

Maggie the Pony

Jamie lived on a farm in the country where her dad kept many sheep and horses. She had a pony of her own called Maggie. She loved her pony dearly. Many of the children that lived on farms near Jamie also had ponies. Because of this, the children were allowed to ride their ponies to school. Jamie would ride Maggie two miles to school everyday.



On Saturdays, Jamie rode Maggie down to the local Pony Club where she and her friends spent many happy hours riding, training their ponies, and learning how to care for them. On Sundays, Jamie went to Sunday school, where she learned that God loves and cares for every creature in his kingdom and that included her pony, Maggie.

Now, in the farming area where Jamie lived, many cows and sheep were walked on the roads. In order to keep the animals from running onto the land beside the road, there were places called "cattle stops." These were low fences with spaces in between them. The animals were often afraid of the fences, so they would not cross them. Sometimes when they tried to cross, their legs would become jammed between the fence rails.

One day, Maggie got out of her barn and went onto the road by herself. Jamie saw her in the distance and became very frightened because Maggie had tried to cross a cattle stop and had gotten her legs tangled in it. Jamie could hear Maggie calling out to her in a loud, unhappy pony voice. But she and her dad were too far away to help Maggie right away.

Then an angel thought came to Jamie. Even though she wasn't near enough to help, she knew that God was right there with Maggie and He was more powerful than a person. So she shut her eyes tightly. That way she wouldn't see the unhappy picture of Maggie. And she kept saying over and over to herself: "God is Love. God is Love."

Just then she heard her dad say, "She's out!" Jamie opened her eyes and turned to look. Sure enough, there was her beloved pony Maggie standing quietly by the "cattle stop." Her legs were free from the fence and she was completely unharmed.

Jamie was so thankful to God. She knew that divine Love had helped Maggie to get herself out of fence. When Jamie got up to Maggie, she gave her a kiss on her nose. She told Maggie that she loved her, and that God loved her too. She then led Maggie back to her stall. After Maggie was safely inside, Jamie ran up to the house to see her mother. "Mother," she shouted, "I knew the truth and it set Maggie free from the fence." Then she told Mother how she knew that God would help Maggie, and He did by telling Maggie how to get her legs untangled from the fence.

"Yes," said her mother, "and you helped by turning away and shutting your eyes so you wouldn't see an unhappy picture. This helped you see the allness of Love." Jamie was so happy that she was learning how to solve problems with the truths she was learning in Sunday school from the Bible and *Science and Health*.

*John 8:32 "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."
S&H 225: "Love is the liberator."*