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### The Trip to Israel

Whoosh! The gust of wind came out of nowhere. As Robby was skating down the sidewalk, the paper seemed to be drawn to his face like a magnet. With the strong wind and the paper to the face, Robby toppled over, falling face first into the ground. Luckily, there was a mattress store with a weirdly placed mattress right outside the door. He finally got read the piece of paper that hit him. It said, "Trip to Israel for an amazing price of only \$2,500 for a ten day-9 Night stay! All payments must be done the week before spring break.

At the bottom, he read, "Come visit Christ Hill Baptist Church." Robby thought, "Nice! That is my church but the price is the only thing that was troubling. He folded the paper up and put it in his pocket. As he got home, he couldn't stop thinking about that paper, especially the price. He really wanted to go but knew that his parents wouldn't let him go. But, Robby being Robby tried it anyway. That night during dinner he asked his parents if he could go. They said, "If you have \$2,000 dollars, sure, and we will spot you \$500. He sure knew that he didn't have \$2,000 dollars but he thought to himself, "I will find a way..."

That night he thought of ways to earn money; a garage sale, lemonade stand, a bake sale but none of them would raise 2,000 dollars...so he thought real hard...

The next morning he woke up at his desk. He fell asleep on his new iPad! Then, it came to him. He started looking all over his room and at the end; he had his iPad and his RazorX longboard electric skateboard. It cost 200 dollars and he had only had it a couple of months. But with his iPad only costing 800 bucks plus the apple pen for \$130 that would mean he would have 870 more dollars and he doesn't know what else he could do so first he decided to just sell those and go from there. He went on Facebook and posted a 2-month-old iPad and a 2<sup>nd</sup> generation apple pencil for 900 dollars (he didn't want to rip anyone off). Then, he posted: 3-month-old RazorX longboard electric skateboard for 180 Dollars.

Then, he sat and waited... A day passed by, then two, then a week! He got a response on both posts. On the iPad and Apple Pencil a guy said I would like to know if it is still available if so, I will buy it for \$900. Robby responded and said yes, it is still available and I will take your offer. After a few more words, they worked out that they were going to meet at a Kroger on Saturday at 2:00 PM. After that, he went to his other post and they asked the exact same thing except, he offered \$160, but Robby talked him up to \$170 and they made a deal. He was also meeting them at Kroger on Saturday but instead of 2:00 PM, they said 2:30 PM.

That Saturday, after he met them, Robby and his dad counted the money and he had \$1070. He had to get \$930 more dollars.

When he got home, he went straight to his closet and started going through it. There was nothing really of value but then he came across a box of Pokémon cards. Then, he remembered that he collected Pokémon cards when he was twelve, so he started looking through the box and when he found a card that wasn't torn or had a stain, he would look it up to see if it had any value.

He got down to his last card and he looked it up. It was worth nothing. He started to put everything back, but then he noticed a card that was hidden under one of the flaps at the bottom. He looked up 1999 Pokémon Fossil Dragonite First Edition PSA 10 Holo GEM MINT. It was worth \$950 dollars! Yes!! He screamed! Now, he looked up places to sell Pokémon cards on ...EBAY!

Robby posted so quickly, you probably couldn't say jackrabbit fast enough. Within minutes, he got a offer of \$1000.00! He obviously accepted the offer. They were going to meet at a Seven Eleven thirty minutes from where he lived. After that, he and his parents counted all the money up and went to the bank. They got \$500.00 and gave it to Robby. Thankfully, they were going to church anyway, so they gave the church the money and it was done. A few months later...Robby stepped off the plane to read the sign, "Shalom!"

He made it. His first steps in Israel.