.

"Does Scout want more food?", Mum asked.

"Er, I am not sure. I gave him some food, but he doesn't seem to want to eat. Maybe he doesn't want to play anymore", I replied.

So, I stopped playing, got on the couch, and started reading aloud my favourite book titled *On Eagles Wings*.

Scout sat next to me, listening.



Later in the afternoon, I couldn't find Scout. So, I started calling, "Scout, Scout? Where are you?"

"Woof, woof, woof", Scout barked.

I walked towards the sound of his voice and found him on a rug in the living room - and there was urine on the rug!

"Oh no, Scout! Not urine on the rug", I said.

"It's OK, Pat. I will clean up the rug. Maybe you can take Scout to his potty area in the next 20 minutes. Soon, he will understand that he needs to pee outside".



One evening, Dad asked me to get his eyeglasses so he could read a local newspaper.

I walked into my parents' room and Scout was there!

He was chewing on Dad's shoes!

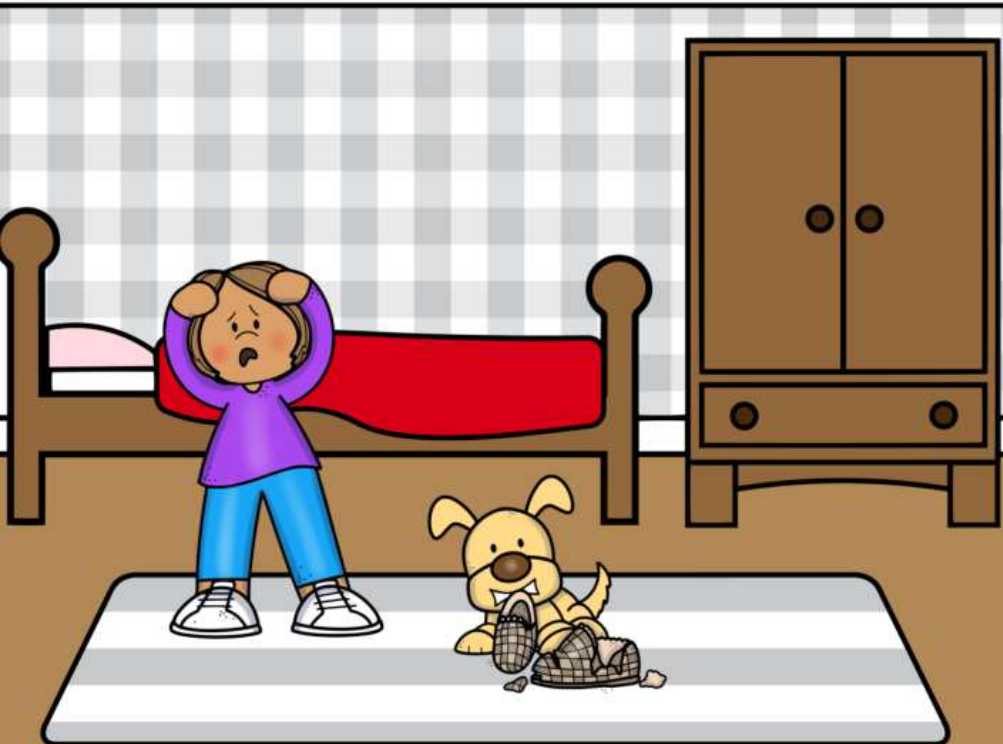
"Oh no, Scout! Not Dad's shoes", I said.

I could hear Mum walking towards the room.

"Are you OK, Pat? Is it Scout again?", Mum called out.

"Yes, Mum", I replied.

"Don't worry about anything. I'll be right there!", Mum said.



At another time, Mum asked me to get her phone from her home office. As soon as I got into the room, I found Scout chewing on Mum's shoes!

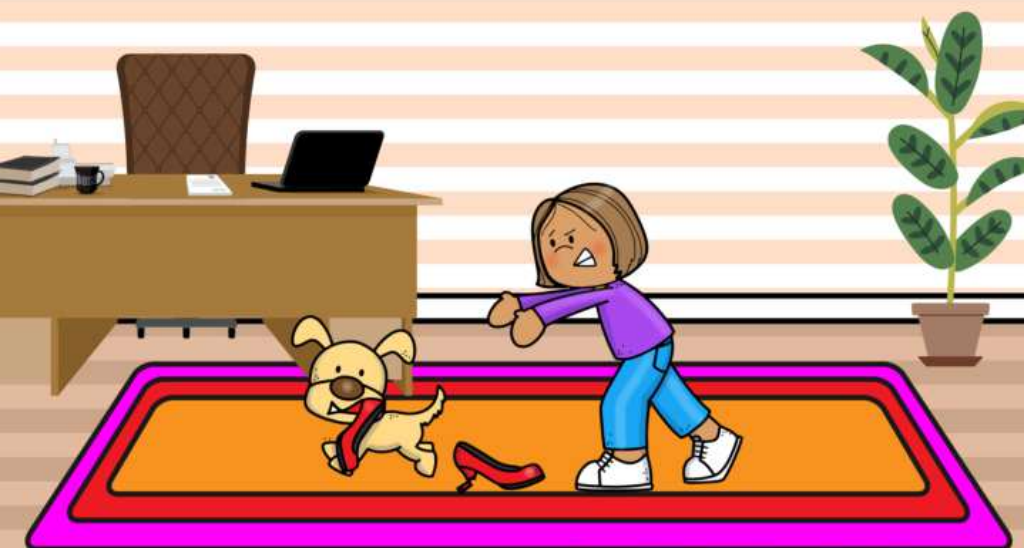
"Oh no, Scout! Not Mum's shoes", I said.

"Is everything OK, Pat?", Mum called out.

"It's Scout again", I replied. "He's chewing on your shoes this time".

"I think we need to get him a chew toy that is shaped like a shoe. He seems to like shoes", I told Mum.

"I think that's a great idea!", Mum agreed.



Later that night, I suddenly woke up to hear Scout howling.

"Oh no, Scout! Not this night. I really need to sleep", I said.

I was getting worried about Scout.

Maybe a vet doctor needs to check him?

Maybe he wants to go back to Amanda?

Maybe I just need to be patient and wait for him to learn like Mum always says?

I had so many questions on my mind.

But I was very sure about one thing: I will always love Scout.



One evening, Mum and I took Scout out for a walk in the park. On the way, Scout kept pulling on the leash. It was really difficult to walk to the park.

"I think we need to take a short break before we try to walk again", Mum suggested.

So, we waited. Then, started walking.

This time, Scout did not pull on his leash.



One Saturday afternoon, Mum and I visited one of my cousins.

"Scout looks happy here. Should we keep him here?", Mum asked.

"No! I will always love my puppy no matter how naughty he gets", I replied.

"I agree. You know, that reminds me of God. No matter how bad we are, God loves us. He doesn't love the bad things we do. Jesus died for our sin, and rose again so that we can be friends with God. He wants to help us make good choices", Mum concluded.



About the book.

When Pat got a puppy for her 7th birthday, it was a dream come true as she had always wanted a puppy.

Little did she know how difficult it would be to train Scout, the puppy. Scout kept doing things that made Pat wonder, "Maybe he doesn't like to stay here?"

But no matter how naughty Scout acts, Pat will always love him.

That is like God. God loves us. No matter how bad we are, God loves us. He doesn't love the bad things we do. Jesus died for our sin, and rose again so that we can be friends with God. He wants to help us make good choices.

Other books by the author.

1. Dear God, Your love is the best!
2. Jesus loves me and died for me - The true Easter story series, book 1
3. Jesus is alive - The true Easter story series, book 2
4. My emotions and God
5. I can praise God
6. ABCs of nighttime talk with God
7. Not disabled
8. Skateboard pride
9. Looking for Larry

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