

Parker's Pumpkins

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(Based on a true story)



Parker was helping Daddy plant a garden. He wished his brother Eric was here to help. But Eric was far away on a mission.

"I'll never be big like Eric," Parker said. "How can I go on a mission like him?"

"Don't worry," Daddy said. "You'll grow."



Daddy handed Parker some pumpkin seeds. He helped Parker plant them.

“These little seeds will grow into big pumpkins?” Parker asked.

“If you take good care of them,” Daddy said.

Parker came out to look at the garden every day. He watered it, and soon tiny sprouts came up. The leaves got bigger. Parker carefully pulled up weeds.





By fall his pumpkin plants had grown. And there were big orange pumpkins!

Parker grabbed Daddy to show him. “You took great care of your pumpkin plants!” Daddy said.

“Yup! And I’ll take good care of me, so I can get big too.” Parker grinned. “And when I’m big, I can go on a mission just like Eric!” ◆

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