

# **The Boy with the Giving Heart**





FOR RALEIGH ON HIS 4<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY.

LOVE, MOM

**Once upon a time there was a very small boy who had growing in his body a very large, giving heart.**



**This giving heart made the boy very happy for it had taught him a secret. Do you want to know the secret, too? Well listen very carefully and see if you can figure it out!**

**Because of the boy's large giving heart,  
he was always giving things away.  
Whenever he earned a shiny new dime by  
completing some chore for his mother, he  
took that dime, and with great glee  
dropped it into his brother's piggy bank.  
PLINK.**



**On those special occasions when jelly beans or chocolate pieces were enjoyed for dessert, it would not be unusual to find this boy taking some of his treasure and placing it on someone else's plate.**



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**Don't get me wrong, this boy loved sweets, but he loved giving MORE.**

**Now this boy with the giving heart was a budding artist. He was forever finding new and exciting ways to combine paper, tape, string and crayons to construct his masterpieces. And do you know what he did with those works of art once they were complete? He gave them away, of course! Some went by mail, some were delivered by hand, and some waited patiently beneath couch cushions and pillows for the happy moment when someone would find them and smile.**



**Have you figured out the secret yet?  
Well...keep listening.**

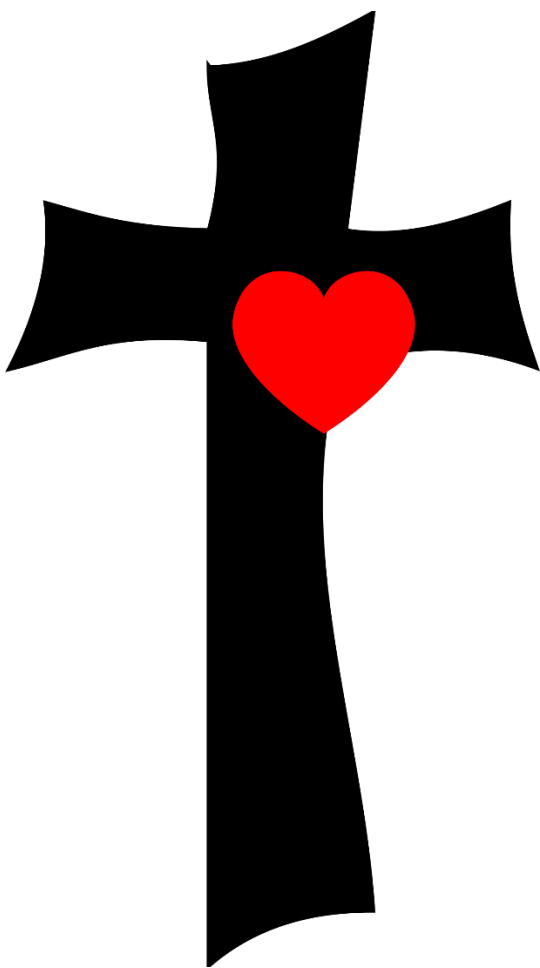


**Now some day this boy will get bigger  
and his piggy bank and pantry and talents  
will get bigger too. What types of things  
do you suppose the MAN with the giving  
heart will give? What people will he help  
and where in the world will they live?  
What types of masterpieces will he  
create to make people smile?**



**This boy with the giving heart reminds  
me of God, do you know why? Because  
the Bible says that God loved us so much  
that He sent His Son, Jesus, to come and  
live with us. Jesus lived a perfect life  
and in order to pay the penalty for our sin  
do you know what He did with His life?  
HE GAVE IT AWAY.**

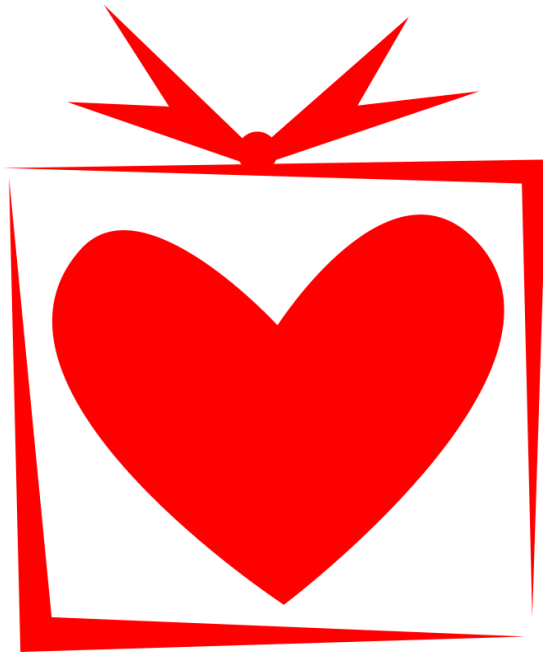




**Before Jesus died on the cross for our sins, He taught us many things and one of them is the secret that lives in the giving heart. Are you ready to hear it???**

**“It is more blessed to give than to  
receive.” Acts 20:35**

**That means that you will get more joy in  
giving something good to someone else  
than in receiving something good from  
them. Do you believe that? The boy with  
the giving heart does.**



**Why not give it a try?**

**What do you have that you could give  
away?**

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