

New Swing Set

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Jane had an old swing set. It was rusty. The paint was coming off. The chains for the swings were not nice. The plastic was cracked. The rubber was falling apart. It made Jane sad. She used to play on it so much. Now it was worn out.

One day, Jane woke up to some loud noises. Her father was outside. He had tools and supplies. He had building pieces. There were boards and bolts. Her old swing set was gone!

She watched him dig holes. He put posts in the ground. She helped give him tools. He drilled holes. He put up more boards. He was working very hard!

Jane continued to help her father. He put up more boards. He used a wrench and bolts. They were working so hard.

After a long time, Jane saw what they were making. It was a new swing set. This was going to be big. It would be nicer than the old one.

They made a slide. They made swings. Then they made monkey bars. There was a ladder to climb. There was a tower to play in. There was a tunnel to crawl through. It was very exciting.

When they were done, Jane had her friends over. They all played together. Even her father played. He never played!

The swing set was nice. It was a whole playground in her back yard. The best thing was that they had made it together. She liked working with her father. She liked playing with him too.



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