

# The Stolen Bicycle

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Luke was proud of his new bicycle he had gotten for his birthday. It was black with the coolest stripe on the side. He rode it to school everyday for the past three days. When Luke rode his bike home, he parked it in front of the garage and went inside to drop off his books. He wanted to tell his mom he was going to go to Justin's house. "Okay," said mom. "Just be home by 6:00." Luke said okay and went outside to get on his bike. However, there was a problem. His bike was gone. *Oh no*, thought Luke. *Someone stole my bike*. "Mom!" yelled Luke. "My bike is gone!" "Where did you park it?" asked mom. "I left it in front of the garage," Luke said. Luke ran outside to see if he could spot anyone on the street that may have seen someone ride off with his bike. There was no one around, except for Mrs. Patterson. She was weeding her garden two houses down. Luke went to Mrs. Patterson and asked, "Did you happen to see anyone riding a black bicycle in the last few minutes?" "As a matter-of-fact, I did see a boy going down our street, but I thought it was you because he pulled out of your driveway." "Which way did he go?" asked Luke. "When he passed my house, he turned onto Connor Drive," said Mrs. Patterson. Luke went back to his house and told his mom what he found out. Luke's mom said she called the police, and they would be over in a short while to get all the information. When Luke's dad got home from work, he told Luke that someone on Connor Drive has the same bike as Luke's. "How do you know?" asked Luke. "I saw a boy outside cleaning a bike that looked just like your bike." Luke's mom told Luke's dad about the bike being taken from the driveway.



When the police arrived, Luke and his mom gave the officers all the details about the bicycle and told them about the boy on Connor Drive. "We'll go check it out," said Officer Thompson. It was about thirty minutes later when the officers returned to Luke's house with a bike. "It's my bike!" yelled Luke. "The Weston boy confessed to taking the bicycle." "He said he wanted a bike, but his parents couldn't afford one." "I guess he made the wrong choice and decided to take your bike," said Officer Winters. "Do you want to press charges?" "No," said Luke and his parents. "It sounds like they have enough problems without adding stealing to the list." The next day Bill Weston came to Luke's house to apologize and thank him for not pressing charges against him. "It was a bad mistake, and I'll never do it again."

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