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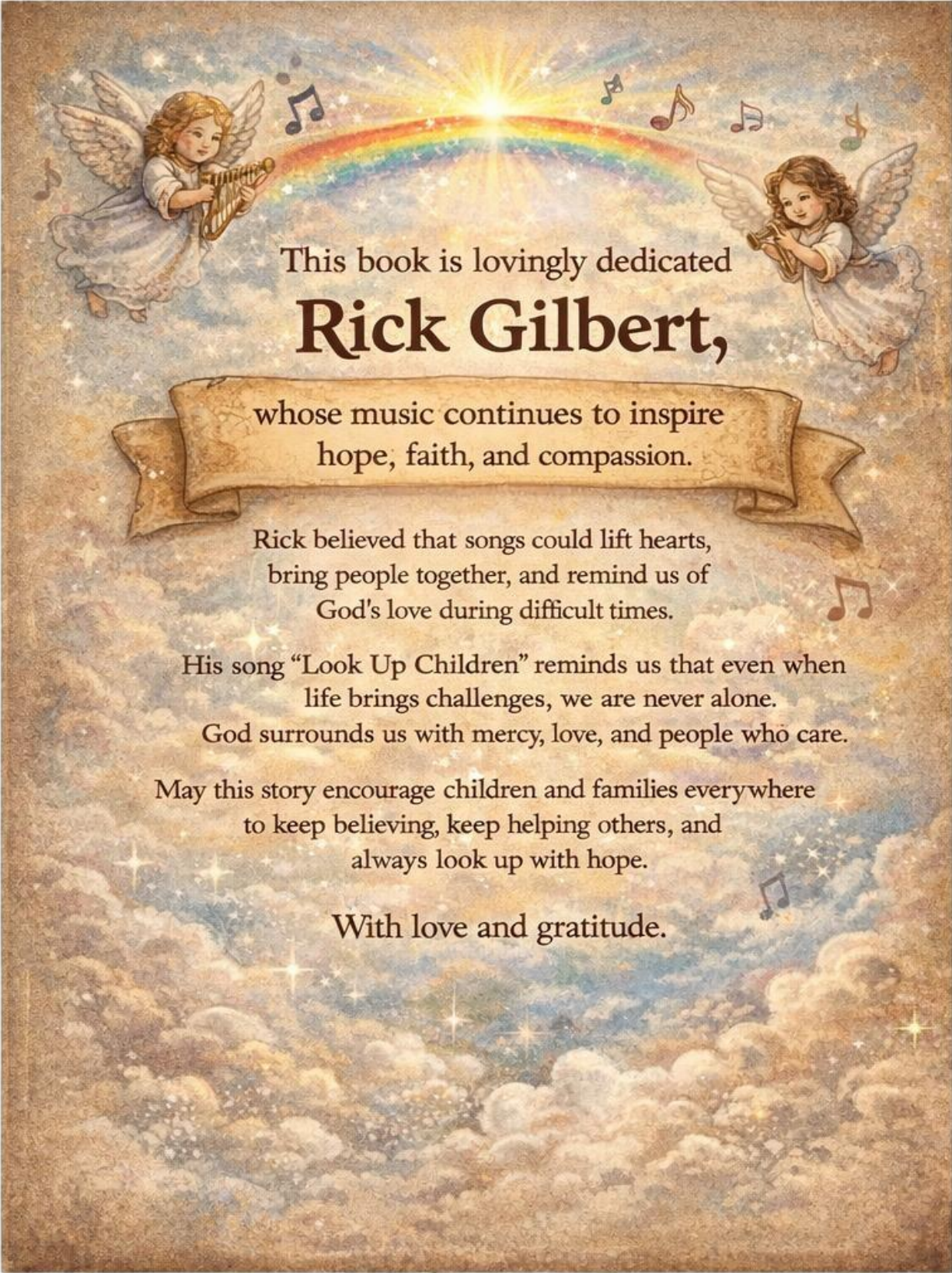
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This book is lovingly dedicated

Rick Gilbert,

whose music continues to inspire
hope, faith, and compassion.

Rick believed that songs could lift hearts,
bring people together, and remind us of
God's love during difficult times.

His song "Look Up Children" reminds us that even when
life brings challenges, we are never alone.

God surrounds us with mercy, love, and people who care.

May this story encourage children and families everywhere
to keep believing, keep helping others, and
always look up with hope.

With love and gratitude.

Meet the Praise Pups

The Praise Pups Adventure Squad

Seven musical pups from different parts of the world have been chosen for a very special mission from Heaven. Each pup has a unique gift, a joyful spirit, and a heart that loves God.

Together they use their music to bring **love, unity, friendship, and faith** to children everywhere.

Gabby – Spain

Name Meaning: God Is My Strength

Instrument: Drums

Gabby grew up in a lively Spanish family full of music, joy, and faith. She loves rhythm and can turn almost anything into a drum! Gabby's joyful energy keeps the Praise Pups marching forward on every adventure.

Dakari – Africa

Name Meaning: Rejoice

Instrument: Bass Guitar & Jungle Drums

Raised on the African safari, Dakari learned music from the sounds of nature. His deep bass rhythms and warm tenor voice bring strength and celebration to the Praise Pups' songs.

Callie – England

Name Meaning: Beautiful Voice **Instrument:**

Keyboard & Vocals

Callie grew up in a royal English home surrounded by elegant music. Her graceful keyboard melodies and lovely singing voice add beauty and harmony to the Praise Pups band.

Rivka – Denmark

Name Meaning: To Bind Together

Instrument: Lead Guitar & Vocals

Rivka grew up in a cozy windmill village in Copenhagen. Her bright guitar playing brings people together, just like her name says, helping the Praise Pups unite hearts through music.

Kota – Native American

Name Meaning: Great Peace

Instrument: Rhythm Guitar & Harmonies

Raised among wolves in the wilderness, Kota learned the peaceful rhythms of nature. His guitar and harmony vocals help bring calm, wisdom, and balance to the Praise Pups.

Willow – North Carolina, USA

Name Meaning: Graceful

Instrument: Tambourine, Hand Instruments & Vocals

Growing up on a farm, Willow learned to sing with the birds and play music with joyful rhythm. Her tambourine and cheerful voice fill every Praise Pups performance with energy and happiness.

Tessie – France

Name Meaning: To Gather

Instrument: Lead Vocals & Multi-Instrument

Adopted by a kind French artist, Tessie grew up surrounded by creativity and music. She is the main singer of the Praise Pups and has the amazing ability to play almost any instrument she touches!

Together They Are...

The Praise Pups Adventure Squad

Seven Pups • Seven Cultures • One Mission

Using music, friendship, and faith, they help children rediscover:

Joy
Adventure
Kindness
Unity
The Love of Jesus





Callie on Keyboard



Dakari On Bass Guitar



Gabby on
Drums



Kota On Rhythm Guitar

Rivka on Lead Guitar





Tessie Vocals



Willow Vocals

The Praise Pups Pledge

I promise to be kind.

I promise to be brave.

I promise to help others and share God's love every day.

I will sing with joy,
Play with my friends,
Care for the world around me, And
remember that **Jesus loves me.**

Together we will spread
Love, unity, friendship, and hope.

Because we are part of the...

Praise Pups Adventure Squad!

Praise Pups Cheer

(Fun for kids to clap along)

Leader: **Who are we?** Kids:
Praise Pups!

Leader: **What do we do?**
Kids: **Spread love and joy!**

Leader: **How do we do it?**
Kids: **Through music and friendship!**

All together:

Praise Pups! Praise Pups!
Sing it loud and clear!
Sharing love and kindness Everywhere
we go this year!

Chapter 1 Praise Pups Adventure Squad

Praise Pups Adventure Squad

The Golden Letters

Long before the adventures began, something very special was happening in Heaven.

God had a plan.

Not just any plan...

A joyful, musical, tail-wagging kind of plan.

There were **seven unique and adventurous pups** living in different parts of the world. Each one was wonderfully made, just as the Bible says:

"I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

Each pup was part of **God's special handiwork**, created with a gift that made them shine in their own special way.

One pup loved drums.

Another played the keyboard.

One played bass guitar.

Another played lead guitar.

One played rhythm guitar.

And two loved to sing with joyful voices.

They were all different.

Different cultures.

Different places.

Different styles of music.

But God had a beautiful reason for that.

Music has a special power.

Music can make people smile.

Music can bring friends together.

Music can help hearts feel hope again.

And God knew that these **seven pups**, with their seven musical gifts, could help bring **love, unity, and joy** to children everywhere.

The Letters from Heaven

One bright morning, something amazing happened.

Across the world, **seven Animal Angels** flew quietly through the sky carrying special envelopes.

Each envelope sparkled like sunshine.

They were **glittery gold**, and on the front was a beautiful **musical note**.

One by one, the angels gently delivered the letters to the seven pups.

Inside each envelope was the same message:

Dear Special Pup,

You have been carefully chosen.

Your music brings **joy and unity** to this world.

Heaven has chosen **seven pups** to unite the children of the United States on a mission from God.

Together you will form a team called:

The Praise Pups Adventure Squad

You will go on many adventures and meet children from many nations.

Remind them how special they are.

Use your gifts and talents to bring joy.

Many children today spend too much time on cell phones, computers, and games. They have forgotten the joy of playing with friends, spending time with family, and learning about God.

Help them rediscover:

Friendship

Adventure

Nature

Faith

And the love of Jesus.

Your first meeting place will be:

**River Oasis Family Retreat Center in
the Great Smoky Mountains.**

There you will begin your mission.

Follow the music.

With love,

Heaven

Each pup stared at the letter in amazement.

Their tails wagged.

Their ears perked up. A

mission from God?

An adventure?

And music?

It sounded perfect.

The Dogmire Family

At that very same moment, far away in the **beautiful Great Smoky Mountains**, another golden letter arrived.

This one was delivered to a warm and kind family who ran a retreat center called **River Oasis Family Retreat Center**.

The **Dogmire family** loved God, loved people, and loved helping families spend time together away from busy life.

When they opened their letter, they read:

Dear Dogmire Family,

Seven very special pups will soon arrive.

They have been chosen for a mission from God.

Please welcome them to **River Oasis Family Retreat Center**.

They will arrive at the local airport.

You will recognize them by the **golden letters** they carry.

Please bring the **camp bus** and help them begin their adventure.

With gratitude,

Heaven

The Dogmires looked at each other with surprise and excitement.

Seven musical pups?

On a mission from God?

Well... this was certainly going to be interesting.

Mr. Dogmire smiled and grabbed the keys to the **camp bus**.

"Looks like we're heading to the airport," he said. And far away, in seven different places across the world... Seven pups were packing their instruments.

Because something incredible was about to begin.

The **Praise Pups Adventure Squad** was about to meet for the very first time.

Chapter 1 Meet the Praise Pups Adventure Squad

Chapter 2 — Meet the Praise Pups

Callie – The Beautiful Voice

Across the ocean in the green and beautiful countryside of **England**, where castles stand tall and gardens bloom with colorful flowers, lived a graceful little pup named **Callie**.

Callie was **two years old**, just like the other pups who had received the golden letters.

Her name had a lovely meaning.

Callie means “Beautiful Voice.”

And that name suited her perfectly.

Callie grew up in a **formal English royal home**, where everything was neat, proper, and very elegant. The grand home had tall windows, shining chandeliers, and long hallways that echoed with music.

In the great music room sat a beautiful **keyboard piano**.

From the time she was a tiny puppy, Callie loved to sit at the keyboard and gently press the keys.

Plink... plink... plink...

Soon the soft sounds turned into beautiful melodies.

Callie also loved to sing.

Her voice was sweet and clear, like birds singing on a bright spring morning. When she sang, everyone who heard her would stop and listen.

The royal family often said,

"Callie, your voice is truly a gift."

But Callie always remembered something important her family taught her.

Every gift comes from **God**.

One peaceful afternoon while Callie was practicing her keyboard in the grand music room, something wonderful happened.

A soft golden light appeared near the tall window.

Floating gently into the room was a **beautiful Animal Angel**.

The angel carried a **glittery gold envelope** with a shining musical note on the front.

Callie politely bowed her head as the angel placed the envelope beside the keyboard.

"This message is from Heaven," the angel said kindly.

Callie carefully opened the golden letter.

As she read the words, her eyes grew wide with excitement.

She had been **chosen for a mission from God**.

Six other musical pups from around the world had also received the same golden letter.

Together they would become the **Praise Pups Adventure Squad**.

Their mission was to help children rediscover:

Friendship

Kindness

Adventure

Faith

And the love of **Jesus**.

Callie placed her paw gently over her heart.

"What a wonderful mission," she said softly.

Soon it was time for Callie to pack her things.

She brought her **keyboard music**, her **beautiful singing voice**, and the **golden letter** from Heaven.

Her destination was a special place in America called:

River Oasis Family Retreat Center in
the **Great Smoky Mountains**.

There she would meet the other pups for the very first time.

Callie looked out the tall castle window and smiled.

"This will be quite the adventure," she said with excitement. And
somewhere far away, six other pups were traveling too.

Because very soon...

The **Praise Pups Adventure Squad** would finally meet.



Dakari – The Rejoicing Bass Player

Far away across the ocean, in the beautiful lands of **Africa**, where wide golden plains stretch as far as the eye can see, lived a joyful pup named **Dakari**.

Dakari was **two years old**, just like the other pups chosen for the special mission.

His name had a powerful meaning.

Dakari means “Rejoice.”

And Dakari truly did rejoice in everything around him.

He grew up on the **African safari**, where the sounds of nature were like a giant orchestra created by God.

In the mornings, birds sang sweet melodies.

At night, crickets chirped in rhythm under the bright stars.

And sometimes, far away, lions roared across the plains.

But Dakari loved another sound even more.

Music.

Dakari had a deep, rich voice that sounded like warm sunshine. When he sang, his voice carried across the open land like a beautiful song of praise.

His family often said,

"Dakari, your voice is a gift from God."

But singing was not his only talent.

Dakari loved playing **bass guitar**, creating the strong steady rhythm that helped music come alive. He also loved playing the **jungle drums**, beating powerful rhythms that made everyone want to clap and dance.

Boom... boom... boom...

His music made people smile.

His music made people move.

His music made people **rejoice**.

One warm afternoon while Dakari was playing his jungle drums near a tall acacia tree, something amazing happened.

A gentle glow appeared in the sky.

Floating down from above was a **beautiful Animal Angel**.

The angel carried a **glittery gold envelope** with a shining musical note on the front.

Dakari's ears perked up.

The angel placed the envelope beside his drums and said softly,

"This is a message from Heaven."

Dakari carefully opened the letter and began to read.

His eyes grew wide.

He had been **chosen for a mission from God**.

Six other musical pups from around the world had also received golden letters.

Together they would become the **Praise Pups Adventure Squad**.

Their mission was to travel across the United States helping children rediscover:

Friendship
Adventure
Joy
And the love of **Jesus**.

Dakari smiled from ear to ear.

"A musical adventure?" he laughed.

"Now that sounds like something to rejoice about!"

Soon Dakari packed his **bass guitar**, his **jungle drums**, and his special **golden letter**.

He was heading to a place called:

River Oasis Family Retreat Center in
the **Great Smoky Mountains**.

There he would meet the other pups for the very first time.

Dakari looked up at the bright African sky and said happily,

"God must be planning something amazing."

Then he slung his bass guitar across his back and started his journey.

Because the **Praise Pups Adventure Squad** was beginning to come together.



Chapter 2 — Meet the Praise Pups

Gabby – The Joyful Drummer

Far away in the beautiful country of **Spain**, where music fills the streets and families gather together in joyful celebration, lived a cheerful little pup named **Gabby**.

Gabby was only **two years old**, just like the other pups who had been chosen for the special mission.

Her name had a very special meaning.

Gabby means “God is my Strength.” And

that name fit her perfectly.

Gabby grew up in a **lively and spiritual family** who loved God, loved music, and loved spending time together. Her home was always filled with laughter, singing, and the sound of rhythm.

Sometimes her family clapped their hands.

Sometimes they sang.

But Gabby’s favorite sound of all... was

drums.

From the time she was just a tiny puppy, Gabby loved rhythm. She tapped on pots, pans, tables, chairs, and anything she could find.

Tap tap tap!

Boom boom boom!

Her family would laugh and say,
"That little pup has music in her paws!"

One day, while Gabby was practicing her drumming, something amazing happened.

A soft glow appeared in the room.

Floating gently through the window was a **beautiful Animal Angel**.

The angel carried a **glittery gold envelope** with a musical note shining on the front.

Gabby tilted her head with curiosity.

The angel placed the envelope gently in front of her and whispered,

"This is a message from Heaven."

Gabby carefully opened the letter.

Her eyes grew wide as she read the words.

She had been **chosen for a mission from God**.

She was to travel far away to meet **six other musical pups**, and together they would become the **Praise Pups Adventure Squad**.

Their mission?

To bring **joy, unity, friendship, and the love of Jesus** to children everywhere.

Gabby's tail wagged so fast it almost made her fall over.

"An adventure!" she barked excitedly.

Soon it was time for her long journey to the **River Oasis Family Retreat Center** in the **Great Smoky Mountains**.

But getting there would not be easy.

First, Gabby rode a **train** through the beautiful Spanish countryside.

Next, she boarded a **large cruise ship** that sailed across the sparkling ocean.

The waves rocked gently as Gabby practiced drumming on the ship's railing.

Tap tap tap... boom boom boom!

Passengers smiled as they listened to her joyful rhythm.

After the ship arrived in America, Gabby climbed aboard **another airplane** for the final part of her trip.

She held her **golden letter** safely in her little travel bag.

Soon she would meet the other pups.

Soon the adventure would begin.

Gabby looked out the airplane window at the clouds and smiled.

"God must have something really special planned," she said happily.

And she couldn't wait to find out what it was.



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Kota – The Guitar of Great Peace

Deep in the wide-open lands of **North America**, where tall forests stretch toward the sky and rivers flow through quiet valleys, lived a thoughtful little pup named **Kota**.

Kota was **two years old**, just like the other pups chosen for the special mission.

His name carried a beautiful meaning.

Kota means “Great Peace.”

And peace seemed to follow him wherever he went.

Kota’s life was very different from most pups.

When he was very small, he was **raised among wolves** in the wilderness. The wolves taught him how to listen carefully to the sounds of the forest and how to move quietly through the tall grass.

They also taught him something very important.

To respect nature and to live in **peace with the world around him**.

At night, the wolves would lift their heads toward the sky and sing their long, beautiful howls beneath the stars.

Awoooooo...

Kota loved those songs.

Soon he began adding his own music to the sounds of the forest.

His favorite instrument was the **rhythm guitar**.

While the wind rustled through the trees and the river gently flowed, Kota would sit on a rock and softly strum his guitar.

Strum... strum... strum...

His steady rhythm sounded like the peaceful heartbeat of the land.

Kota also loved to sing.

His voice was a smooth **tenor**, and he had a special gift for singing **harmonies** that blended perfectly with others.

Music, he believed, was meant to bring voices together.

One quiet evening as the sun began to set behind the mountains, something amazing happened.

A warm golden light appeared in the sky.

Floating gently down through the trees was a **beautiful Animal Angel**.

The angel carried a **glittery gold envelope** with a shining musical note on the front.

Kota stood quietly as the angel placed the letter beside his guitar.

"This message is from Heaven," the angel said softly.

Kota opened the golden letter and read carefully.

His eyes grew bright.

He had been **chosen for a mission from God**.

Six other musical pups from around the world had received the same golden letter.

Together they would form a team called:

The Praise Pups Adventure Squad.

Their mission would be to help children rediscover:

Friendship

Peace

Adventure

Faith

And the love of **Jesus**.

Kota looked around at the peaceful forest and smiled.

"If this mission brings peace to others," he said quietly, "then I am ready."

Soon Kota packed his **rhythm guitar**, his music, and his **golden letter from Heaven**.

He was heading to a place called:

**River Oasis Family Retreat Center in
the Great Smoky Mountains.**

There he would meet the other pups for the first time.

Kota gently strummed his guitar and looked toward the sky.

"A new song is about to begin," he said.

And soon, seven pups from seven different places would come together.

Their music would blend.

Their friendship would grow.

And together they would become the **Praise Pups Adventure Squad**.

Their mission would be to help children rediscover:

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Their music would blend.

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And together they would become the **Praise Pups Adventure Squad**.



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Rivka – The Guitar that Brings Hearts Together

Far away in the beautiful country of **Denmark**, in the colorful city of **Copenhagen**, lived a happy little village pup named **Rivka**.

Rivka was **two years old**, just like the other pups who had received the golden letters from Heaven.

She grew up in a cozy little **windmill village**, where the tall white windmills slowly turned in the cool ocean breeze.

The wind would gently whoosh through the sails of the windmill.

Whooooosh... whoooooosh...

To Rivka, it sounded like music.

Rivka loved music more than anything.

Her favorite instrument was the **lead guitar**. When she played, bright joyful notes filled the air like sunshine dancing on the sea.

She also loved to sing.

Her voice blended beautifully with the sound of her guitar, and the villagers would often gather to listen.

But Rivka's name had a very special meaning.

Rivka means “to bind.”

Her parents explained that it meant **bringing people together**.

And that is exactly what Rivka's music did.

When she played her guitar, neighbors stopped their work.

Children came running.

Families gathered together.

Her music seemed to **connect hearts**, just like her name.

One breezy afternoon while Rivka was practicing her guitar beside the windmill, something wonderful happened.

A warm golden glow appeared in the sky.

Floating gently down was a **beautiful Animal Angel**.

The angel carried a **sparkling gold envelope** with a shining musical note on the front.

Rivka carefully set down her guitar as the angel placed the envelope beside her.

"This message is from Heaven," the angel said kindly.

Rivka opened the golden letter and began to read.

Her tail wagged with excitement.

She had been **chosen for a mission from God**.

Six other musical pups from around the world had also received golden letters.

Together they would form the team called:

The Praise Pups Adventure Squad.

Their mission was to travel across the United States helping children rediscover:

Friendship

Kindness

Adventure

Faith

And the love of **Jesus**.

Rivka's eyes sparkled.

"A team that brings people together?" she said happily.

"That sounds just like my name."

Soon Rivka packed her **lead guitar**, her music, and the **golden letter** from Heaven.

She was traveling far away to a place called:

**River Oasis Family Retreat Center in
the Great Smoky Mountains.**

There she would meet the other pups for the very first time. Rivka
looked up at the slowly turning windmill and smiled.

"If God is bringing us together," she said softly, "something
wonderful must be about to begin."

And somewhere across the world, more pups were beginning their journeys too.

Soon they would meet.

Soon they would play music together.

Soon they would become the **Praise Pups Adventure Squad**.



Chapter 2 — Meet the Praise Pups

Tessie – The Voice that Gathers Hearts

Across the ocean in the beautiful country of **France**, where artists paint along quiet streets and music fills cozy cafés, lived a bright and talented little pup named **Tessie**.

Tessie was **two years old**, just like the other pups chosen for the special mission.

Her story began when she was just a tiny baby pup.

One day a kind **French artist** discovered her alone and gently took her home. The artist cared for Tessie, loved her deeply, and raised her in a small art studio filled with colors, music, and creativity.

The artist gave her the name **Tessie**.

Her name had a wonderful meaning.

Tessie means “to gather.”

And Tessie had a special gift for doing exactly that.

When Tessie sang, people naturally gathered around to listen.

Her voice was warm, joyful, and full of life. It seemed to lift people’s spirits and bring smiles to their faces.

But Tessie’s talent didn’t stop with singing.

She was the **main vocalist**, but she also had an amazing gift—she could learn to play **almost any instrument** she picked up.

Guitar, keyboard, drums, tambourine... Tessie loved them all.

Her artist parent often laughed and said,

"Tessie, you are a whole orchestra!"

The little art studio was always filled with music, laughter, and beautiful paintings.

One afternoon while Tessie was singing near the open studio window, something magical happened.

A warm golden light appeared in the sky.

Floating gently into the room was a **beautiful Animal Angel**.

The angel carried a **sparkling gold envelope** with a musical note shining on the front.

Tessie tilted her head with curiosity as the angel placed the envelope beside her microphone.

"This message is from Heaven," the angel said softly.

Tessie carefully opened the golden letter.

Her eyes sparkled as she read the message.

She had been **chosen for a mission from God**.

Six other musical pups from around the world had received the same golden letter.

Together they would form a team called:

The Praise Pups Adventure Squad.

Their mission would be to help children rediscover:

Friendship
Adventure
Kindness
Faith
And the love of **Jesus**.

Tessie smiled brightly.

"A team that gathers people together through music?" she said happily.

"That sounds perfect."

Soon Tessie packed her **microphone**, her music, and the **golden letter from Heaven**.

She was traveling to a special place in America called:

River Oasis Family Retreat Center in
the **Great Smoky Mountains**.

There she would meet the other pups for the very first time.

Tessie looked around the colorful art studio one last time and smiled.

"I think a beautiful new song is about to begin."

And she was right.

Because very soon...

Seven pups from seven different places would finally meet.

Their music would blend.

Their voices would unite.

And together they would become the **Praise Pups Adventure Squad**.



Chapter 2 — Meet the Praise Pups

Willow – The Joyful Voice of the Farm

In the beautiful countryside of **North Carolina in the United States**, where rolling fields stretch across the land and barns stand bright red under wide blue skies, lived a cheerful little pup named **Willow**.

Willow was **two years old**, just like the other pups who had received the golden letters from Heaven.

Her name had a beautiful meaning.

Willow means “Graceful.”

And Willow truly lived up to her name. She moved with a gentle kindness and a joyful spirit that made everyone around her feel happy and welcome.

She grew up on a **family farm**, surrounded by tall cornfields, grazing animals, and peaceful country roads.

Every morning the sun rose over the farm as roosters crowed and birds began to sing.

To Willow, those sounds were the start of a wonderful song.

She loved music more than anything.

Willow had a bright, happy voice that made people smile the moment they heard it. She loved to **sing joyful songs**, especially songs that praised God.

But Willow didn’t just sing.

She loved rhythm too.

Her favorite instrument was the **tambourine**, which she would shake and tap as she sang.

Shake shake... jingle jingle...

She also loved playing other **hand instruments** like shakers, bells, and rhythm sticks.

Her music was full of joy and energy.

Whenever Willow sang in the barn or out in the fields, the farm animals seemed to gather around to listen.

The chickens clucked.

The cows swayed their tails.

Even the horses lifted their heads as if they were enjoying the music.

Her family often said,

"Willow, you have a voice that spreads happiness wherever you go."

One bright afternoon while Willow was singing near the old wooden barn, something amazing happened.

A warm golden glow appeared above the field.

Floating gently down was a **beautiful Animal Angel**.

The angel carried a **sparkling gold envelope** with a musical note shining on the front.

Willow stopped shaking her tambourine as the angel placed the envelope in front of her.

"This message is from Heaven," the angel said softly.

Willow carefully opened the golden letter.

As she read the words, her eyes grew wide with excitement.

She had been **chosen for a mission from God**.

Six other musical pups from around the world had received the same golden letter.

Together they would form a team called:

The Praise Pups Adventure Squad.

Their mission was to help children rediscover:

Friendship

Adventure

Faith

Joy

And the love of **Jesus**.

Willow clapped her paws with excitement and shook her tambourine happily.

"Oh boy!" she laughed.

"A musical adventure!"

Soon Willow packed her **tambourine**, her favorite **hand instruments**, and the **golden letter from Heaven**.

She was traveling to a special place called:

River Oasis Family Retreat Center in
the **Great Smoky Mountains**.

There she would meet the other pups for the very first time.

Willow looked across the farm fields as the wind gently moved the tall grass.

She smiled and said,

"I think God is about to start a beautiful new song."

And somewhere across the world, the other pups were traveling too.

Soon their music would come together.

Soon their voices would blend.

Soon they would become the **Praise Pups Adventure Squad**.



Chapter 3 — River Oasis Family Retreat

The Dogmire Family

Deep in the beautiful **Great Smoky Mountains**, where mist rolls gently across the hills and tall trees sway in the cool mountain breeze, there is a peaceful place called **River Oasis Family Retreat Center**.

A clear river flows beside the retreat, rushing over smooth stones and singing its quiet song as it travels down the mountain.

Families come to River Oasis to **rest, laugh, play, and spend time together** away from the busy world.

But the most special part of River Oasis is the family who runs it.

They are known as **The Dogmire Family**.

The Dogmire Family

The Dogmire family is made up of **four brothers and sisters** who share a strong Christian faith and a big heart for helping others.

Their names are **Christian, Amanda, Lucy, and Rick Dogmire**.

Each of their names has a special meaning.

Christian means “**Anointed One**.”

Amanda means “**Worthy of Love**.”

Lucy means “**Light**.”

Rick means “**Brave Ruler**.”

Each of them used their gifts in different ways to help run **River Oasis Family Retreat Center**.

Christian helped guide the spiritual programs and welcomed families with kindness.

Amanda cared for the children and made sure everyone felt loved and safe.

Lucy brought warmth and light to the retreat, organizing activities and encouraging everyone she met.

Rick helped manage the campground and made sure everything ran smoothly, always watching out for others with courage and leadership.

Together they built **River Oasis Family Retreat Center**, a place where families could come to grow closer to God, reconnect with one another, and enjoy the beauty of nature.

They believed children needed more than phones, computers, and video games.

Children needed **fresh air, adventure, friendship, and time with God**.

The Foster Family

The Dogmires also had another very special mission.

They opened their home to **foster children**, giving love and care to kids who needed a safe and happy place to grow.

Seven wonderful children lived at the retreat with them.

Each child came from a different background, but at River Oasis they were all part of one big family.

The boys were:

Sergio, who was Mexican and loved soccer and telling funny stories.

Jayden, who was African-American and enjoyed basketball and making everyone laugh.

Kiyoshi, who was Japanese and loved nature, learning, and quiet adventures.

The girls were:

Darci and Delanie, two sisters who loved crafts, games, and exploring the forest trails.

Noya, who was Native American and loved the mountains and listening to the sounds of the wind and river.

And **Jalisa**, who was bi-racial and full of creativity, always singing and dancing wherever she went.

The children helped around the retreat every day.

They helped welcome guests.

They helped prepare campfires.

They helped feed the animals and keep the trails clean.

But most of all, they learned how to be **a family that cared for one another.**

A Very Special Letter

One quiet morning at River Oasis, something very unusual happened.

A soft golden light appeared near the wooden welcome sign.

Floating gently through the air was a **beautiful Animal Angel.**

In the angel's paw was a **glittery gold envelope** with a musical note on the front.

The angel gently placed the letter on the welcome table and disappeared.

Soon Amanda noticed it.

"Christian, Lucy, Rick—come look at this!"

The Dogmires gathered around as Christian carefully opened the golden envelope.

Inside was a message unlike anything they had ever seen.

Dear Dogmire Family,

Seven very special pups have been chosen for a mission from Heaven.

These musical pups are traveling from many nations.

Please take the **camp bus to the airport** and welcome them.

You will recognize them by the **golden letters** they carry.

They will stay at **River Oasis Family Retreat Center**, where their mission will begin.

With gratitude,

Heaven

The Dogmires looked at each other in amazement.

Seven musical pups?

On a mission from Heaven?

Rick smiled and picked up the bus keys.

"Well," he said with a grin,
"I guess we better head to the airport." The
foster children cheered with excitement.

"Musical pups?!" Jayden said.

"This is going to be awesome!"

And far away across the world...

Seven pups were traveling toward the same place.

Very soon...

The **Praise Pups Adventure Squad** would arrive at **River Oasis**.

And the adventure was just beginning.



Chapter 4

The Praise Pups Travel to River Oasis

Across the world, seven special pups were beginning an exciting journey.

Each one had received a **glittery golden letter from Heaven**, inviting them to meet at a place called **River Oasis Family Retreat Center** in the **Great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina**.

None of them had ever met before.

But they all knew one thing for sure.

A great adventure was about to begin.

Gabby's Journey

In sunny **Spain**, Gabby packed her drumsticks and climbed aboard a **train** that rattled across the beautiful countryside.

The train carried her to the coast, where a large **cruise ship** waited at the harbor.

Gabby loved the ocean breeze as the ship sailed across the sparkling water.

After many days at sea, the ship arrived in America. Gabby then boarded an **airplane** that flew her to a **small airport in the Smoky Mountains**.

She hugged her golden letter and said,
“I wonder who the other pups will be!”

Dakari's Journey

Deep in **Africa**, Dakari began his trip in a very special way.

He rode a **jungle river boat** down a winding river surrounded by tall trees and colorful birds.

The boat carried him to a **local airport**, where he boarded a plane.

First he flew to **Washington, D.C.**, then he took another smaller airplane toward the mountains.

As the plane flew over forests and rivers, Dakari smiled.

“Music is about to bring us together,” he said.

Callie’s Journey

In **England**, Callie stepped aboard a beautiful **luxury airplane**.

The flight crossed the ocean and landed in **Baltimore, Maryland**.

From there, Callie boarded a smaller plane that flew toward the **Smoky Mountains**.

As she watched the clouds drift by, Callie hummed a gentle melody on the keyboard she carried.

Rivka’s Journey

In **Denmark**, Rivka’s adventure was very unusual.

She boarded a **Viking ship** that sailed across the Atlantic Ocean!

The great wooden ship finally arrived in **New York Harbor**, where Rivka stepped onto the busy streets of the city.

She opened her phone and called an **Uber**.

“Airport, please!” she said with a smile.

Soon she was flying on a plane toward the **small airport in the North Carolina mountains**.

Kota’s Journey

High in the mountains, Kota began his journey on **horseback**.

He rode down forest trails with his rhythm guitar strapped across his back.

His wolf family watched from the trees as he rode toward the nearest airport.

Kota tipped his hat to them and said,

“I’ll bring peace and music wherever I go.”

Willow's Journey

Willow lived closest to the mountains.

She hopped into her **jeep** on the North Carolina farm where she grew up.

With her tambourine beside her and music playing on the radio, Willow drove along the winding mountain roads toward the airport.

“River Oasis, here I come!” she laughed.

Tessie's Journey

In **France**, Tessie chose the most magical trip of all.

She climbed into a colorful **hot air balloon** that lifted gently into the sky.

The balloon floated high above the clouds and slowly crossed the ocean.

Soon Tessie spotted the mountains of North Carolina in the distance.

The balloon landed near the **small mountain airport**, right where the golden letter had told her to go.

Seven different journeys.

Seven different paths.

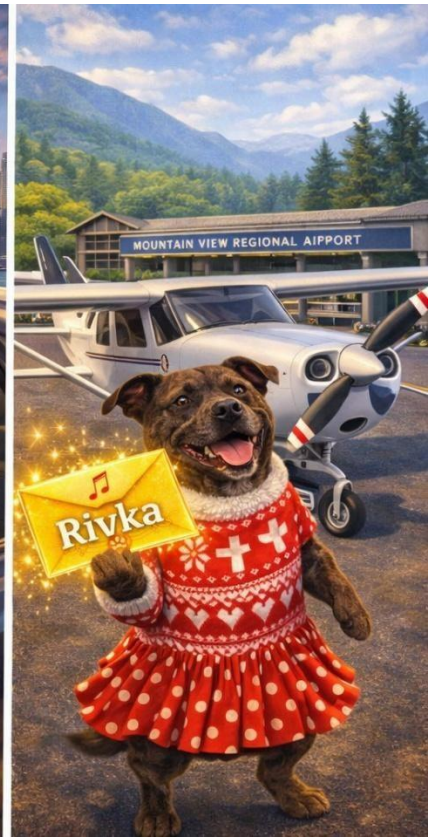
But all leading to the same place.

Very soon, the **Praise Pups** would meet for the first time.

And their adventure was about to begin.









Chapter 5

The Big Welcome at River Oasis

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When the van arrived at the camp, the pups could see a beautiful river flowing nearby and tall trees swaying in the breeze. The air smelled fresh and peaceful.

Waiting near the campfire were seven children who had been looking forward to meeting them.

“Look! They’re here!” shouted **Delanie**, waving happily.

The van doors opened and the Praise Pups jumped out one by one.

Callie stretched her paws.

Dakari shook out his fur.

Gabby spun her drumsticks with a giggle.

Kota slung his guitar across his shoulder.

Rivka checked her strings.

Tessie warmed up her voice.

Willow rang her little tambourine.

Even though they were tired from their long travels, the pups’ tails wagged with joy.

The children ran forward.

“Welcome to River Oasis!” said **Sergio**.

One by one the kids and pups hugged and laughed together. It felt like they had been friends forever.

“Can you sing for us?” asked **Jayden** excitedly.

The pups looked at each other and smiled.

“Of course!” said Tessie.

Dakari counted off the beat.

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Gabby tapped the drums.

Callie played the keyboard.

Kota and Rivka strummed their guitars. Tessie and Willow lifted their voices.

Soon the whole camp echoed with the **Praise Pups Theme Song**. The children clapped, danced, and sang along.

When the song ended, everyone cheered.

“That was amazing!” said **Kiyoshi**.

After the music, everyone gathered around the campfire for dinner. They shared warm food, laughter, and stories from all around the world.

But after such a long day of traveling, the Praise Pups began to yawn.

“Tomorrow is a big day,” said Rivka.

“We have adventures waiting!” added Willow.

The children showed the pups to their cozy cabins where soft beds were waiting.

One by one the pups curled up and drifted off to sleep.

Outside, the stars sparkled above River Oasis.

Tomorrow would be the start of a **big adventure**.

And this was only the beginning.

A Joyful Welcome

The Dogmires waited excitedly at the small mountain airport.

Amanda held a sign that read “**Welcome Praise Pups!**” while Christian looked toward the runway.

“Do you think they’ve landed yet?” Lucy asked, bouncing with excitement.

Rick smiled. “Any minute now.”

Just then, the airport doors opened and out came the **Praise Pups**—tails wagging and instruments in paw!

Gabby rolled her drums beside her.

Callie carried her keyboard carefully.

Dakari proudly held his bass guitar.

Rivka slung her red guitar over her shoulder.

Kota carried his rhythm guitar with a grin.
Willow shook her tambourine happily.
And Tessie waved with her microphone.

“Welcome to North Carolina!” Amanda said with a laugh.

Soon everyone was **hugging, barking, and laughing together**. It felt like old friends meeting again.

“We had quite a journey,” said Dakari.
“I rode horseback to the airport!” said Kota proudly.

“I drove my red jeep from the farm,” Willow added.

“And I flew all the way from France in a hot air balloon!” Tessie said with a cheerful wag.

The Dogmires couldn’t believe all the amazing ways the Praise Pups had traveled.

“Well,” Christian said, smiling, “your adventure is just beginning.” He pointed toward their orange and white bus.

“We’re heading to the mountains to meet some very special children.” “The foster kids at camp have been waiting to meet you,” Lucy said kindly.

The pups’ ears perked up.

“Do they like music?” Gabby asked.

Rick grinned.

“Oh yes,” he said.
“And they’re going to love the **Praise Pups!**”

Soon everyone climbed into the bus, instruments packed and tails wagging.

As they drove through the beautiful Smoky Mountains, the sun began to set behind the hills.

Ahead of them waited a camp full of children who needed hope, friendship, and a little music.

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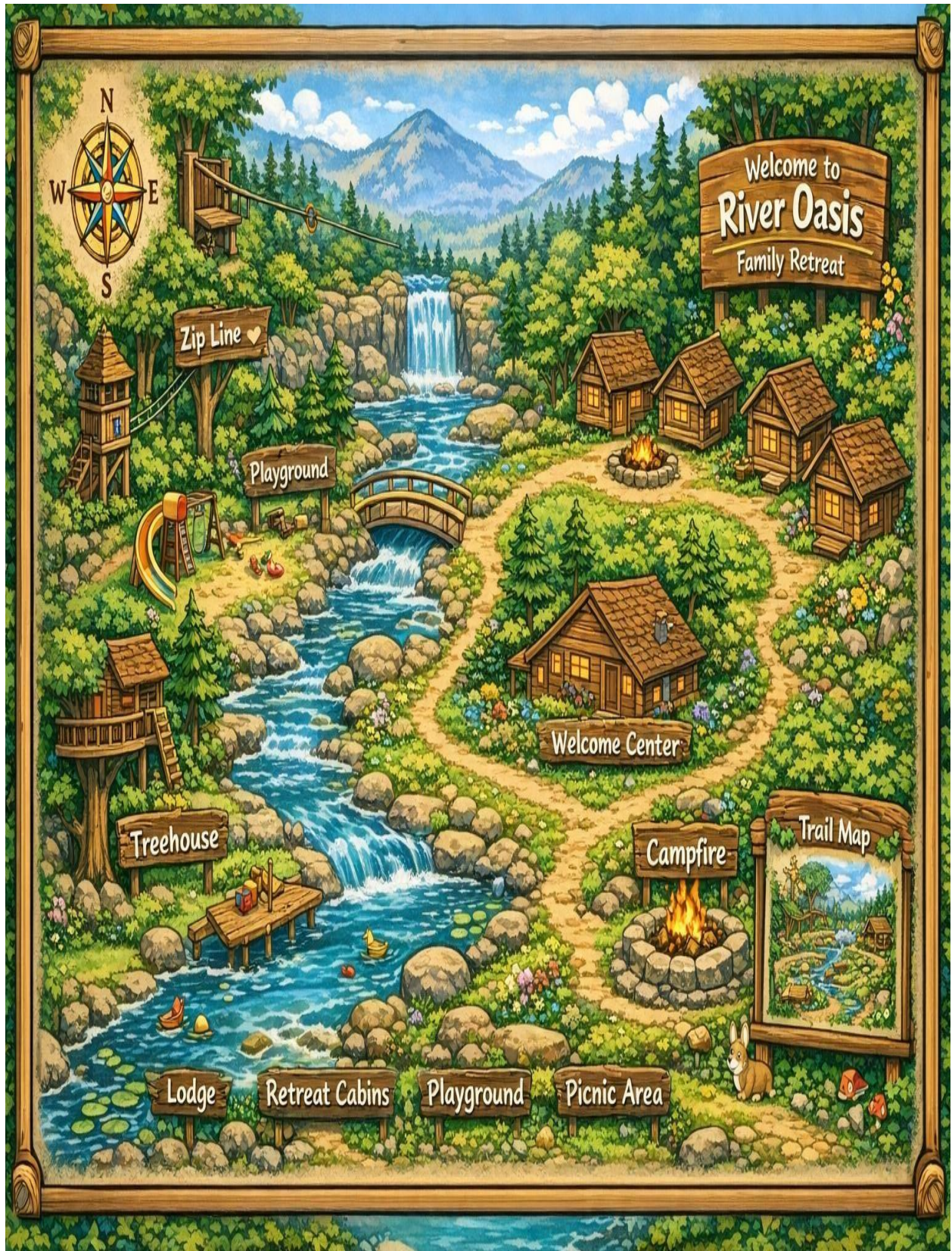
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Chapter 6

Doggin' the Rapids Adventure

It was the **first full day at River Oasis Camp** for the Praise Pups.

Before they began their special assignments from above, they had a few days to enjoy camp life and get ready for the adventures ahead.

Early that morning the smell of breakfast drifted through the cabins. The **Dogmires** had pancakes, eggs, and fresh fruit waiting for everyone.

One by one the pups and the foster kids woke up.

They made their beds, ate breakfast together, brushed their teeth, and packed their backpacks for the day.

“Today we’re hiking the mountain trails,” said Mr. Dogmire with a smile. “And later... we’re going to **shoot the rapids!**”

“Woo hoo!” barked the pups.

Adventure time!

The group hiked through tall pine trees, crossed little wooden bridges, and laughed together as they explored the forest.

By noon they reached the river where several bright yellow rafts waited along the shore.

Everyone grabbed helmets, life jackets, and paddles.

The Dogmires and the foster kids split into groups and climbed into the rafts with the pups.

Dakari lifted his paddle high and shouted,

“Alright everybody! It’s time for what we call...”

“DOGGIN’ THE RAPIDS!”

The rafts splashed into the rushing water and began bouncing over the waves.

The pups paddled together while the kids laughed and cheered.

As the rafts raced down the river, the pups began singing their adventure song.

Doggin' the Rapids

Verse

Splashin' through the rushing water,
Hold on tight and don't let go! Paws
together, hearts believing, Down the
wild river we go!

Chorus

Doggin' the rapids, ridin' the tide, Faith
is our paddle, God is our guide.
Through every wave and every bend,
Praise lifts us up again and again!

Verse

Roaring water, jumping spray,
Brave little pups don't lose their way.
When the river gets deep and wide, We
sing His praise and enjoy the ride!

Chorus

Doggin' the rapids, ridin' the tide, Faith
is our paddle, God is our guide.
Through every wave and every bend,
Praise lifts us up again and again!

The rafts splashed and bounced as everyone paddled down the river, laughing and singing.

But halfway down the rapids, something unexpected happened.

Dark clouds suddenly rolled across the sky.

The wind picked up and the water began to churn.

A **freak storm** had blown in.

The river rose quickly and the current grew stronger and stronger.

The rafts began moving faster than anyone expected.

"Hold on!" shouted Mr. Dogmire.

Ahead of them the river narrowed, and a loud roaring sound filled the air.

The pups looked ahead and gasped.

A **waterfall** was just around the bend.

The rushing water was pulling the rafts closer and closer.

The foster kids held tightly to the sides of the rafts.

The pups looked at one another.

“Let’s pray,” said Willow.

Right there in the middle of the rushing river, everyone bowed their heads.

“Dear God,” they prayed,
“please help us and keep us safe.”

And as they prayed, something amazing happened.

The wind began to calm.

The raging water slowed.

The storm clouds slowly drifted away.

God had heard their prayer.

Their **angels had come to help**, guiding the rafts safely away from the rushing waterfall and back into calmer water.

Soon the river became gentle again.

The pups paddled quietly toward the shore.

Dakari smiled and said,

“Well... I think that was **enough adventure for our first day.**”

Everyone laughed with relief.

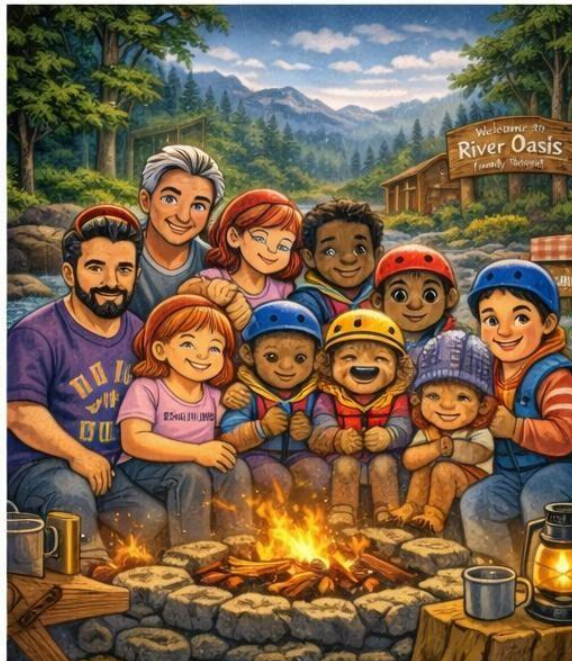
The pups, the Dogmires, and the foster kids returned to **River Oasis Camp**, where they rested, shared stories, and talked about the amazing way God had protected them.

As the sun set behind the mountains, they were thankful for the adventure—and even more thankful for God’s care.

Tomorrow would bring another adventure.

But tonight, they were simply grateful to be safe together at **River Oasis**.





Chapter 7

Exploring River Oasis

The morning sun slowly rose over the mountains at **River Oasis Camp**.

Golden light stretched across the river and tall pine trees swayed gently in the cool morning breeze.

After the excitement of **Doggin' the Rapids**, everyone slept very well that night.

Soon the smell of breakfast drifted through the cabins again.

One by one the pups, the foster kids, and the Dogmires gathered around the long wooden table.

There were warm pancakes, fresh fruit, eggs, and hot cocoa waiting for them.

“Good morning, explorers!” Mr. Dogmire said with a grin.

“Today we’re going to **explore River Oasis**.”

The pups wagged their tails with excitement.

“Woo hoo!” barked Tessie.

After breakfast, everyone packed small backpacks with water bottles, snacks, and maps.

The forest around River Oasis was full of wonderful places to discover.

There were hidden trails, sparkling streams, tall cliffs, and quiet meadows filled with wildflowers.

The group started down a winding trail that followed the river.

Callie hopped up on a rock and looked out over the valley.

“Wow,” she said softly.

“God made a beautiful world.”

The kids nodded as they watched a family of deer quietly walk through the trees.

Farther down the trail they found a small wooden bridge crossing a bubbling stream.

Dakari leaned over the railing and laughed.

“Looks like the fish are exploring too!”

Everyone giggled.

Soon they reached a wide meadow where butterflies danced in the sunlight.

The pups ran in circles while the kids chased grasshoppers and picked wildflowers.

It was the perfect place to rest.

They sat together under a tall oak tree while Mrs. Dogmire read a short Bible verse.

**“The heavens declare the glory of God; the
skies proclaim the work of His hands.” —
Psalm 19:1**

“Everything we see reminds us how amazing God’s creation is,” she said.

Just then...

A loud rustling sound came from the trees.

The pups froze.

The kids looked around nervously.

Out from the forest stepped a **large mama bear**.

Behind her, deep in the shadows of the trees, a **pack of wolves slowly appeared**.

The forest suddenly felt very quiet.

The foster kids moved closer to the Dogmires.

The pups stood together, their tails stiff and their ears alert.

No one wanted to frighten the animals.

“Stay calm,” whispered Mr. Dogmire.

The animals looked curious—but also cautious.

Willow stepped forward slowly.

“I think they’re just scared too,” she said softly.

Then she smiled.

“Maybe we can help them feel peaceful.”

The pups all nodded.

“Let’s sing,” said Tessie.

So the Praise Pups began to sing a gentle song.

Soft voices floated through the quiet forest.

Peace in His Creation

God made the mountains tall and strong,
God made the rivers wide. He made the
forest, sky, and earth, And every
creature inside.

Peace for the bear, peace for the wolf,
Peace for the birds above. All of
creation lives together In our Father’s
love.

As the song echoed through the meadow, something wonderful happened.

The mama bear slowly relaxed.

The wolves lowered their heads and watched quietly.

The wind softened.

The forest felt calm again.

For a moment, everyone—kids, pups, bears, wolves, birds, and butterflies—shared the same peaceful space.

Then the mama bear gently turned and walked back into the trees.

The wolves followed behind her.

The forest returned to its quiet sounds of wind and birdsong.

The kids let out a long breath.

“That was amazing,” whispered Jayden.

Callie smiled.

“God’s peace is stronger than fear.”

Everyone stood together looking out across the beautiful valley of River Oasis.

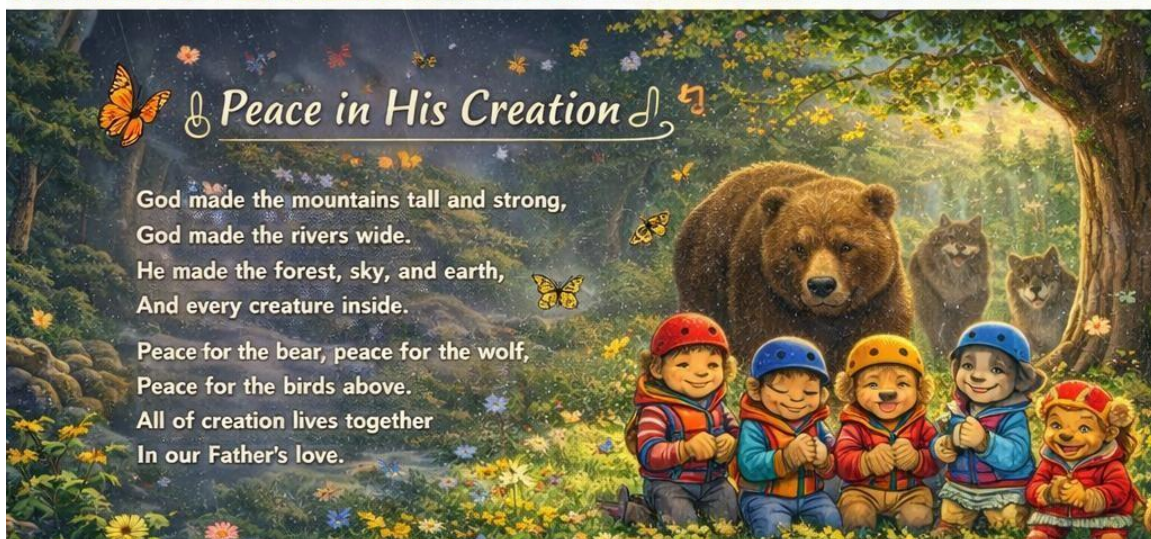
The pups knew something special was happening here.

River Oasis was more than just a camp.

It was a place where **faith, courage, friendship, and peace could grow.**

And they had a feeling...

Their biggest adventure was still ahead.



Chapter 8

The First Assignment

That night at **River Oasis**, the forest was quiet.

The stars sparkled brightly above the tall pine trees, and the river gently flowed past the cabins.

Inside their cozy cabin, the **Praise Pups** were fast asleep after their exciting day of exploring.

Suddenly, a soft golden glow filled the room.

The pups slowly opened their eyes.

Standing near the window were **their guardian angels**.

The room felt peaceful and warm.

Willow wagged her tail softly.

“The angels are here,” she whispered.

One of the angels stepped forward with a gentle smile.

“Praise Pups,” the angel said, “your journey is just beginning.” The pups gathered together to listen.

“River Oasis will be your **home base**,” another angel explained.

“This is where you will return after each mission to rest, pray, and prepare for your next adventure.”

Callie’s ears perked up.

“A mission?” she asked.

“Yes,” the angel said kindly.

“And tonight we bring you your **first assignment**.” The angels revealed a glowing map.

On it was a picture of a **big cruise ship sailing through blue Caribbean waters**.

Dakari’s tail wagged fast.

“A cruise?” he barked.

“That’s right,” said the angel.

“You will travel to the **Caribbean on a family cruise ship.**”

“You will be the **opening band every night** for the children on the cruise.”

Tessie clapped her paws together.

“A floating concert!” she said.

The angel nodded.

“But your mission is more than music.”

The map showed scenes of children arguing, playing tricks, and causing trouble.

“Many kids on the ship are making **mischievous choices**,” the angel explained.

“Some are teasing smaller children.”

“Some are planning pranks.”

“Some are thinking about stealing or damaging things.”

The pups listened carefully.

“Your songs will help them learn the right way to treat others.”

“And when needed, you will **step in with kindness, courage, and wisdom.**”

Willow smiled.

“That’s what we do.”

The angel gently rolled up the glowing map.

“Your mission will last **three days.**”

“Help the children learn about respect, kindness, and honesty.”

“And remember... forgiveness is always possible.”

The room slowly returned to darkness as the angels faded away.

The pups curled up again, excited about their first mission.

Tomorrow...

They would be sailing for the Caribbean.

The Caribbean Cruise Mission

The next morning the Praise Pups boarded a huge cruise ship filled with families and children of all ages.

From toddlers to teenagers, the ship was full of laughter, games, and excitement.

Each night the Praise Pups performed a **concert on the main stage**.

But during the day...

They also kept watch.

And before long, they noticed some problems.

Day One — Bullying

Some older kids were teasing a smaller boy near the pool deck.

The pups stepped in kindly and reminded everyone that **everyone deserves respect**.

That night they sang their first lesson song.

Bullying Isn't Right

Being strong means helping others, Not
making someone cry.
Kindness makes the world much brighter, Lift
each other high!

Jingle Chorus

Be a friend, stand up tall,

Kindness is the best of all!

Lift someone, don't push them down, Kind
hearts wear the greatest crown!

The kids clapped and began thinking about their choices.

Day Two — Taking Care of Things

Some kids thought it would be funny to damage decorations and scratch their names into the ship's walls.

The pups stopped them before they could do it.

That night the second song was performed.

Take Care of What God Made

This world is a gift we're given,
Mountains, oceans, sky above.
Everything around us shows Our
Creator's endless love.

Jingle Chorus

Take care, show respect, Every gift
we should protect! Hands that build
are strong and wise, Care for all
beneath the skies!

Day Three — Honesty

Later the pups caught a group of kids convincing younger children to **steal candy from the gift shop**.

They gently explained why stealing hurts others.

That night the third song helped everyone understand.

Honesty Is the Way

Truth is brighter than the sun,
Honest hearts will always shine.
Doing right may not be easy, But
it shows God's love divine.

Jingle Chorus

Tell the truth, choose the right, Let
your heart be full of light! Hands
that share and hearts that care, Show
God's goodness everywhere!

The Final Night Concert

On the last night of the cruise, the whole ship gathered for a **big celebration concert**.

The kids who had made mistakes had also learned something important.

Some apologized.

Some made new friends.

Some helped the younger children they had once teased.

The Praise Pups ended the concert with a joyful song.

Praise Him Everywhere

From the mountains to the sea, God's
love sets our hearts free.
When we choose the path that's right, His
love becomes our guiding light.

Hands were raised.

Kids were singing.

Even parents were clapping along.

The mission was complete.

The Praise Pups had helped turn **mischief into kindness, mistakes into lessons, and problems into praise.**

Soon they would return to **River Oasis.**

Because another mission...

Was already waiting.





Praise Pups Adventure Squad

Chapter 9 – The Trail of Hope

After completing their first mission, the Praise Pups returned home to **River Oasis Camp**. Everyone was tired but happy. They had helped children learn valuable lessons on the cruise. This brought them great joy as they watched the children take responsibility and begin changing their behaviors for the better.

For the next few days the pups rested.

Some played music around the campfire.

Others explored the woods and fields nearby.

Willow spent time practicing new songs on her tambourine while Gabby tapped rhythms on anything she could find.

Dakari relaxed in the shade with his bass guitar.

Callie wrote notes in her journal about their first mission.

Rivka and Kota kept watch from the hill overlooking the valley. Tessie happily followed everyone, wagging her tail.

For three peaceful days the camp was quiet.

But on the third night, something amazing happened.

Soft golden light filled the sky above the camp.

The **angels had returned**.

The Praise Pups gathered together and listened carefully as the angels shared their next assignment.

“You are being sent to the **West**,” one angel said gently.

The pups looked at each other with excitement.

“This mission will be a **trail ride across several states**, raising money to help **children who are fighting cancer**.”

The pups’ ears perked up.

“You will travel by **horseback** through **Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, and Nevada**. Along the way you will spread hope, music, and kindness.”

Willow smiled. “We can do that.”

But the angel continued.

“The journey will not always be easy.”

As the pups listened, they learned about the adventures waiting ahead.

In **Texas**, they would perform a **mini concert** to encourage families and children.

In **Oklahoma**, they would face a powerful **tornado**.

In **New Mexico**, they would need to find a way around a **flood**.

In **Arizona**, they would take a joyful **hot air balloon ride** high above the desert.

Finally, they would arrive in **Las Vegas, Nevada**, where they would perform a **big concert** to raise awareness and funds for children battling cancer.

The pups looked at each other with determination.

“This mission is about hope,” Willow said.

“And helping kids who are very brave,” Tessie added softly.

Dakari nodded. “Then we better get ready.”

The angels smiled warmly.

“Your journey begins at sunrise.”

The Journey Begins

At sunrise the next morning, the Praise Pups saddled their horses and began their long journey west.

The trail stretched across open land, rolling hills, and dusty paths.

The steady rhythm of the horses’ hooves echoed across the trail.

“Listen to that!” Gabby laughed. “It sounds like music!”

Willow shook her tambourine.

“Then let’s sing!”

Soon the pups began singing as they rode side by side along the trail.

Clippity-Clop Praise

Clippity-clop down the trail, God
is good, He will not fail. Puppy
friends ride side by side, God is
always our guide.

Chorus

Clippity-clop, ride and sing, Praise
to God, our King! Clippity-clop,
shout hooray, Thank You God
today!

Ride the hills, ride the plain, Sun
or wind or little rain. Happy pups
sing loud and strong, God is with
us all day long.

(Chorus again)

Clippity-clop, ride and sing, Praise
to God, our King! Clippity-clop,
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The pups laughed and sang as their horses carried them farther west.

Texas – Music and Smiles

Their first stop was **Texas**.

A small town welcomed them warmly. Families gathered in the town square, and many children sat near the stage.

Some of the children wore brave smiles even though they were fighting cancer.

Willow shook her tambourine as the band began to play.

Gabby played the drums, Dakari strummed his bass guitar, Rivka and Kota played their guitars, and Callie played the keyboard.

Tessie helped lead the children in singing.

The music filled the town with joy.

Parents smiled. Children clapped and danced.

Donations began filling baskets that would help children battling cancer.

The Praise Pups knew their mission was already making a difference.

Oklahoma – The Tornado

After leaving Texas, the pups rode into **Oklahoma**.

Dark clouds began forming in the sky.

The wind grew stronger and stronger.

“Something’s coming!” Kota barked.

Soon they saw it — a swirling **tornado** spinning across the fields.

“Quick! Find shelter!” Willow called.

The pups guided their horses into an old barn nearby.

Inside they stayed safe while the powerful storm roared outside.

Gabby held Tessie close while the wind howled.

After a while the storm passed, and the sky slowly cleared.

The pups were safe and thankful.

New Mexico – The Flood

Their journey continued into **New Mexico**, where the land stretched wide beneath the open sky.

But one afternoon heavy rain began to fall.

Soon the small river they needed to cross began rising quickly.

“It’s flooding!” Dakari said.

The pups carefully guided their horses along higher ground until they found a safer place to cross.

Working together, they helped each other across the rushing water.

Another challenge had been overcome.

Arizona – The Hot Air Balloon

When the Praise Pups arrived in **Arizona**, they were greeted by bright sunshine and red desert mountains.

There they met a friendly balloon pilot who had heard about their mission.

“I have a surprise for you,” he said with a smile.

Soon the pups climbed into a colorful **hot air balloon**.

Up they floated high into the sky.

From above they could see the desert stretching for miles.

The pups wagged their tails and laughed with joy.

“This is amazing!” Gabby shouted.

It was a wonderful moment during their long journey.

Nevada – The Big Concert

Finally, after many days of riding, the Praise Pups arrived in **Las Vegas, Nevada**.

Bright lights filled the city, and a large stage had been prepared for the **big concert**.

Families, doctors, nurses, and many brave children gathered together.

Some children wore hats or scarves. Some sat in wheelchairs. But their smiles were strong and full of courage.

The Praise Pups stepped onto the stage.

The crowd cheered as the music began.

Gabby tapped the drums.

Dakari played a deep bass rhythm.

Rivka and Kota strummed their guitars. Callie played the keyboard softly.

Willow stepped forward to the microphone.

“This next song is very special,” she said gently. “It was written by **Rick Gilbert**, and it is for every brave child and family walking this journey.”

The crowd grew quiet. Then

the music began.

Look Up Children

Song by Rick Gilbert – 2010

Look up children, it's raining
Pouring from a sky that's blue
A thousand angels are crying A
shower of mercy for you

Look up mom and dad, it's raining,
Pouring compassion all around
Thousands of blessings from your neighbors There'll
be no shortage in this town

In this world full of miracles
Large and small every day
There is one more we ask for We
rise and boldly pray...

Father, restore them to the way that
you made them.

We're reaching out to all the mammas
Asking all you daddies too

If these children was your little child, Is
there anything you wouldn't do?

Come then all of you and pray with us
Open your hearts and wallets too
Let's show these children the size of our love And
just what Jesus Christ can do

Look up children, there's a rainbow
Angels made it just for you
Brave colors shining brightly
Brilliant and beautiful like you

As the final words of the song filled the air, many people wiped tears from their eyes.

Parents hugged their children.

Some people prayed quietly.

Others walked forward to give donations.

By the end of the night, a large amount of money had been raised to help children battling cancer.

But even more important than the money was the **hope** shared that night.

Children smiled.

Families felt encouraged.

And the Praise Pups knew their mission had made a real difference.

As the concert ended, the pups looked up at the stars shining above the bright Las Vegas lights.

Somewhere above them, the angels were surely smiling.

Because once again the **Praise Pups Adventure Squad** had followed their mission—

To bring **hope, kindness, and love wherever they go.**

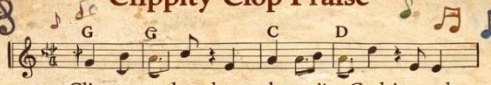




SING-ALONG SONGS

Clippity-Clop Praise

G G C D



Clippity-clop down the trail, God is good.
He will not fail. Puppy-friends ride sidebyside.

CHORUS

Clippity-clop, ride and sing,
Praise to God, our King!
Clippity-clop, shout hooray,
Thank You God today!

Ride the hills, ride the plain,
Sun or wind or little rain.
Happy pups sing, loud and strong,
God is with us all day long.

(Chorus again.)

Clippity-clop, ride and sing,
Praise to God our King!
Clippity-clop, shout hooray,
Thank You God today!

Look Up Children

(Song by Rick Gilbert - 2011)



Look ty-clop,
Clippity-clop, and sing.



DONATIONS



Praise Pups Adventure Squad

Chapter 10 – The African Safari Mission

After the big concert in **Las Vegas**, the Praise Pups were filled with joy. So many people had come together to help children battling cancer.

The music, the laughter, and the kindness of the crowd made it a night the pups would never forget.

But there was no time to return to **River Oasis Camp**.

Another mission was already waiting.

Backstage behind the concert stage, Willow noticed something shining under a table.

“Hey everyone, look at this!” she barked.

Dakari walked over and picked it up.

It was a **golden backpack**.

Inside were **passports, plane tickets, maps, and supplies** for another adventure.

Callie opened a small envelope tucked inside the bag and began to read the instructions.

“Praise Pups Adventure Squad, your next mission is in **Africa**. Travel to remote villages and bring joy to children through music. At the end of your journey, hold a big concert in **South Africa** to raise money for **clean water wells and food**.”

The pups looked at each other with excitement.

“A safari mission!” Gabby cheered.

“Let’s go!” Tessie wagged her tail.

Soon the Praise Pups were on their way across the ocean toward a new land full of adventure.

Arrival in Africa

When the pups arrived in **Africa**, they were amazed by the beauty all around them.

Golden grass stretched across the plains.

Tall trees stood against the wide blue sky.

In the distance they saw **giraffes walking slowly, zebras running across the fields, and elephants roaming together.**

“This place is incredible,” Willow said.

But the pups remembered their mission.

They were there to **bring joy to children in remote villages.**

Village One – Music and Smiles

In the first village, children gathered around as the Praise Pups unpacked their instruments.

Willow sang while Gabby played the drums.

Dakari, Rivka, and Kota strummed their guitars.

Callie played the keyboard.

Soon the entire village was singing and dancing.

The children laughed and clapped their hands.

The Praise Pups knew they had already begun making a difference.

A Splash from an Elephant

The next day the pups traveled farther into the countryside.

Suddenly a huge **elephant** stepped onto the trail.

The pups froze and watched in amazement.

The elephant lifted its trunk.

SPLASH!

Water sprayed everywhere, soaking the pups from head to paw.

Gabby shook the water from her fur.

“Well... I guess we needed a bath!” she laughed.

Everyone burst into giggles.

Safari Photo Adventure

The pups soon had another idea to help the villages.

They would take **safari photographs** of the amazing animals and sell the pictures to raise money for **water wells and food**.

Tessie took pictures of zebras running together.

Callie photographed tall giraffes stretching their long necks.

Dakari captured elephants walking across the plains at sunset.

The pictures were beautiful.

Soon people from many places wanted to buy them to help support the villages.

The Stampede

One afternoon the ground suddenly began to shake.

“Do you feel that?” Rivka asked.

A moment later a **huge stampede of animals** raced across the plains.

Zebras, wildebeests, and antelope ran in every direction.

The pups quickly climbed onto a nearby rock.

“What do we do?” Tessie asked.

Willow had an idea.

“Let’s sing!”

The pups grabbed their instruments and began playing.

Soon they started singing a joyful new song.

Roar of Praise

Verse

Lion roar, elephant sway, God
made animals every day. Tall
giraffes and zebras run, God
made every single one.

Chorus

Roar! Roar! Praise the Lord!
Clap your paws and praise the Lord!
Roar! Roar! Shout hooray!
Thank You God for this great day!

Verse

Big blue sky and golden plains,
Sunshine bright and gentle rains.
All creation sings His praise, Thank
You God for all our days.

(Chorus again)

Roar! Roar! Praise the Lord!
Clap your paws and praise the Lord!
Roar! Roar! Shout hooray!
Thank You God for this great day!

As the music echoed across the plains, something amazing happened.

The animals slowed down.

The stampede calmed.

Soon the animals quietly moved away.

“Music saves the day again!” Gabby cheered.

Village Two and Three

In the next villages, the pups shared songs, laughter, and hope.

Children danced in circles while the Praise Pups played their instruments.

Families learned about the plan to build **clean water wells** and provide **food for their communities**.

Everyone was excited for the **big concert in South Africa**.

The Big Concert in South Africa

Finally the day arrived.

People traveled from many villages to attend the concert.

A large stage stood under the wide African sky.

Children, families, and village leaders gathered together.

The Praise Pups stepped onto the stage.

Drums began beating across the field.

Willow smiled at the crowd.

“Tonight we sing for every child who needs clean water and food,” she said.

The music began, and the Praise Pups lifted their voices together.

Wells of Hope

Verse

Across the plains where the warm winds blow,
Children wait where the dry streams flow.
Drums beat strong, the voices rise, Hope is
shining in their eyes.

Verse

Hand in hand we stand today,
Sharing love along the way.
Every drop that fills the well, Is
a story hope will tell.

Chorus

Dig the well, let the water flow!
Clap your hands and let love grow!
Lift your voice across the land, Hope
is rising hand in hand!

Dig the well, let the water flow!
Food and water help us grow! Sing
together loud and strong, God is
with us all day long!

Verse

Golden sun on the open plain,
Blessing earth with gentle rain.
Children laugh and voices sing, Praise
to God, our loving King.

Bridge (Call and Response)

Leader: Who brings the water? Crowd:
God brings the rain!

Leader: Who brings the harvest?
Crowd: God again!

Leader: Who brings the hope today? Crowd:
We all do!

Leader: With love and faith in all we do!

Final Chorus

Dig the well, let the water flow!
Clap your hands and let love grow!
Across the plains our voices raise, Thank
You God for all our days!

Dig the well, let the water flow!
Hope and kindness help us grow! Sing
together, shout hooray,
Thank You God for this great day!

As the final notes filled the night air, the crowd cheered with joy.

Donations poured in to help build **clean water wells** and provide **food for many families**.

Children danced.

Families smiled.

Hope filled the villages.

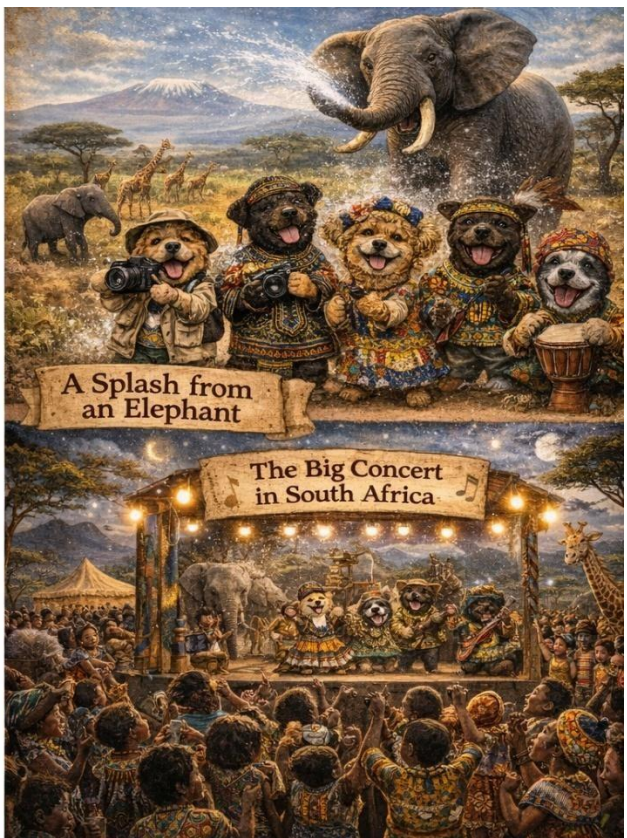
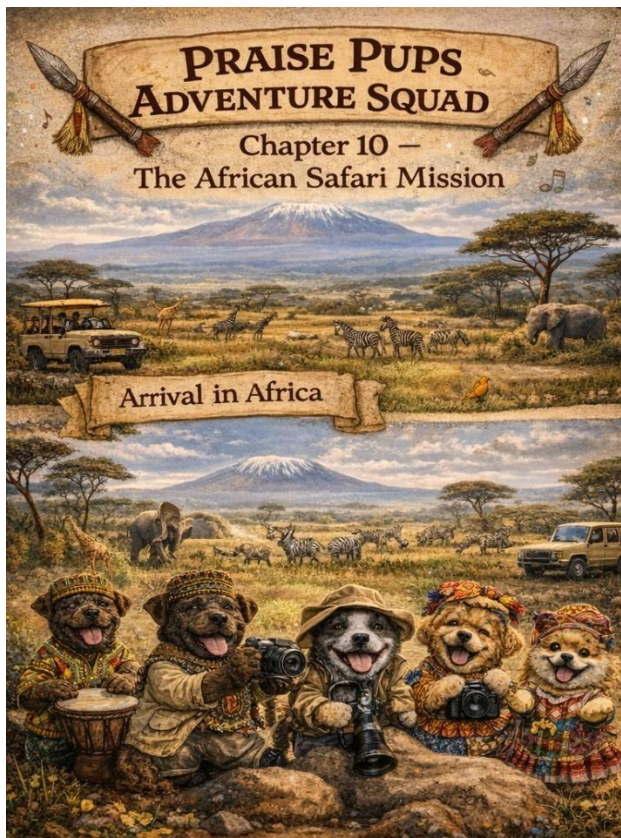
The mission had been a success.

As the stars shone above the African plains, the Praise Pups looked up at the sky.

Somewhere above them, the angels were smiling again.

Because once more the **Praise Pups Adventure Squad** had followed their mission—

To bring **hope, music, kindness, and God's love** wherever they go.



Chapter 11

Lost in the Woods

After two big adventures, the Praise Pups finally returned home to **River Oasis**. The pups were tired but happy. They had traveled across the western states and all the way to Africa helping children and sharing music.

Now it was time to rest.

For two whole weeks the Praise Pups stayed at River Oasis with the **Dogmires** and the **foster children**. They played games, practiced music, helped around the camp, and told stories about their adventures.

The children loved hearing about elephants spraying water, horseback rides across the plains, and the big concerts that helped children around the world.

But even when the Praise Pups tried to rest... **adventure always seemed to find them.**

One cool afternoon the pups decided to go on a **hiking trip** through the woods near River Oasis.

“Let’s explore a little,” said Kota.

“But not too far,” Willow reminded them.

The forest was beautiful. Tall trees stretched toward the sky. Birds sang from the branches, and the path twisted deeper and deeper through the woods.

The pups laughed and explored as they walked.

But after a while, Dakari stopped.

“Uh... does anyone remember which way we came?”

The pups looked around.

The trail was gone.

They were **lost**.

As the sun began to set, the forest grew darker and colder.

Soon the shadows stretched across the ground, and night slowly covered the woods.

Then they heard it.

A long, distant **howl**.

“Awooooo...”

Wolves.

Gabby shivered.

“I don’t like that sound.”

Then an owl hooted from a nearby tree.

“Hoo... hoo...”

The forest suddenly felt very big and very scary.

Tessie moved closer to the others.

“What do we do?”

Kota spoke quietly.

“When we don’t know what to do... we praise.”

Willow nodded.

“Yes. Let’s sing.”

The pups gathered together in a small circle. There were no instruments, no stage lights, and no microphones.

Just their voices.

They began to sing softly into the night.

Song

Angels in the Night

Verse 1

When the night is dark and deep
And the forest cannot sleep

When the path is hard to see God
is watching over me

Verse 2

When the wolves begin to cry
And the owls are flying high
We will lift our voices strong
God will guide us with our song

Chorus

Shine your light, oh Lord above
Send your angels, send your love
Through the night your light will be A
shining path to rescue me

Verse 3

Though the woods are dark and wide
God is walking by our side
We will sing and we will pray God
will light the safest way

Chorus Again

Shine your light, oh Lord above
Send your angels, send your love
Through the night your light will be
A shining path to rescue me

As the Praise Pups sang, something amazing happened.

A soft **glow** began to appear in the trees.

At first it looked like tiny sparkles of light.

Then the lights grew brighter.

Suddenly the forest filled with **beautiful shining angels**.

Some looked like glowing puppy angels with soft golden fur.

Others looked like tall, gentle **human angels** with glowing wings.

The angels circled around the pups, filling the woods with warm golden light.

The forest was no longer dark.

The light shined so brightly that it could be seen far away.

Back at River Oasis, the Dogmires and rescue teams were already searching the woods with flashlights.

One of them pointed toward the sky.

“Look!”

A bright glow lit the forest in the distance.

“That must be them!”

The rescue team hurried toward the light.

Soon they saw the pups standing together in the glowing forest, still singing their song.

The angels slowly faded as the rescuers arrived.

But the warm light stayed just long enough to guide everyone safely to the pups.

The Dogmires rushed forward.

“There you are!”

The foster children hugged the pups tightly.

“We were so worried!”

Willow smiled softly. “God

sent angels to help us.”

Dakari nodded.

“And they helped the rescue team find us.”

Everyone walked safely back to River Oasis together under the stars.

The pups were very grateful.

That night they thanked God for **angels, friends, and rescue teams**.

For the next two weeks the Praise Pups rested and enjoyed being home.

But one morning something new appeared at River Oasis.

Sitting on the table was a **golden backpack**.

Inside were plane tickets, a map, and a note.

The pups gathered around and read the message.

Their eyes grew wide.

Their next adventure was waiting.

This time...

They were headed to **New York City**.

And their mission would take them somewhere very different.

They were going to bring hope, music, and love to children in the **streets of NYC**.

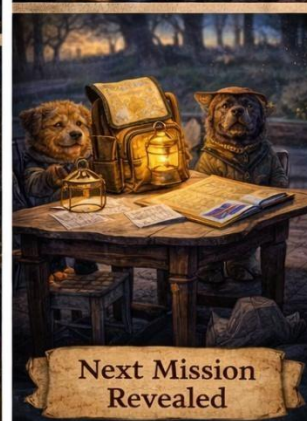
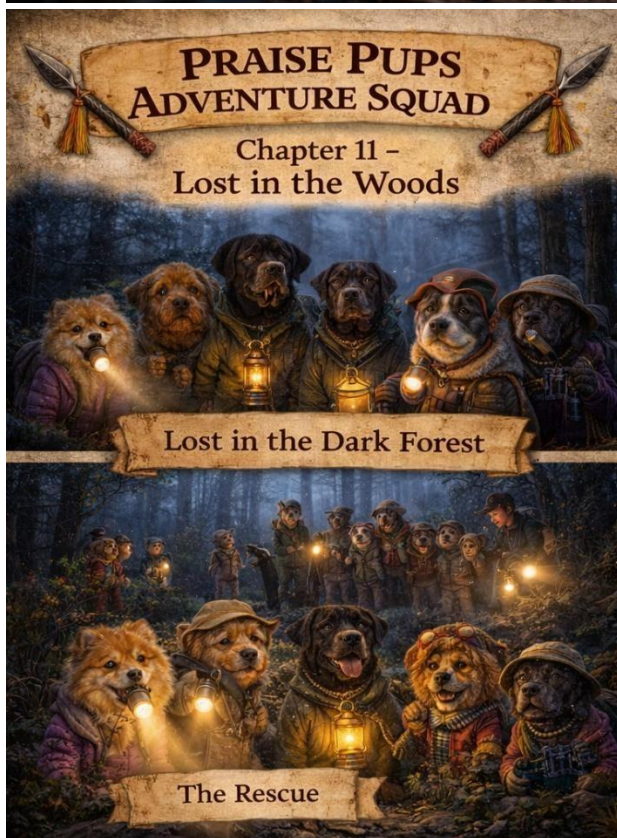
Dakari grinned.

“Well pups...”

“Looks like another adventure is about to begin.”

The Praise Pups wagged their tails and barked happily. Because
wherever there were children who needed hope...

The Praise Pups were ready to go.



Chapter 12

Hope in the City

Early one morning the Dogmires gathered the Praise Pups.

“Time for the next mission,” one of them said with a smile.

The pups wagged their tails excitedly.

Soon the Dogmires loaded everyone into the **Praise Pup van**, and they drove through the mountains toward the **Smoky Mountain Airport**.

Waiting for them on the runway was a **small jet**.

“Next stop,” said Dakota, looking at the tickets.

“New York City!”

The pups had traveled many places before, but nothing quite like **NYC**.

Tall buildings reached into the clouds. Cars honked. People rushed everywhere.

The pups decided their first job was to **visit all five boroughs** to understand what was happening.

They traveled through:

- **Manhattan**
- **Brooklyn**
- **Queens**
- **The Bronx**
- **Staten Island**

But as they explored, the pups noticed something that made their hearts heavy.

They saw **children who had no homes**.

Some were hungry.

Some were alone.

Some were surrounded by dangerous things like gangs and drugs.

And they also saw **many stray cats and dogs** wandering the streets with no homes either.

Willow wiped a tear from her eye. “Those children and animals need love.”

Dakari nodded.

“And guidance.”

Kota spoke thoughtfully.

“Maybe... we can help both.” The pups gathered together to pray.

Soon a new mission began to take shape.

A New Mission

The Praise Pups decided they would help build **special homes for children**.

These homes would be safe places where:

- Loving **foster parents** would guide the children
- Children would learn **life skills**
- Each child would be given a **rescued cat or dog to care for**
- Gardens would grow fresh food
- Playgrounds would be filled with laughter
- Everyone would learn about **God’s love**

But building homes would take money.

Lots of it.

Dakari grinned.

“Well pups... we know how to raise money.”

“Concerts!”

For the next **six months**, the Praise Pups performed concerts across New York.

And everywhere they went, they sang songs about **hope, love, and Jesus**.

Song

Jesus Loves You

Verse 1

In the city lights so bright
Through the day and through the night
When you feel alone or blue Jesus
still is loving you

Verse 2

When the world feels cold and gray
Jesus walks with you each day
You are never on your own
God's great love is always shown

Chorus

Jesus loves you, this is true
His great love is shining through
Every child both great and small
Jesus loves and knows them all

The crowds loved the music.

People clapped, danced, and sang along.

And many people gave money to help build the homes.

But the pups had another song that touched many hearts.

Song

How Special You Are

Verse 1

You may feel small in this big world
Like no one sees your light

But God made you with loving care You
shine both day and night

Verse 2

You are brave and you are strong
More than you can see
God has plans for you my friend Just
wait and you will see

Chorus

Oh how special you are
A shining little star
God made you wonderful and bright
Perfect just the way you are

Soon the concerts grew bigger and bigger.

People came from all over New York to see the **Praise Pups Adventure Squad**.

And every concert helped raise money for the mission.

Song

Build a Home of Hope

Verse 1

Brick by brick and hand in hand
We can help this city stand
Homes of hope and hearts so kind Leave
the lonely days behind

Verse 2

Children laughing, gardens grow
Love is something we can show
Cats and dogs and children too
Finding homes both safe and new

Chorus

Build a home, build it strong
Fill it up with love and song

Every child deserves to see
A place called home where they can be

After six months of concerts...

Something amazing happened.

Two beautiful homes were built in the **peaceful countryside of New York.**

They were surrounded by green fields and tall trees.

Each home had:

Vegetable gardens
A safe place for rescued animals
Playgrounds for children
Rooms for learning life skills
Loving foster parents

Children who had once been homeless now had:

- A **safe bed**
- A **family**
- A **pet to care for**
- A **future full of hope**

One little boy hugged his new puppy tightly.

“I finally have a home.”

Willow smiled softly.

“And a best friend.”

The gardens began to grow with fresh vegetables.

The playgrounds filled with laughter.

And the children learned something the Praise Pups always shared everywhere they went.

That no matter where you come from...

No matter how hard life has been...

You are loved.

Because Jesus loves every child.

The Praise Pups stood together watching the children play.

Dakari smiled.

“This mission was worth every song.”

And deep down the pups knew something else too.

This was only the **beginning** of helping children in the city.

Because wherever children needed hope... The

Praise Pups would always be ready.





Chapter 13

Praise Pups Down Under

After six long months of concerts in New York City, the Praise Pups finally returned home to **River Oasis**.

They were tired.

Very tired.

For two weeks they rested, played with the foster children, and spent time with the **Dogmires**.

The pups had worked harder than they ever had before.

But they never complained.

Serving others was something they loved doing.

Dakari said one evening,

“It’s an honor to serve our loving **Abba Father**.”

The other pups wagged their tails in agreement.

Soon the two weeks passed quickly.

One morning something familiar appeared again.

Sitting on the table was a **golden backpack**.

Inside were plane tickets and a note.

Kota read it aloud.

“Your next mission awaits... Australia.”

The pups all barked excitedly.

“Australia?!”

Willow bounced happily.

“Oh lalala! We’re going surfing!”

Dakari laughed.

“Totally rad!”

Gabby spun her drumsticks.

“And totally sic!”

Soon the Dogmires drove the pups to the airport again.

Another plane ride began.

But this mission was very important.

Trouble in the Outback

When the Praise Pups arrived in **Australia**, they flew over miles of land called the **Outback**.

But something was wrong.

Large areas of land looked black and burned.

Fires had swept through parts of the land.

Many animals had lost their homes.

Some had lost their food.

Others had no clean water.

The pups saw:

Kangaroos hopping through burned fields

Koalas searching for new trees

Birds flying above smoky forests

Willow’s eyes filled with concern.

“They need help.”

Dakari nodded.

“And hope.”

The pups read the mission note.

They would perform a **huge concert** to raise money for:

- Food for animals
- Water supplies
- Planting new forests
- Building safe habitats

But before the concert...

The pups had a few adventures.

The Angry Mama Kangaroo

One afternoon the pups were walking through the Outback when they met a curious little **joey**.

The joey hopped right up to them.

“Hello little friend,” Tessie said.

The joey followed them happily.

But suddenly—

THUMP!

THUMP!

THUMP!

A huge **Mama Kangaroo** came bounding toward them.

She looked very upset.

Dakari whispered,

“Uh oh...”

The mama kangaroo thought the pups were trying to **take her baby**.

She stomped the ground loudly.

THUMP! THUMP!

The pups quickly backed away.

“Don’t worry!” Willow said kindly.

“We were just saying hello.”

The little joey hopped safely back into his mama’s pouch. The mama kangaroo gave the pups one last serious look...

Then hopped away across the Outback.

Gabby laughed.

“Well... that was exciting!”

Surfing the Big Waves

After their Outback adventure, the pups visited the **Australian coast**.

Huge blue waves rolled toward the beach.

Willow wagged her tail.

“Surf time!”

The pups grabbed colorful surfboards and paddled into the ocean.

Soon they were riding the waves.

“Cowabunga!” Dakari shouted.

Tessie laughed as she balanced on her board.

Kota rode the biggest wave of all.

The ocean splashed and sparkled in the sunlight.

But the pups knew the real reason they were here.

The big concert was coming.

The Outback Wildlife Concert

Soon the concert stage was built near a wide open field.

Animals gathered from everywhere.

There were:

Kangaroos

Koalas

Colorful birds

Dingoes

Little creatures from the forest

Even the curious joey returned with his mama kangaroo.

The Praise Pups stepped onto the stage.

The crowd grew quiet.

Dakari strummed his guitar.

Gabby counted the beat.

And the pups began singing.

Song

G'Day Praise

Verse 1

G'day mate, come along

Join our happy Aussie song

From the bush to the sea

God made all the land we see

Verse 2

Koalas in the tall gum trees

Kangaroos hop through the breeze

Every creature great and small God

created one and all

Chorus

G'day, g'day shout hooray
Let's help wildlife today
Clap your paws, stomp the ground Let
God's love go all around

Verse 3

Plant the trees, help them grow
Give the animals homes we know
Food and water we will bring
Hear the Outback animals sing

Chorus Again

G'day, g'day shout hooray
Let's help wildlife today
Clap your paws, stomp the ground
Let God's love go all around

The animals bounced, chirped, clapped, and stomped along.

The concert raised money for:

Planting thousands of new trees
Water stations for animals
New wildlife habitats

Soon the land began to heal.

New trees were planted.

Water flowed again.

Animals returned to their homes.

The mama kangaroo watched the pups from the edge of the field.

Her little joey waved a tiny paw.

The Praise Pups waved back.

Dakari smiled.

“Another mission complete.”

But the pups knew something important.

There would always be more places needing hope.

And wherever help was needed...

The Praise Pups would go.

Because every adventure was another chance to share **God's**
love.









Chapter 14

The Snow Rescue in the Poconos

The Praise Pups had really enjoyed their adventure in Australia. Surfing the big waves and helping the animals rebuild their homes after the terrible fires had been an exciting mission.

Just as they were packing up their instruments after their big concert for the outback animals, something surprising happened.

Across the sandy path came a familiar **Mama Kangaroo** hopping toward them.

Peeking out from her pouch was her little **Joey**, bouncing happily with every hop.

Strapped securely to **Mama Kangaroo's back** was the special **mission backpack**.

The pups gathered around with curious wagging tails.

Mama Kangaroo smiled and explained,

“An angel brought this backpack to me and said it must be delivered to the Praise Pups right away.”

“This must be your next mission,” she added.

Willow gently unzipped the backpack while the other pups watched closely.

Inside was a small mission card.

It read:

Destination: The Pocono Mountains.

“Snow adventure!” barked Gabby excitedly.

“Let's go!” said Kota with a wag of his tail.

Soon the Praise Pups boarded their small jet and flew across the ocean toward the snowy mountains of Pennsylvania.

Another mission was waiting.

A Cozy Mountain Lodge

The Pocono Mountains were beautiful. Tall pine trees were covered in sparkling snow, and the air was crisp and cold.

The pups landed at a small mountain airport and soon arrived at a **rustic wooden lodge** nestled between snowy hills.

Inside the lodge was warm and cozy. A large stone fireplace crackled with a glowing fire.

Outside were snowy slopes perfect for winter fun.

The pups couldn't wait to explore.

They spent the day:

Snowboarding down the hills
Skiing through snowy trails
Sliding down tubing lanes
Tossing snowballs and laughing together Everyone

was having a wonderful time.

A Sudden Rumble

Suddenly...

RUMBLE...

The ground beneath their paws began to shake.

The pups froze and looked at each other.

Another deep rumble echoed across the mountain.

A small **earthquake** had shaken the snow loose high above the slopes.

Suddenly a huge wave of snow began rushing down the mountain.

An avalanche!

Ski patrol quickly began searching the area and soon discovered terrible news.

A **family of four** had been caught in the avalanche:

- A mother
- A father
- Two young children

They were buried somewhere beneath the snow.

The Praise Pups Pray

The Praise Pups gathered together.

Before doing anything else, they bowed their heads.

“Dear God,” Willow prayed softly,
“Please guide us to this family and help us bring them to safety.”

The pups lifted their heads.

Now it was time to work.

Digging for Life

Using their powerful paws and sharp noses, the Praise Pups began digging through the deep snow.

Snow flew in every direction as they worked together.

Dakari sniffed carefully.

“I smell someone!”

The pups dug faster.

Soon they uncovered the **father**, who was cold but safe.

Next they found the **mother**, buried nearby.

But the children were still missing.

The pups kept digging.

Then Tessie heard a tiny voice beneath the snow.

“Help...”

The pups dug carefully and quickly.

Moments later they uncovered the **two frightened children**, wrapped together beneath the snow.

The family was alive!

Warmth and Safety

The **ski patrol** rushed in with rescue sleds.

They carefully helped the family onto the sleds and brought them back to the lodge.

Inside the first aid station, warm blankets were wrapped around them.

Soon everyone was sitting beside the warm fireplace.

Hot mugs of **cocoa** were passed around.

Plates of **cookies** appeared.

Slowly the family warmed up and began to smile again.

The children hugged the Praise Pups tightly.

“Thank you for saving us!”

A Song of Gratitude

That evening the lodge was filled with thankful hearts.

The Praise Pups brought out their instruments.

Callie played the keyboard.

Gabby tapped the drums.

Kota and Rivka strummed their guitars.

Willow and Tessie began to sing.

**Thank You, Lord, for guiding our way
Keeping us safe every day
Through the snow and through the storm Your
love keeps every heart warm.**

Soon everyone in the lodge joined in singing.

The warm music filled the mountain lodge with joy and gratitude.

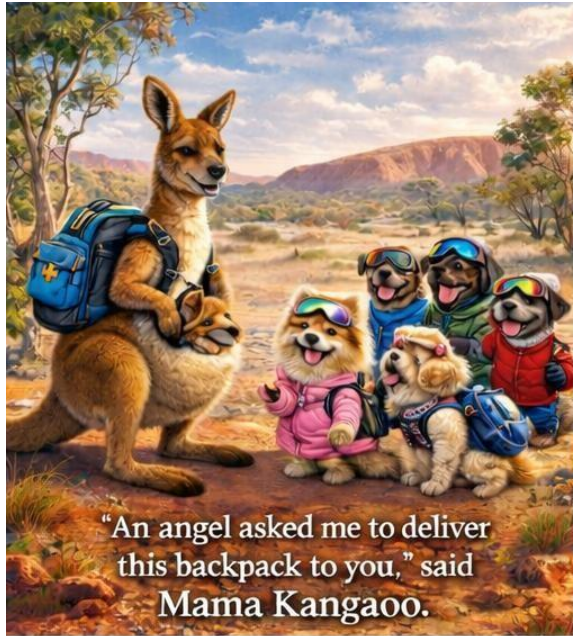
The Praise Pups curled up beside the fireplace that night, thankful that God had helped them rescue the family.

Outside, the snow continued to fall softly over the peaceful Pocono Mountains.

And high above the snowy peaks...

The angels smiled.\





"An angel asked me to deliver this backpack to you," said Mama Kangaroo.



Next mission... the Pocono Mountains!"



The Praise Pups had never seen so much snow!



"RUMBLE... the mountain shook!"



Working together, the Praise Pups dug through the snow.



"Thank you for saving us!"

Chapter 15 The River Oasis Battle of the Bands

After their exciting rescue mission in the snowy **Pocono Mountains**, the Praise Pups were very tired.

Digging through deep snow to save the trapped family had taken all their strength, but their hearts were full of joy knowing the family was safe.

When they returned to **River Oasis**, the pups rested for several days.

They stretched out in the warm sunshine by the river, wagged their tails, and thanked God for guiding them through another mission.

Gabby tapped lightly on the drums.
Callie played a few soft notes on the keyboard.
Willow and Tessie hummed a quiet praise tune.

Everything felt peaceful.

But River Oasis was buzzing with excitement.

The Dogmires had a big idea.

They wanted to host a **Battle of the Bands Fundraiser** to help support the Oasis and thank everyone who had helped the pups on their adventures.

Families from many places had been blessed by the work of River Oasis, and now it was time to celebrate.

Colorful banners were hung between the trees.
Lights were strung across the big wooden stage. Food
tables were set up along the river.

Children ran around laughing while volunteers prepared for the event.

The pups wagged their tails with excitement.

This was going to be fun!

The Big Announcement

That evening, Mr. Dogmire stepped onto the stage and spoke into the microphone.

“Welcome everyone to the **First River Oasis Battle of the Bands!**”

The crowd clapped and cheered.

“This fundraiser will help River Oasis continue to care for families, children, and animals in need.”

“Tonight we have four amazing bands!” The crowd cheered again.

Band One The Jungle Praise Band

First to perform was the **Jungle Praise Band** from the African safari.

The crowd gasped when they saw them.

A lion played guitar.

A giraffe sang into the microphone.

A leopard rocked the bass guitar.

A chimpanzee played the drums.

A happy hippo beat the conga drums.

The jungle rhythms filled the air.

Jungle Praise Song

Verse

From the jungle to the sky
God is with us standing by
Every creature big and small He
created one and all

Chorus

Jungle praise, clap your hands
Sing His love across the lands
Roar and drum and shout His name Jesus’
love will never change!

The crowd clapped to the beat of the jungle drums.

Band Two The Purrfect Praise Cat Band

Next came the stylish **Purrfect Praise Cat Band**.

Four fluffy cats walked onto the stage.

One strummed the guitar.

One played the keyboard.

One sang into the microphone.

One grooved on the bass guitar.

Their song was smooth and joyful.

Purrfect Praise Song

Verse

God made sunshine, stars above
Filled the world with endless love
Every heart can sing today
Lift your voice and praise His way

Chorus

Purr-purr praise the Lord today
Sing and dance and shout hooray
Jesus loves both you and me Purrfect
praise for all to see!

Children giggled and sang along with the “purr-purr praise!”

Band Three The Country Farm Praise Band

Next the **Country Farm Band** stepped onto the stage.

A shaggy cow played guitar.

A donkey tapped the keyboard.

A rooster rocked an electric guitar.

A sheep sang sweetly.

A tall horse played bass.

Behind them stood the red barn with a shining cross.

Country Praise Song

Verse

Morning sun on fields so wide
God is always by our side
From the barnyard to the sky
Lift His name and sing it high

Chorus

Yee-haw praise the Lord above
Sing about His mighty love Clap
your hands and stomp your feet
Jesus' love is strong and sweet!

The whole crowd stomped and clapped like they were at a country barn dance.

Band Four The Praise Pups

Now it was time.

The crowd started chanting.

“PRAISE PUPS! PRAISE PUPS! PRAISE PUPS!”

The pups ran onto the stage wagging their tails.

Gabby sat proudly at the drums.
Callie placed her paws on the keyboard.
Dakari held his bass guitar.
Kota tuned his rhythm guitar.
Rivka lifted her lead guitar.
Tessie and Willow stood at the microphones.

Gabby tapped the drumsticks.

One... two... three!

The music began.

Praise Pups Song

Verse

We travel far across the land
Helping hearts with loving hands
Every mission God will guide He
is always by our side

Chorus

Clap and sing shout hooray
Jesus loves us every day
Paws up high voices strong God's
great love is our song!

Bridge

From the mountains to the sea
God loves you and God loves me Share
His kindness everywhere
Show the world His loving care!

The whole crowd sang along.

Children danced.
Parents clapped.
Everyone smiled.

The Big Surprise

When the music ended, the announcer returned to the stage.

Everyone waited to hear which band had won.

But instead he smiled. "Tonight...

everyone wins!"

The crowd cheered loudly.

“All the bands helped raise money to support River Oasis!”

The children from the retreat ran onto the stage and hugged the pups.

The Dogmires joined them too.

The river sparkled as lanterns lit up the evening sky.

Final Praise Song

All four bands gathered together for one final song.

Animals, cats, farm friends, and the Praise Pups sang side by side.

Final Song

God is love shining bright
Guiding us with holy light Every
heart and every voice Praise the
Lord and now rejoice!

Clap your hands sing along
Kindness makes the whole world strong
Share His love both far and near God is
with us everywhere!

A Peaceful Ending

Later that night everyone sat around the campfire beside the river.

Marshmallows roasted.

Children laughed.

Music drifted softly through the trees.

The Praise Pups curled up beside their friends.

Another mission had ended.

Another story had been written.

And River Oasis was filled with love, music, and praise.

But the pups knew something important.

God still had many adventures ahead. And

whenever the next mission came... the

Praise Pups would be ready.

The End











A MESSAGE from the PRAISE PUPS

Hello, friends!

We are the Praise Pups Adventure Squad, and we want to share something very important with you.

Every day we try to follow God's path by helping others and spreading kindness wherever we go.

Be Kind

A kind word or a helping hand can brighten someone's whole day.

Help Others

When we work together, we can do amazing things to help people who need support.

Have Faith and Courage

Because when we work together with kindness and faith...

We can make the world a brighter place.

With wagging tails and joyful hearts,

The Praise Pups Adventure Squad 

Help Others

When we work together, we can do amazing things to help people who need support.

Have Faith and Courage

Life can bring storms, just like the tornado the Praise Pups fared. But with faith, courage, and friends, beside us, we can get through anything.





Praise Pups Adventure Squad

Get ready for music, missions, and amazing adventures!

Meet the **Praise Pups**, a joyful band of pups who travel the world helping others and sharing the love of God through music.

From the peaceful trails of **River Oasis Family Retreat** to the snowy mountains of the **Pocono Mountains**, and even the beaches of **Australia**, the Praise Pups discover that teamwork, kindness, and faith can change the world.

Along the way they:

- rescue families in danger
- raise money to help children in need
- build homes of hope
- help animals who have lost their homes
- and sing songs that inspire hearts everywhere.

Join **Willow, Tessie, Callie, Gabby, Dakari, Kota, and Rivka** as they begin their first unforgettable journey in

Praise Pups Adventure Squad

A heartwarming story filled with adventure, friendship, music, and faith for children and families.

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