

Kids Corner

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Bishop's Bike Bell

The town of Belleville is busy this bright spring Saturday morning. The children are playing near the town square where Toby, the town bell, is proudly standing over the town. The trees are beginning to flourish and their green leaves are shiny and bright. The children are playing hopscotch, and people are enjoying the spring weather.

Bishop is riding his bike down the hill that leads to the town square; faster, and faster he goes down the hill. He reaches to ring his bike bell and alert the children that he is going to be riding through their hopscotch game. He rings it loudly (brrring brrring). The children scamper quickly to get out of the way. He then quickly zooms past them and Mr. Wagner's beautiful green yard as he hurries to meet his friends. Bishop doesn't notice that the lever for his bike bell fell off as he shouted hello to his friends. Mr. Wagner had been watching Bishop ride down the hill and noticed a part of his bike fell off as he went past his house.

Bishop was so happy to meet his friends and play at the playground. He parked his bike and didn't think to check if anything was amiss. Bishop was running and playing and having the best fun with his friends. He was playing hide and seek and tag most of the

morning. It was noon when he heard Toby the town bell ring. He knew it was time to head for home as his mom was expecting him to finish his chores. Bishop jumped onto his bike and was riding up the hill toward home when he came to the children playing hopscotch; he went to ring the bike bell and tell them to move out of the way. Bishop noticed his bike bell was there, but the lever to ring the bell was not there. Worried that he would not be able to use the bike bell, he got off his bike and started walking his bike home. Bishop was looking down and searching for the small lever that would make his bell work.

Mr. Wagner said, "Hi, Bishop. Are you looking for this?" He held up a small piece of metal that might be his the missing lever.

"That's it," shouted Bishop; he smiled and looked excited to find the missing piece. Clement, a friend, said, "Would you like help in fixing your bike bell."

"Yes, please," said Bishop, and they worked together to fix the bell. Bishop waved goodbye to his friend and rode up the hill to see his mom and finish his chores.

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