

Picture Book
2-5 year olds
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Dog Daddy

Izzy tried nice.

"Please Mommy may I have a dog?"

Izzy tried not nice.

"I'm going to hold my breath for a million years if I don't get a dog. Today. RIGHT NOW!"

Izzy tried very bad.

"I WANT A DOG!"

And Izzy tried plain-old lots of "reallys."

"But Mommy I really, really, *really* want a dog!"

Her Mom always said the same thing.

"Izzy, honey, you know Daddy is allergic to dogs. It's Daddy or a dog. And we love Daddy. So we're keeping Daddy and not getting a dog."

"*Of course we're keeping Daddy,*" Izzy thought. She wanted to keep Daddy. But she also wanted a dog.

One day Izzy climbed up on her Dad's lap. She tried cuddly cute.

"Daddy, would *you* be my dog?"

Cuddly cute worked. It usually does with daddies.

From then on, Dog Daddy barked.

Dog Daddy sniffed.

Dog Daddy fetched.

And Dog Daddy went on walks. No leash.

All this dog daddying got Daddy dog tired.

Some days, it was St. Bernard Dog Daddy.

Other days, it was Dalmatian Dog Daddy.

And other days, it was Poodle Dog Daddy.

All this dog daddying confused Daddy.

Dog Daddy forgot that he should never bark at work... never fetch at work... and never, ever have Dalmatian spots at work.

Trouble at work made Dog Daddy snarly growly at home.

He hid his St. Bernard Dog barrel... refused his Dalmatian spots... and tugged off his poodle ribbons.

No one liked snarly growly. Something had to change.

Then Izzy's best friend got a cat.

Izzy tried nice... not nice... very bad... and plain-old lots of "reallys."

"But I really, really, *really* want a cat!"

Her Dad always said the same thing.

"Izzy, honey, you know Mommy is allergic to cats. It's Mommy or a cat. And we love Mommy. So we're keeping Mommy and not getting a cat."

"*Of course we're keeping Mommy,*" Izzy thought. She wanted to keep Mommy. But she also wanted a cat.

One day Izzy's Dad whispered something into her ear. Then he smiled a big, wide St. Bernard smile.

Izzy climbed right up on her Mom's lap. She tried lovey sweet.

"Mommy, would *you* be my cat?"

Lovey sweet worked. It usually does with mommies.