

Jack and Teddy

One evening, Jack's mother was getting ready to go to the Wednesday meeting at the Christian Science Church. Jack had never been to a Wednesday meeting. However he did know that at the meetings, the people, who had been healed, got up and told how thankful they were for God's Love and for Mary Baker Eddy, who had discovered the way Christ, Jesus healed. Jack decided that the next time he had a healing, he would go to the meeting and tell everyone about it.



Jack had a German shepherd named Teddy. Jack and Teddy were best buddies. They loved to play with the Frisbee in the yard. Teddy was allowed to roam freely outside. Some days he would run into the big woods behind Jack's house and chase squirrels and rabbits. He would never hurt the animals; he just loved the game of trying to catch them. When it was time for dinner, he would always come home. But one night, Teddy did not come home. Jack walked through the woods calling his name, but there was no Teddy to be seen. Jack did not give up, and after two days of searching for him with his family, Teddy was found. He had been so badly wounded by a hunter that he could not walk. Jack's dad carried him back to their house and made a bed for him in the kitchen.

Jack's mother called a practitioner and gave Jack the phone so he could listen to the truths about Teddy. Right away, the practitioner reminded Jack that God is Love, that He is everywhere and that there is nothing in all of Love's universe to harm or be harmed.

When Jack got off the phone, he replaced the picture of Teddy suffering with the thought that as God's idea, Teddy could only have freedom from hurt. When he was tempted to be mad at the hunter that had shot Teddy, he thought about divine Love and how we all reflect only love toward each other. This helped him to forgive the hunter. In a very short time, Teddy was out in the yard running and jumping to catch the Frisbee.

Jack was very grateful for the Christ, Truth that had healed him of anger and had healed Teddy of his wounds. Now he had a testimony to give at the next Wednesday evening meeting. When it was time to give the testimonies at the meeting, Jack was the first one to stand up. He told about Teddy's healing, and also he told about how he had been healed of anger toward the hunter. After the meeting, a lady thanked Jack for his testimony because it had healed her of being angry toward a person whom she felt had hurt her. Jack was very happy to see that God is always there to help him and to help all of our animal friends, as well.

S & H 518: 19 "Love giveth to the least spiritual idea might, immortality, and goodness, which shine through all as the blossom shines through the bud. All the varied expressions of God reflect health, holiness, immortality—infinite Life, Truth, and Love."