

This little story "Milk and No Cookies" was designed for children 3-10...old enough to feel the emotional loss of divorce but too young to put their deepest thoughts and feelings into words (The age of silent suffering) We pray too that in addition to comfort this story helps young children trust God for help in solving the many small problems presented by parents who live in different houses, problems like milk and no cookies.

The best beginning to the story is probably a real plate of cookies and a real glass of milk. May God's grace sustain you as you read together. *We believe very much in the story and hope it is a blessing to as many children and parents as possible.*

STORY TEXT (Boys Version)

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ANGELO AMEE WANTED COOKIES AND THERE WERE NONE IN THE CUPBOARD. HE HAD FOUND THE LITTLE CARTON OF MILK AND NOW HE WANTED COOKIES.

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ANGELO WENT INTO THE LIVING ROOM TO LOOK AT HIS MOTHER. SHE DID NOT LOOK VERY HAPPY BUT ANGELO DECIDED TO TAKE A CHANCE AND TALK TO HER ANYWAY.

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"MOTHER", HE SAID, "I CAN'T FIND ANY COOKIES." THEN ANGELO WAITED.

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HIS MOTHER DIDN'T LOOK AT HIM AS SHE SPOKE. "WE DON'T HAVE ANY SWEETIE, SO BE A DEAR AND DRINK YOUR MILK.

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BUT ANGELO DIDN'T. HE LEFT THE MILK ON THE TABLE AND WENT INTO THE BACK YARD AND KICKED THE ELM TREE. (Parents note: Underneath anger is almost always hurt or loss or both...see what Angelo(a) does next.

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THEN HE CRIED.

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AND WHEN HE WAS DONE CRYING HE PRAYED. "JESUS, COULD YOU PLEASE HELP ME FIND SOME COOKIES TO GO WITH MY MILK??"

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THEN ANGELO STARTED LINING UP PIECES OF BARK ON THE
SIDEWALK TO MAKE A CROSS.

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HE HAD JUST FINISHED THE CROSS WHEN HE HAD AN IDEA. (*Whisper this
line.*) ANGELO WASN'T SURE THE IDEA WAS FROM JESUS BUT IT MADE
HIM FEEL SO GOOD IT MUST HAVE BEEN.

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HE RAN BACK INSIDE AND SHOUTED. "MOM, I BET DAD HAS SOME
COOKIES. COULD I GO TO HIS HOUSE. I COULD TAKE MY CARTON OF
MILK TO GO WITH HIS COOKIES.

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ANGELO'S MOTHER WIPED HER EYES AND SAID TO HIM, "IF YOU WANT
TO SEE YOUR DAD ...WE'LL CALL HIM.

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HIS DAD SAID "YES" HE COULD COME...BUT HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY
MILK.

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ANGELO SAID, "I'LL BRING MINE."

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AND SO ANGELO'S MOTHER DROVE HIM TO HIS DAD'S NEW HOUSE.
ANGELO THOUGHT "If divorce means you have to live in different houses I don't
like it. But he knew he couldn't undivorce people so he kissed his mom, grabbed his
milk and got out of the car."

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HIS DAD OPENED THE DOOR, PICKED HIM UP. SMILED AND SAID
"HELLO SPORT.

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ANGELO FORGOT ABOUT THE COOKIES UNTIL HIS DAD SWUNG HIM
THRU THE AIR AND SAT HIM AT THE TABLE.

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HE OPENED THE CARTON OF MILK AND LET ANGELO POUR IT.

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BEFORE ANGELO KNEW WHAT WORDS WERE ON HIS MIND HE SAID:
"WHEN WILL THE DIVORCE BE OVER?"

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ANGELO'S FATHER SUDDENLY SEEMED VERY SAD.

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SEEING HIS FATHER SAD MADE ANGELO WANT TO HUG HIM AND FIX
EVERYTHING.

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NOT KNOWING HOW TO FIX THINGS FELT SO BAD ANGELO THOUGHT
HE MIGHT BE GETTING SICK TO HIS STOMACH.

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HIS DAD KNELT DOWN AND LOOKED IN ANGELO'S EYES. "DON'T FEEL
SAD ANGELO. YOU CAN'T FIX THE DIVORCE. YOU DID NOT MAKE IT
AND YOU CAN'T FIX IT.

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ANGELO STILL DIDN'T FEEL VERY GOOD BUT HE SAW A PICTURE OF
JESUS ON THE REFRIGERATOR AND REMEBERED HIS PRAYER.

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HE SAID TO HIS FATHER. JESUS HELPED ME GET COOKIES AND MILK.
COULD HE HELP YOU GET UNDIVORCED.

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ANGELO'S FATHER SMILED SADLY. "HE CAN IF PEOPLE WILL LET HIM
BUT YOU CAN'T. WHAT YOU CAN DO IS LOVE EVERYONE AROUND YOU
AS MUCH AS YOU CAN... AND WHEN IT IS VERY HARD ASK JESUS TO
HELP YOU. THAT IS WHAT I DO.

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ANGELO WHISPERED TO HIS FATHER, "I'M GLAD YOU DIDN'T DIVORCE
JESUS TOO."

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ANGELO'S FATHER SAID: "I WOULD NEVER DIVORCE JESUS, HE IS MY
FOREVER FAMILY...YOUR'S TOO.

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ANGELO FELT BETTER THEN. MAYBE IT WAS THE MILK AND COOKIES... MAYBE IT WAS FEELING LIKE HE STILL HAD A FAMILY...EVEN IF EVERYBODY LIVED IN DIFFERENT HOUSES.

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LATER, WHEN THEY WERE GETTING IN HIS DAD'S CAR ANGELO WHISPERED ANOTHER PRAYER: "THANK YOU JESUS FOR COOKIES AND MILK BUT MOST OF ALL THANK YOU FOR MAKING ME PART OF YOUR FAMILY."

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WHEN HE SAW HIS MOTHER AGAIN SHE SEEMED TIRED SO HE HUGGED HER AND PRAYED AGAIN. "JESUS, PLEASE HELP MY MOM NOT TO BE TIRED ALL THE TIME. HELP HER KNOW SHE IS IN YOUR FAMILY TOO. AMEN"

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AND THAT IS HOW ANGELO AMEE GOT COOKIES TO GO WITH HIS MILK...EVEN WHEN THEY WERE IN TWO DIFFERENT HOUSES.. HE PRAYED MORE OFTEN AND HE LOVED HIS WHOLE FAMILY AS GOOD AS HE COULD AND HE KEPT ON DOING IT. (HE ALSO WENT TO CHURCH WHENEVER HE COULD.)

PARENTS NOTE: The best end to the story is probably a hug followed by one last cookie. We pray too that parents and children alike do not allow divorce to come between them and God...that they do not blame or turn away from their one great source of comfort and support...that when their earth family is damaged they find a forever family, a church family. *In short when Christ said "Let the little children come unto me:" there was no exclusion for the children of the divorce...or their parents." The real last page of the story should probably be: "You-me, church, Sunday."*

Authors Note: The greatest loss for most children is TIME spent with their parents. For a variety of great fun/healing activities visit www.childrenafterdivorce.com