

If the Savior Stood Beside Me – Song Story

Jack was excited for his first day back to school after spring break. He couldn't wait to see his friends again and share all the fun things he did during his week off. As he walked into school that morning, he saw his friend Matt being mean to a classmate. Jack was embarrassed and wanted to turn so he didn't walk past the boys.

(Sing) If the Savior stood beside me, would I do the things I do?

A thought came to his mind. His primary teacher had shared a story about a time she stood up for one of her friends and the way it made her feel inside. Jack thought about the Savior, and what he would choose to do. He wondered what choice he should make if the Savior was there with him.

(Sing) Would I think of His commandments and try harder to be true?

Jack decided he didn't like that his friend Matt was picking on one of their classmates, Chris. He thought about how the Savior loves everyone and decided that he would do what he could to be a friend to everyone. Jack decided to go up to Matt and the other boy and stop the pestering.

(Sing) He is always near me, though I do not see Him there.

As Jack went over to the two boys, he felt the spirit testify to him how proud Heavenly Father was for the choice he had made. He knew he had made the right choice, though it wasn't always easy.

(Sing) And because He loves me dearly, I am in His watchful care.

Jack told Matt that it wasn't nice to pick on other people and that he wanted to be friends with everyone. He stood up for Chris. Matt was embarrassed and decided to apologize. He told both boys that he had a tough time during the break with a neighbor kid being mean to him and he didn't know why he was acting like that. He asked for forgiveness and told Jack and their classmate Chris that he would try to be a better friend.

(Sing) So I'll be the kind of person that I know I'd like to be

Jack was glad he had his teacher's lesson from Primary to help him make the right choice. He shared with Matt and his new friend Chris that he knew it can sometimes be hard to choose the right but that thinking of Jesus Christ made it easier for him. He invited his friends to come to Primary with him.

(Sing) If I could see the Savior standing nigh, watching over me.

Jack, Matt, and Chris became great friends that year. Chris even started coming to church with Jack and loved learning more about the Savior in Primary. *(Bear testimony on good choices).*