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Age: 11



Sammy Gone Fishin'

"I want to go fishing!" The request from my little brother filled the house for weeks.

We went to Wal-mart a couple of days before the trip. It was fun walking up and down the aisles trying to find the perfect rods and lures. Sammy got a Cars fishing rod and tackle box. My parents got a fishing rod, and I used the rod that I had gotten for my birthday from my grandparents.

Finally, one sunny but cold morning, my family went fishing at a lake in the neighborhood. The lake was very big. It stretched across the ends of many backyards. It was also very beautiful. The lake was surrounded by pretty cypress trees.

My brother was so excited that he sang all the way there... **LOUDLY**. He was all bundled up in his coat that he got as a hand-me-down from one of his friends. We were all pretty cold when we got there. Sammy ran around like

crazy. My dad hooked the worms and showed us how to cast off. My mom took lots of pictures.

I finally got to actually cast a rod!! We hadn't caught anything, but we were enjoying the peace and quiet and anticipation of eating fish for dinner.

My dad wanted to take pictures of us that included my mom, so he went to wash worm slime and guts off of his hands. My mom said to Sammy, "Back away from the lake." She sat back down on the bench two feet away from us when SPLASH Sammy was in the lake. Only seconds passed, but it seemed longer. Luckily, he had just had swimming lessons and his fat coat was acting like a life jacket. He wasn't going to stay above water much longer though. His head was starting to go under. In a flash my mom was in the lake with my brother pulling him out just as my dad was coming.

My mom was in the lake longer than my brother because the brambles and rotting logs were pulling her down. When my dad pulled her out, she realized that her cell phone and camera were in her pocket. My mom was upset as we drove home, but she was happy that Sammy was safe. Sammy was happy, too.

Soon after, my mom even better cell phone and camera, and the family has enjoyed other fishing trips wearing life jackets.