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How Jennings Gets Through It All

When Jennings was little he was sensitive, imaginative, creative, and obedient child, but he would get beat, bullied, starved, and was lonely. To help himself he would talk to doggie, or fight to protect himself. Jennings comes from a poor family and he has lots of family problems. He has lots of siblings and only one mother to support five kids. He had a hard time making friends in school, but in the orphanages he would have a few friends, but one true first friend, Mark, but then dies later in the book. Jennings always had hard times, rough times, and exciting times. He has always loved everyone that walked into his life that stayed with him through times he felt he was hopeless, fearful, or even just hungry. In the book *They Cage the Animals at Night*, by Jennings Michael Burch, Jennings would use his imagination and obedience to help him make matters not as worse as they could be.

Imagination was an important in Jennings childhood; it would make him less lonely. His imagination helps him through hard times like, being without doggie, being without his mother or being without a guardian to help support him. On page 92, Jennings said "Oh doggie, she hurt me, she hurt me so much." Talking to doggie helped him open up his problems and made him feel he had someone that could listen to him, instead of keeping everything bottled up inside him. If doggie want there than one day he

²² might ²² of just had an emotional breakdown. "Hey ²¹ doggie! Wanna go on the slide?" He did. We played in the park for quite some time." Jennings said on pg 94. If ²³ doggie ²³ wasn't there, than he would have to play by himself and feel lonely or left out. When ²⁵ doggies ²⁵ there, he will have someone to play with, so he can feel like any other kid that wants to play and not feel as left out.

Being obedient is hard to ²⁷ do. Lots of people don't want to listen to others; they always want to be right. Although in ^{27,8} Jennings situation it was ²⁹ good he didn't talk back or ³⁰ forgo ³⁰ to do anything. If he did, it would look like he was asking to get in trouble with the teachers, nuns, and parents. On page 44 Jennings explained "She placed the same bowl of grayish gook I had rejected this morning" ³¹ I think one of his choices was a bad one, because since he refused to eat the paste, than she could of beaten him so bad that she could of broken a bone because she was ³² angry. "Go inside" George ordered. I got up and left the room." I think that was a great choice, it shows he knows what to do at the right time.

Obedience and Imagination make up Jennings, and help Jennings. Obedience helps Jennings with his physical health, by not getting ³⁴ beaten, and his imagination makes a ~~kid~~, a kid, and helps Jennings have a best friend for life. You can learn from Jennings that it's ³⁶ okay to wear ragged clothing, have a messed up family, because you could turn out fine, like Jennings. Jennings story will show you that love is unlimited, and there will always be more for more in your life .

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