

Marcia and Abandoned Puppies

Once upon a time, there lived a little girl called Marcia and her mother and father in a small village bustling with coal mining. Her father was working in a deep tunnel to mine the coal. Every day, her father went to work early in the morning and came home late at night tired out and soot-blackened. Her family was not rich but she was living happily.

One day, when Marcia was walking by the front of a church, she heard a faint cry, "ruff ruff." In front of the gate of the church, 5 puppies with their eyes not yet open were abandoned in a cardboard box. Marcia carried the puppies home carefully and begged her mother "Please help these puppies!" But her mother said, "Marcia, we are too poor to take care of the puppies" and took the puppies to the town hall.

If nothing was done, the puppies would be killed, and Marcia wept away on her bed. She felt sorry for the puppies and was sad because her always-sweet mother did such a cold thing.

That night, her father came home. He looked at Marcia's puffy face and asked the reason why. Her father listened to Marcia's story quietly with his eyes closed and said "Mother, we certainly lead a poor

life but our hearts should not. Everything in this world was made by God with deep love. Is it OK to decide the value of life in our narrow mind? It is even worse to kill a living being. How can we save people without even being able to save a little life? It must be God's wish that Marcia found the puppies in the church."

Her father did not go to school but was a good man with culture and faith. Her mother in tears said, "Please forgive me Marcia, mother was wrong."

The next morning when they all went to the town hall, fortunately, the puppies were all fine. Her father and mother went around to their friends and acquaintances' homes and asked them to adopt the puppies. Among the litter, the smallest white puppy was adopted by Marcia's family.

Marcia and the puppy have become very good friends and have been together ever since. Marcia and her family are said to have become rich in their hearts and lived happily ever after.