

# Lucy and Her Cat

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Once upon a time there was once a girl named Lucy. She is 8 years old. Lucy lives in Arkansas. She lives in a village. Lucy has two sisters. Their names are Mandy and Laura. Mandy is the older sibling. For the longest time, Lucy has been wishing for a pet. This is a list of pets that Lucy wants: a goldfish, a parrot, a turtle, a snake, a cat, and a dog. One day, Lucy asked her mom if she could get one of those pets. "Mom, can I have a pet goldfish?" asked Lucy. "No! Your sister Laura is allergic." said her mother. "Mom, can I have a pet parrot?" asked Lucy this time. "No! I don't want any repeats." Said her mother. "Mom, can I have a pet turtle then?" Lucy kept asking. "No! What if we don't see it and we accidentally step on it when it's in camouflage?" her mother responded. "Mom, how about a pet snake then?" asked Lucy. "No! I don't want any shedding in the house." Responded her mother. "Mom, can I have a pet cat?" Lucy continued asking. "No! Cats leave fur everywhere. So I don't want fur all over the house." Said her mother. "Mom, can I have a pet dog?" Lucy asked persistently. "No! Dogs are messy. They keep the house dirty." Said her mother with yet another excuse to reject Lucy's another pet wish. Then on January 5<sup>th</sup> after school, she asks her mother one more time. "Mom, can I have a pet?" Lucy got nervous. She held her breath, squeezed her eyes shut and waited for an answer. Her mother said maybe. Lucy jumped up in the air, clapped her hands, and she began to dance around. She finally convinced her mother to say maybe. She expected hopefully a yes this time. Then on the day of her birthday, which is February 17<sup>th</sup>, Lucy is going to turn 9. On the day of Lucy's birthday, in the morning Lucy goes to deliver newspapers for the morning news. When Lucy comes home after her job, she goes upstairs into her room and paints a picture of a dog. Then Lucy goes back outside to get a nice fresh ice cream cone. When she comes back home afterwards, she takes a nap. Meanwhile, down in the kitchen Lucy's mother is making a birthday cake for Lucy. Lucy's sisters Mandy and Laura are helping to set up the games and decorate the house for the birthday celebration. Lucy's dad goes outside to get Lucy a present. When Lucy's dad arrives at home, the family puts the present in a box and wraps it up. Once the present part is taken care of and everything else is ready for the party, everybody takes their hiding places. Then Lucy's mother goes upstairs to get Lucy ready. Lucy's mother helps her dress up without saying a single word. She did not want to spoil the surprise party. After Lucy's mother is done getting Lucy dressed up and ready, she puts a blindfold on Lucy's eyes. When Lucy makes it to the living room, her mother unties the blindfold and then everyone cheers "Happy birthday Lucy!" Lucy is so surprised that she cries from joy. She goes toward her cake, sits down in her chair, wears her party hat, and blows out the candles. After all the candles are blown, they start to eat the cake. Then the family plays games together. After the games, Lucy's dad brings out the present. She quickly opens it up and sees in front of her a cage. Lucy is shocked. She gives a big hug to her parents and then goes back to her present. When she finally opens her present, out came a cute little kitten. "This is the cutest little kitten I have ever seen!" cried Lucy with excitement. They decided to name the kitten Agatha. Lucy made a little room for Agatha. Luckily, Lucy's dad got information from the shelter that made it easier for Lucy. They say the cat is four years old and likes to play with yarns and eat sardines. Lucy and her sisters start to play with Agatha. They just spend almost all of their time with Agatha. Then it grows dark outside. After they spend quality time with the cat and do fun activities with the family, they all go to their bedrooms and fall fast asleep. The next morning when Lucy gets ready to feed Agatha, she was not there. Lucy searches everywhere but she can't find Agatha. Then it occurs to Lucy that her cat is lost! Lucy rushes into her

room and takes out her colored pencils, craft sticks, glue stick, and her construction paper. Lucy puts Agatha's photograph on a construction paper and writes underneath the photograph: **Lost Kitten**. As soon as Lucy finishes making her posters, she quickly heads outside. She sticks her posters on as many lamp posts and trees as she can. Then Lucy goes back to her house and waits for someone to call her. A few days later, Lucy steps into the house as she hears her first call from Louisiana. Lucy cannot believe that her kitten traveled from Arkansas all the way to Louisiana. Lucy listens to the person explain to her what happened and how Agatha was found. The person starts the story like this. "It was a dark and stormy night! I think your cat was bored inside and she had trouble sleeping. So she decided to head outside. This cat wanted to explore. The cat didn't think it was going to be scary. She explored landscape from Arkansas to Louisiana. Then when I came by with my bike, I saw your cat lying down on the sidewalk," said the person. "Luckily, my cousin visited his grandma in Arkansas the other day and came across one of your lost kitten flyers. So I decided to call you as soon as he showed me your flyer." Anyways, the person brings back the cat to Lucy. As Lucy takes Agatha in her arms, she tells her "Agatha, don't you ever get lost again." Agatha jumps on her lap to take a nice cozy nap.