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Could I see it in your Holy Bible?” asked Roberta.

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Does God really want us to give thanks even when bad things happen?" Roberta asked. "Do you think that He wants us to be thankful because I broke the doll?"

"Maybe not because you broke the doll," said Janet's mother, "but because God loves us. He gave us His Son Jesus to save us, and He blesses us with so many other good things. I'm sure He will see that Janet gets another doll, too."

"I wish that I belonged to Jesus," said Roberta, so that I could be happy all the time."

"Oh, now I'm glad you broke the doll," said Janet! "You can belong to Jesus, and if you want Him to be your Savior, He'll take you." And if you come to Sunday School and church with me, you will get to know Him better; and I we can read the Bible together to learn more about how Jesus wants us to think and act."

So that is how Janet's friend Roberta learned to know more about Jesus, and His love. And by learning more about Jesus she soon found many reasons to give thanks in everything!"

**LET US PRAY:**

**Jesus we love you and we are so glad that you love us, too and that we can belong to You. We thank you for everything that we have in this life, and we bless Your Holy Name! Amen.**

**Note: "We Love Him Because He First Loved Us." 1 John 4:19**



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