Wrapping Gifts

Oscar is a boy with lots of **imagination**, he is good at **using colours**, **markers**, **stickers** and colour **papers**, but there is one thing he hates: **Wrapping Gifts!** He says that it is hard to make gifts look good because the wrapping is like showing people how well you know them and how hard you try to make them feel good when they get the gifts in their hands!

Every time it is someone's birthday, he gets **nervous** because he knows he will have trouble **finding** what paper to use, **choosing** a colour for the bow, **making** the ribbons curly, **deciding** where to put the bow and the ribbon, and the most difficult part... **using** the tape!!! He says it is too sticky and hard to use!

Oscar always remembered the first time he did wrapping jobs for all his family. It was Christmas and he wanted to surprise them all, but it all ended up being a **weird** night because of the feeling – when he gave his family the gifts, they started to laugh. Oscar didn't know if they were laughing **at** him or **about** the wrapping he did. His mum explained to him that it all looked **funny**, but they were thankful and happy – **unfortunately**, it was not enough for Oscar because he still had that **confusing** feeling!

After that experience, Oscar thought of **asking for** help. He was very **careful** in deciding who he could turn to because he wanted to try doing more gift wrapping next Christmas, he wanted to feel **proud** and **happy**, not **ashamed**!

"That's it!" Oscar shouted. "My friend Lissette. She can make gifts look like catalogue pictures!"

Oscar called his friend Lissette and she was really kind to him. She said she could help Oscar learn to do gift wrapping, but she asked Oscar to promise he would be patient, pay attention and work hard – of course, Oscar accepted!

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After doing some **this and that**, here and there, experimenting with all the wrapping materials, Lissette said, "Oscar, it is time to make your first real wrapping job, and don't forget to add **a special touch**, that special thing that will touch your loved ones' heart!"

The next time Oscar did wrapping for his family on Christmas night, he could say bye to the confusing feeling, everybody was laughing, but this time he knew it was not about him or his wrapping – they were just enjoying the night. It was when Oscar learned that things, good things, take time, and sometimes a little help from others is good, so it was great his friend Lissette was there, happily teaching her friend how to **get better at something** – that's love and respect!



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