

Bring Him Home



“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”

MATTHEW 28:19 (NKJV)

Chloe loved animals so much she decided she would be a veterinarian when she grew up. Any time Chloe found an injured animal she did whatever she could to nurse it back to health. Chloe wanted a dog of her own so much so that dogs seemed to be the only topic of her conversation.

Chloe’s parents agreed that if she received good grades at the end of the school year they would allow her to have a dog. Chloe was so excited! She did her best in school and her final report card revealed she had done an exceptional job in her schoolwork. So, the whole family made their way to the local animal shelter so Chloe could choose a puppy to be her very own.

The choice wasn’t easy with so many dogs to choose from. But Chloe finally made a decision and chose “Pooch.” He was cute but timid—a mixture of sheep dog and German shepherd. Chloe’s days were filled with play, training, walking, feeding, and loving her puppy.

Pooch became a confident, loyal, and loving pet. His self-appointed job was to

guard Chloe and her two younger sisters whenever they were playing outside. He once fought off a strange dog that came into the yard where the girls were playing. Chloe not only praised Pooch for his love and bravery, but she also acted the role of a veterinarian and carefully washed his battle wounds.

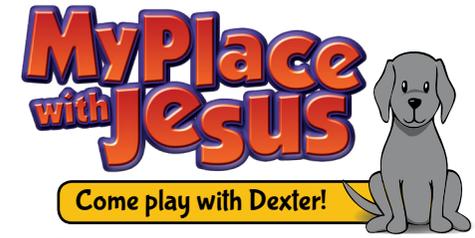
When a cocker spaniel puppy named Freckles joined the family, Pooch assumed an additional job: protecting Freckles. Pooch and Freckles became fast friends and there never seemed to be a harsh “word” spoken between them.

One day, the girls were playing outside when they realized it had been a long time since they had seen Freckles. Only Pooch responded when they called, so they gave Pooch an important job. “Pooch,” they said, “go find Freckles and bring him home. Go on now!” Pooch seemed to understand what they were saying and off he trotted. A few minutes later Chloe and her sisters saw Freckles running up the road toward home. Right behind him was Pooch nudging him along!

Just as Pooch was chosen by Chloe and given a new life and a safe and loving home, Jesus has chosen you and offers a new and eternal home with Him.



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Freckles (left) and Pooch.



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