

Penny, the Penguin Look-a-like

One summer afternoon, Betsy and Mark found a baby bird on the beach that looked like a penguin. A man came over to look at the bird. He said that it wasn't a penguin, and also it probably would not live very long. But if they could get it to eat, they should give it fish or meat. Mark named the baby bird Penny because it looked like a penguin.



The children showed Penny to their parents. The parents realized that they needed to know the truth about the bird and it would help her. The truth they knew was that little Penny's life could not be controlled by any bad laws that God had never made. The only law in charge of Penny was God's law of a perfect life for this little bird. Penny quickly recognized the love that was being shown her, and she ate and drank anything they gave her. When it was time to go home from the beach, Penny went along with her new family. In her new family were Mousetrap the cat, and two dogs, Pup and Lady. Penny got along so well with the cat and the dogs that they even ate out of the same bowl.

Mark and Betsy filled a plastic swimming pool with water, and Penny used it as a place to play and take baths. All day she would run around in the yard, and at night she would get in her cage where she had his special blanket that was used to cover her.

One night, when it was time to put Penny in her cage, she was nowhere to be found. They called and called because she always answered them when they called by letting out a loud screeching sound. But Penny did not come, and she did not answer when they called. Mark started to cry, but Mother got out the Bible and read the 91st Psalm to help Betsy and Mark understand that God was taking care of Penny no matter where he was. That night, the whole family prayed by realizing that Penny was safe in God's Love.

The next morning, Penny had not showed up yet so Mark and Betsy went off to school. Mother went outside and began calling Penny again. When there was no answer, she began praying. A thought came to her about intelligence. She knew that intelligence could never be unconscious or limited. Penny was an intelligent bird so she could not be unconscious. Suddenly, Lady the dog came running around the outside of the house with Pup right behind her. Out the gate they went, and mother decided that she had better follow them. All three of them ran down an old dirt road that ended near a deep ditch. It was here that the dogs stopped because there, lying in the ditch, was Penny. She was wet and her feathers were all dirty. One of her wings hung down and she was not moving it. Mother picked her up gently and carried her home. She put her on the blanket in her cage. All morning, Mother prayed to know that Penny was being cared for and held in Gods' loving arms. Around noon, Penny woke up and shook herself as though she were waking up from a bad dream. She got up and ate some food. Later she went for a swim in her pool. Mark and Betsy were so excited to see Penny when they got home from school. Mother told them that God had protected Penny all night, and He had guided her and the dogs to find Penny at just the right time to rescue her. There was so much to be grateful for in Penny's family that night.

Proverbs 3:5,6 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all they ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct they paths."