

# Discussion Questions for *Toby Too Small* by MaryAnn Diorio

*(Can be used with children)*

1. Do you struggle with accepting something about your outward appearance? Maybe, like Toby, you struggle with the fact that you are short or small in size. Maybe you don't like your hair color or the shape of your nose? Do you believe that God made you the way you are for a special purpose?
2. Have you ever considered that an orchestra is made up of instruments of all different shapes and sizes? Would an orchestra be an orchestra if all the instruments were the same? Why is difference a beautiful thing?
3. Toby looked at what he had, not at what he didn't have. When he kept getting rejected for various jobs, he did not allow the rejection to get him down. Instead, he kept thinking of new ways of earning the money he needed to buy the bicycle he wanted. What do you do when people tell you that you don't have the ability to do something? Do you listen to them and get discouraged, or do you believe what the Bible says, that "you can do all things through Jesus who gives you strength" (Philippians 4: 13)?
4. Toby never gave up hope. Because he kept believing that he would find a way to buy his bike, his faith paid off. He was given the opportunity to rescue Mrs. Flaherty's cat. Toby was small enough to fit under Mrs. Flaherty's porch where the cat was hiding. So Toby's size proved to be his biggest asset. Have you ever considered that what you deem the worst bane in your life is actually your greatest blessing?
5. There is a saying that goes like this: "It's not the size of the man in the fight that matters. It's the size of the fight in the man." What do you think of this saying? Have you ever experienced the truth of this saying in your own life?

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