WITNESSES FOR JESUS
(Children’s Story)
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The man in today’s children’s story is a true witness because he followed Jesus’ example.

If you trust God.

This story is told in different ways over many years. This fact testifies of its honesty, as fables are quickly forgotten.

It was a cloudy autumn day, with a cold rain drizzling down. A boy of about seven years old was sitting on a bench at the beginning of the park alley. He was soaked to the bone and wore shabby clothes. People passed by, hurrying about their business and not paying attention to the little boy—there are so many homeless children, and you don’t know which ones pretend to be homeless in order to beg a coin or two from passers-by.

But here, near the bench, an elderly man in a good raincoat stopped. He asked the boy, “What are you doing here? Are you waiting for someone?”

The boy replied, “I’m waiting for God to come for me.”

“For you?” asked the elderly man. “Why do you say that?”

In answer, the boy said, “Because neighbors said this about my dad and about my little brother too. And yesterday in the hospital, my mom said that her turn had come, and that God would not leave me. How much longer do I have to wait? It is very cold and damp and scary—it will soon be dark.”
“You don’t have to wait any longer, you’ve already waited long enough,” the man stammered, as if something was preventing him from speaking. “You poor boy!”

“But you’re not God, are you?” asked the boy.

The man said, “I’m not. I’m just a lonely man who isn’t poor, that’s all. Believe that I will make sure that you will not be unhappy. Come with me.”

“I knew it would happen,” the boy exclaimed but smiled with difficulty. “My mother never lied to me!”

Do you see, boys and girls, how the elderly man followed Jesus’ example? In Matthew 25:35 we read: “for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in” (NKJV). So, by taking care the boy in need, the elderly man was following Jesus’ instructions directly from the Bible! Who would like to be like Jesus and help someone in need? Raise your hands. Very good.

Let’s pray that Jesus will show us whom we can help.