

Darling Turtle

Once there was a mother turtle that lived near a small pond. She had three cute baby turtles—Darling, Turbo, and Zee.

One day, Mama Turtle took her babies to the pond to teach them to swim. Turbo and Zee jumped into the water right away. Even though they were worried at first, they got used to the water and were soon swimming around, squealing with delight.

Darling couldn't bring herself to join the others. Though she saw the others were greatly enjoying themselves, she was afraid of the water.

"Darling, I know you're afraid," Mama Turtle said, "But if you try, you might find that you like it. Come with me. I'll stay close by, so I can help you if you need it."

Darling followed her mother and hesitantly approached the edge of the pond. Then, ever so slowly, she dipped her foot into the cool water—first one foot and then the other, until she was fully immersed in the shallow water.





At first, she was alarmed at not feeling the ground beneath her.

“Trust that the water will keep you afloat, Darling!” called Mother soothingly. Darling gradually relaxed and trusted that the water would carry her.

Soon, she was floating peacefully across the pond, and soon after that she let herself sink under the surface of the water. Darling was fascinated. There was so much life under the surface—plants swaying in the gentle currents and fish swimming back and forth. Darling was very thankful that her mother had helped her to step out into this underwater world and learn something new.

Moral: Sometimes new things seem a bit scary, or you think they will be too difficult, but all you need is a little faith to believe that I will be like the water was for the turtle. Just like Darling could float and swim along in the water, you can rest in Me, and I will keep you. I will never let you down.—Jesus
