

Turning the Job of Skiing Over to God

One day, Dad came home from work and called to Mother, Kathy, and Karl, saying that he had a great surprise for everyone. All three came to hear the news. Then Dad announced that the family now owned a powerboat, and they could take it to the lake to fish and water ski. Then Kathy said, "Daddy, I don't know how to water ski," But her big brother Karl said that he knew how and he would teach her.

The next morning, everyone in the family helped to get things ready to go to the lake. Mother made the picnic lunch, and Dad and the kids got all the boat gear together. Dad hooked up the boat to the car and off they went.

When they got to the lake, they put the boat in the water. Kathy stood on the dock and watched while Karl went water skiing first. Then it was her turn.

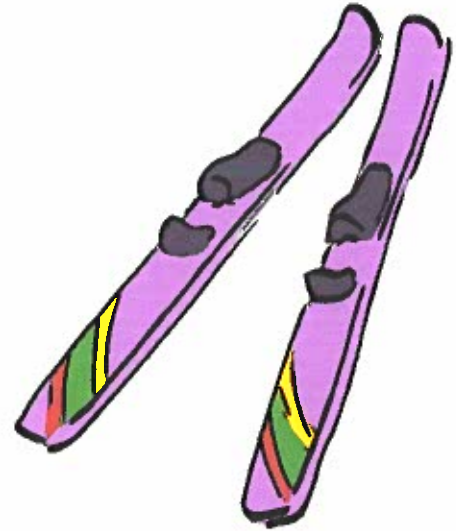
Kathy put on the ski jacket and skis. Karl told her how to hold on to the rope and how to get up on the skis. Then Karl got into the boat with Dad and they were ready to go. But Kathy couldn't get up on the skis and she fell in the water. This happened many times. Karl told Kathy that she was trying to do it herself. She needed to let the boat pull her. The boat would do the work, and she just needed to let it do the job.

Kathy took this good advice and the next time she did get up on the skis and the boat pulled her around the lake. Then they returned to the dock to show Mother that she could water ski now. Mother had been watching and was so happy to see her daughter out on the lake skiing.

After eating a big helping of everything for lunch, Kathy decided to take a little walk in the woods that were near the lake. While she was walking, she was thinking about how much fun it had been to be out on the lake. Because she wasn't paying attention to how far she was walking, she soon found that she could not see the lake anymore. She did not know how to find her way back.

She sat down on an old log and really wanted to cry. She knew that she needed to turn to God for help to show her the way back. In Sunday school, she had learned that Jesus always turned to God for help. He said that he couldn't do anything by himself. So Kathy thought that she would do the same thing. She would rely on God to show her the way back to her family. As she walked along she hummed the "Shepherd" song from the Christian Science Hymnal.

Soon, she reached the beach. She ran over and hugged her mother and dad. She told them what had happened and how she had relied on God to lead her back to them. She told Karl that she had remembered how he had told her to turn the job over to the boat to pull her up on the skis, and stop trying to do it herself. So she turned the job over to God to get her back to her family.



John 5:30 "I can of mine own self do nothing."

Hymn #304 "Shepherd show me how to go O'er the hillside steep."

S&H 456: "Truth does the work."