

Bubbles is a fish that lives in the ocean with his family and his best friend Fin. Bubbles and Fin have known each other ever since the day they were born. They grew up together because Fin's parents got caught in a fishing net following behind a massive fishing boat, they were never seen again. Now Fin lives with Bubbles and his family.

Bubbles and Fin go to the Great School Of Fish to learn how to blow bubbles, and how to splash in the water. One normal day at the Great School Of Fish their teacher said that everyone would be able to present a big bubble in front of the entire class next week. The teacher slowly swam to Bubbles and said "Bubbles in tomorrow you will present a bubble to the class to show them how to do it. Until then we will be learning about the environment that we live in and how we can help save it!" Bubbles was so scared that he would freeze up like the top of the water in winter time.

The class went to help free up the sealife in the area. Once the day was almost over Bubbles did not know what to do. The teacher came to his house earlier that same day to tell his parents that Bubbles would have to present a bubble to the class tomorrow. After they ate dinner Fin and Bubbles went to bed early because they knew tomorrow was a big day for Bubbles!

"Today is the day," Fin said with great joy. Bubbles had a scared look on his face when Fin said that! What will I do? Bubbles thought in his head. They swam to the Great School Of Fish right after breakfast, but only to get a bit more bubble practice in. Now it was time for another bubble class, but once Bubbles got in front of everyone he panicked and froze there floating in the water. Later that day at school the teacher pulled Bubbles away from splash class to tell Bubbles that he could present his bubble to the class in two days but no later than that.

Bubbles did not know what to do after he completely embarrassed himself in front of his entire class. "What will I do?" Bubbles said to Fin with a look of panic on his face. They both agreed to go home for dinner time.



They swam right into their home that smelled so good. Bubbles' little sister Jemma dug right into the delicious smelling dinner that Laura, Bubbles mom prepared for the family. "Dig in," said Joe, Bubbles dad. So they all did.

Laura tucked Bubbles and Fin into bed shortly after dinner. The boys stayed up for a few minutes talking about the bubble class.

"What if I freeze up again?" said Bubbles.

"Do not worry, I will help you tomorrow after our trash clean up. Is that fine with you?" said Fin.

"Ok I love the sound of that thank you so much for everything." said Bubbles

"I would do anything for you because you have always been there for me." said Fin. They got really tired after that long day of worry for Bubbles so they went to bed.

The next day Fin woke Bubbles up really early so they could do the trash clean up and get it done fast; but turns out there was so much trash in the ocean that they did not know about!

"We should stay here longer to help pick up garbage in the cove." said Fin.

*"No I don't want to stay to clean up garbage that wasn't even mine in the first place. You said that we would clean up the garbage fast so we would be able to get in some bubble practice today." said Bubbles.*

*"Sorry but the ocean needs us, do you want to live in a place covered with trash?" said Fin*

*"No, but..." Bubbles said.*

*"But what?" Fin asked.*

*"I need more bubble practice." Bubbles demanded.*

*"Let's stay here for thirty more minutes then go home for bubble practice."*

*"Ok." Fin was really excited to be a huge part of cleaning up the reef - Bubbles, not so much. But they had to try to make the ocean life happy and to make Bubbles happy. They freed up a turtle stuck in a plastic, and fish stuck in old fishing nets. It felt good for Fin and Bubbles to be such a help to their community and their reef.*

*Then Fin said, that should be enough cleaning up the reef for today. So they went home to get in some bubble practice before it was too late. They practiced and practiced until Bubbles could get the perfect bubble and stop doubting himself. The boys waited for dinner to be ready to pass time also to let Bubbles catch his breath for a few minutes. Then Bubbles suddenly said "I can do this. I can do this. I know I can do this." So he attempted to blow a small bubble and came out with a humongous bubble - one of the biggest bubbles blown.*

*"Wow you will definitely crush that bubble blowing class!" said Fin. It felt good that Bubbles now knows that he can blow a big bubble. He took a huge deep breath which helped with his stress about failing or freezing in front of every fish in his class. He forgot all about what happened last time. Then they Prayed and ate dinner as a family.*



*The next day Bubbles spoke to his teacher in private to say that he wanted to present his bubble early, and the teacher agreed to let him. Once it was time, he went in front of the class, took a great big breath and succeeded. All of his classmates were so amazed because that was the biggest bubble that any of them had ever seen!*

*After class, the teacher told the class "Tomorrow is reef day, when we spend the entire day cleaning up the great reef that we live in, remember we will be helping out the community and picking up any garbage or trash that we can see. You will be in groups of three so stick together and be safe. All of the kids nodded their heads and quickly swam*

*away.*

*Once Fin and Bubbles got home they were showing Laura and Jemma how amazing their bubbles were. When Joe came home he offered to take the boys out for a swim to pick up some trash in the ocean so the three of them went to pick up some trash before dinner time, and they made a lot of progress but there was still a lot of work to be done in the reef.*

*"After dinner do you want to go and clean up the reef a little bit more?" said Bubbles.*

*"I thought that you did not care about the environment that we live in and how we can save it?" said Fin.*

"But it is important. I was just upset about my bubble but now that is fine. I really want to be a part of helping to save the reef from trash and garbage that humans just through in these waters, so let's be a good help to the water that we live in!" said Bubbles.

"Ok and I love the spirit," said Fin.

So later after Laura made another great meal the two boys cleaned up a lot of garbage and saved some sealife trapped in waste. They met two turtles five clownfish and seven sad starfish. It was worth the time and effort because after they were done a large area that looked beautiful and clean and most of all now fish had more space for homes. The boys went to bed as soon as it started to get dark and gloomy out. Laura once again, tucked in the boys and they all said a prayer together.

Laura said, "Lord, God our father we thank you so much that we could be a happy healthy family, we pray that the reef could be clean once again. We pray for the hungry and weak, and those who are suffering in the garbage. We pray that you could help us clean up the reef, we just want to thank you so much for what you have done, in Jesus name we pray amen. Then they fell fast asleep.

The next day there was an alert in the reef saying that all fish and sea creatures need to stay in there homes. Everyone listened but with a lot of fear of wondering why there was an alert, luckily Fin was an expert on noises and alerts.

"This alert means that there has been a human sighting in these waters so we all have to stay in our homes till it is gone!" said Fin with a shortness of breath.

"Ok thank you so much for telling us. By the way your trash clean up day has been canceled, sorry guys I knew that you were looking forward to it ." said Joe.

The boys had looks of disappointment on their little faces but then they thought about there prayer last night and maybe God was helping.

"God is helping us, this is a sign. God is helping us by sending out a human to pick up all of the garbage and trash. This isn't so bad after all that our trash clean up is canceled because all of the trash is being cleaned up as we swim."said Bubbles.

"The alert has turned off lets go outside for a minuit."said Fin.

"Ok said Laura. The reef was spotless there was no garbage, no trash, and no humans. God answered there prayer by sending help. They went back inside of the house to eat dinner, Pray to thank God, and to talk about what a day it has been. Then they all had a good long night sleep. So if you need help you can turn to God. He will always be there for you, Just like God was there for Bubbles, his family, and the Great Barrier Reef.

*We can also help to make a difference.*

*FIN*

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