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There once was a chubby little boy called William Joseph Davidson. He lived with his father Mister Daniel Davidson and mother Missus Deborah Davidson on a very large farm at the outskirts of a town called Harville. His mother affectionately called him Billy, but everyone else – including his father – called him William.

To William, the farm was the size of a town. It had a pretty, cosy little cottage, with eight outhouses on it. The farm also had five barns. Three barns housed chickens, goats, sheep, three cows, five horses, seven dogs and a few stray cats, while the remaining two barns stored farm produce, tools, and equipment.

The cows gave the Davidsons their daily milk, while the horses and dogs helped the workers with the sheep and goats while in the field. A large windmill provided enough electricity to run the farm. The Davidsons also farmed fruit trees and vegetables. The front garden had nine sets of ten different coloured flowers. The flowers and fruit trees bloomed in their different colours with a combination of sweet scents, attracting various birds, butterflies, bees, insects, and other animals. Mrs Davidson lovingly gardened, gathered and sold her flowers to Madam Peterson, the local florist. In season, snails, grasshoppers, and wild rabbits were often seen around.





William Joseph chased the butterflies which fluttered around with his butterfly net. Most times he missed them, but a few times he caught one or two. He always freed them so he could continue the butterfly chase. Meanwhile, the honeybees sucked nectar from the blooms to make honey in their beehives. The bees in their excitement buzzed continuously.

William once caught an angry bee in his butterfly net, "Caught you!" he shouted, and his mother had to help him safely get it out without being stung.

At night, the crickets' chirps were heard as the fireflies flickered in unique, flashing patterns. Sometimes, William's mother held parties in the garden. The farm was indeed a delightful place to live.

The Davidsons followed Luke 2:14, which says, "*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.*" These words were sung by the heavenly host. The family learnt to praise God continually.

The Davidsons practised 'pure religion'. This meant visiting the widows and fatherless in Harville. They also clothed those in need, fed the hungry, and visited the sick and those in prison.

Their farm was always filled with people who were willing to help plant, maintain and harvest the crops.

Year after year they had bumper harvests, even during the most unfavourable weather conditions. Their chickens never fell sick and their sheep and goats were never stolen or lost. The Davidsons saw a lot of God's blessings in their lives and on their farm.

Twice every year, they would give some of their produce to charity, amongst which were gifts for patients admitted to the children's hospital. This gesture endeared the townsfolk to them, who affectionately called them Daddy Dee and Ma'am Dee.

William Joseph was a delightful boy, but he had a weakness. He was greedy, especially with food. At mealtime, even though he had not finished what was on his plate, he would demand what was on Daddy's or Ma'am Dee's plate, and any person who had been invited to join their meal. If they said no, he would throw a tantrum.

"Please, finish what is on your plate first, Billy," Ma'am Dee would say, but he wouldn't listen.

After this attitude had gone on for a long while, Ma'am Dee was worried sick. Out of frustration, she took William to the doctor. The doctor told her that William was healthy and would grow out of his cravings with time. This advice was not good enough for her. She was at her wit's end. William did not mind when or where he sparked a tantrum. At times, he would sit down in the middle of the path, refusing to move away. He would scream, stomp his feet, dirty his clothes, and throw things about. He did this at home, the supermarket, on the playground, and even at church. His greedy eyes always wanted more food than he could eat.

