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The Lost Kittens

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Toby loved animals. He had two dogs and a cat at home, and he wanted to get a bird also. His mom told him he had enough pets to care for right now. Toby was on his way to the movies and saw a kitten hiding under a tree. "What's wrong?" Toby asked the kitten. "Did someone forget to take you home?" The kitten looked very young and very scared. Toby decided to forget the movies and bring the kitten to his house. "Toby, what do you have there?" mom asked. "I found him under a tree on Willow Street," said Toby. "He doesn't have any tags so I thought I better bring him home." "You already have enough pets, Toby." "But mom, I couldn't just leave him there." Mom got the kitten some milk and something to eat.

The next day, Toby was on his way home from school and found another kitten! "Oh goodness, are you lost too?" Toby took that kitten home too. "Toby, there is no way you can keep these two kittens!" said mom. "We will take them to the shelter so someone else can give them a good home." Toby was sad that he had to give up the kittens. "They were probably from the same litter, and someone just didn't want the kittens," said mom.

Toby and his mom took the kittens to the shelter the next day. The lady checked them to make sure they were healthy. Just then, a little girl and her mom came into the shelter and spotted the kittens. "Mom, look the kittens are over there!" The little girl ran to the area where the kittens were. "Those are my kittens!" shouted the girl. Her mom said they must have gotten out through the small hole in the fence. Toby told the girl that he found them on Willow Street, and that he took them home to care for them. "We are so glad you found them," said the girl's mother. "We didn't even have tags on them yet." Toby felt so much better knowing that the kittens were going to be safe and in a good home. "We better get that fence fixed," said the girl's mother. "We don't want them getting out again." They both thanked Toby and his mom for the care they gave the kittens. The girl said she was going to name one of them Toby. Toby smiled and said he would love to visit the kittens. "Anytime you want," said the girl's mom. Toby gave the kittens a hug good-bye and was still smiling!

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