

# Lord Have Mercy, Here Comes Matilda!

## *Storyline:*

You've probably heard the saying, "You know you're really in trouble when they use your middle name!" I guess it shouldn't have surprised us then that, of all the animals, it was Tildy who acquired a middle name. This naughty (but oh so lovable!) little goat had chewed the starter on the gas grill, eaten a wicker lawn chair, been on the UPS truck, the insurance man's Bronco, and the back of my couch! So the middle name my daughter picked out couldn't have been more fitting. Matilda *Grace* certainly wouldn't be saved by her works!

## *Lesson:*

We all mess up sometimes. I know I heard my middle name more than once! Although it's very important to try our hardest to be good, it isn't because of our actions that we get to go to heaven. Our God is a forgiving God, full of mercy and grace so that all who believe He sent His Son to die for our sins will someday join Him in the glory of heaven.

*"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast."* Ephesians 2:8-9