

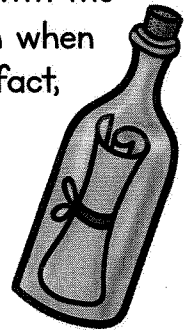
When Ryan Got Sick

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Ryan's life changed when he got sick. He didn't have a cold or the flu. Ryan had cancer. He got very sick and had to stay in the hospital for long time. When his class at school found out about his illness, the teacher had them all make cards for him. Ryan had been popular with his classmates and while he appreciated the cards, he was surprised that no one from his class came to visit him, no one except James. James was a nice kid, a little shy, so Ryan had never gotten to know him well, but he had always liked him.

On that first visit, James brought Ryan some of his favorite comic books to read. James continued to visit Ryan a few times a week. James kept him updated on what was happening at school and helped him to keep up with the work that their teacher sent. James kept coming to the hospital, even when the cancer made Ryan so weak that he could hardly move or talk. In fact, he came more often.

The cancer treatments worked and Ryan got better. He returned to school and was greeted enthusiastically by his classmates. Although lots of kids wanted to play with him at recess and sit with him at lunch, Ryan preferred to spend most of his time with James.



Mr. Tuttle's Lunch

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Mr. Tuttle was doing a unit on nutrition with his students. He decorated the classroom with posters showing healthy foods. Every day, he lectured his students about the importance of making good food choices like eating lots of fruits and vegetables and staying away from junk food.

Over the weekend, some of Mr. Tuttle's students went to the mall. They saw Mr. Tuttle in the food court. He was eating a corndog, French fries, and drinking a chocolate milkshake.

"Wow," said Jenna to one of her friends, "I guess eating healthy isn't so important after all."

"I wonder why he says all that stuff if he doesn't believe it." Tracy replied. "I was going to get a salad, but now I think I'll just get a slice of pizza and a soda instead."

"Me too," said Jenna.

