

Oliver's Grumpy Heart by Lisa Fike

Oliver's heart woke up a little grumpy today, and so did his face.

Oliver had to be told to get out of bed THREE times.

He did get dressed quickly, but he could not find his shoes,
and that made his heart a little more grumpy.

Mommy made oatmeal for breakfast.

Oliver did not like oatmeal.

This made Oliver's heart even MORE grumpy, and his face looked even more grumpy.

Oliver kept playing with his oatmeal.

Mommy told him to eat his breakfast with a HAPPY heart,

But Oliver DID NOT.

Oliver ACCIDENTLY knocked his oatmeal on the floor,

And the dog ate it.

Now mommy looked sad.

Oliver went to play with his blocks.

His tower was the biggest one he ever made...

Until his baby sister wanted to play too.

She knocked it over,

And laughed and clapped.

Then Oliver's heart was VERY grumpy.

He called his sister a "BAD BABY"

In his mean voice,

And made her cry.

His face was not only grumpy, it looked mean.

Mommy gave sister some hugs and kisses,

And let her play with the blocks.

Mommy took Oliver to his quiet bottom step.

She told Oliver that he must have a VERY grumpy heart

In order to talk to his sister that way.

His sister is more important than any blocks.

Mommy told Oliver that God wants us to have a HAPPY HEART

And they needed to pray,

And ask God to help Oliver change his GRUMPY heart to a HAPPY heart.

Mommy prayed with Oliver,

And then mommy let Oliver stay on the bottom step
until he had a happy heart.

Mommy went to play with baby sister.

They were having fun stacking the blocks and watching them fall.

They were laughing.

Suddenly, Oliver was not grumpy any more.

He called to mommy...

“Mom, my heart is happy now.”

Mommy gave Oliver a hug

And asked Oliver to tell his sister that he was sorry
for talking mean to her.

Oliver hugged his sister and said he was sorry.

Oliver’s heart truly was HAPPY now.

1. Was Oliver's heart Happy or Grumpy when he woke up?
2. Was his face happy or grumpy?
3. What did Mommy do to help Oliver?
4. At the end of story, did Oliver have a Happy heart or a Grumpy heart?
5. Was his face happy or grumpy at the end of the story?

Proverbs 15:13a

A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: