A Prayer For SPEEDY

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(Based on a true story)

Ashley looked in the pet store window.

"Which kitten would you like?" Mom asked.

Ashley saw black kittens and striped kittens. Then she saw a gray kitten behind the others. He was so small. Ashley knew which one she wanted.

Mom and Ashley brought the gray kitten home. "What will you name him?" Mom asked.

Ashley watched him run.

"He's so fast," she said. "I'll call him Speedy."

Ashley took good care of Speedy. She gave him food and played with him every day.

Speedy liked to run outside. He chased bugs. He jumped in the grass.

Ashley prayed for Heavenly Father to keep Speedy safe.

The next day Ashley still felt sad. Dad gave Ashley a hug.

"Maybe Speedy will be here when we get home from church."

When the family got out of the car in the church parking lot, Ashley heard a soft sound. *Meow, meow, meow.*

Ashley's eyes got big. "Speedy!" she called. He was high up in a tree by the car. Dad got Speedy down. Ashley held her kitten tight. "I'm so glad you are safe!" ◆

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One day Ashley went to the backyard. "Speedy!" she called. Speedy did not come. "Speedy!" she called louder. Speedy still did not come.

"Oh no! Speedy is lost," Ashley said. She told Mom.

Mom and Ashley walked all around looking for Speedy. But they couldn't find him.

Ashley started to cry. "I'm worried about Speedy."

"Speedy will be OK," said Mom.

"Can we say a prayer?" Ashley asked.

"Yes," Mom said. "That's a good idea."