

Grace Has Grit
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He's coming..!! There once was a mom who was having a baby. All she wanted was a baby girl to grow up and be a teacher like her. She went to the hospital for a checkup because she thought the baby was ready to come. Well it was ready but there was bad news. The baby was a boy and the doctors told the mom and she got mad, mad, mad. Then it was time for the baby to be born. A miracle happened! It was a girl and the mom was so happy. The doctors wondered "How is this possible?" They named her Grace.

TEN YEARS LATER... The little girl was in fourth grade. That's when it all began. She started failing and when she found out she thought "How is this possible?" She wondered how she used to be the only one that didn't fail. Then her mom told her to not give up and she thought maybe she should get a tutor. Then, it all began.

ONE WEEK LATER... She got a tutor and she, went every week and almost every day but she still didn't understand. Her mom wanted her to be a teacher but if she couldn't learn, how could she teach? So, her mom put her in Summer School and when that didn't work, her mom gave up. She said, "Go play, Grace" but Grace said, "NO I'm studying". Then she went to study. She read books, studied homework, and did some research. Also, that didn't work so Grace gave up. When she went to school she forgot they had a test today and she got mad because she didn't study for it. After she got home she was furious. Then her mom said she failed the test. Her mom got mad and said, "How could she become a teacher if she can't learn if she can't even get a good grade on one test, just one test." Then her teacher said, "I know just the thing". So, her teacher called Grace's mom and asked if Grace liked to play games and she did. The next day of school, Grace's teacher gave her a game and Grace said, "what's this for?" Her teacher replied, "you like to play games, right?" Grace said, "yes but...." And her teacher wouldn't let her finish, "Ah, Ah, ah! Well then let's play!". Her teacher said that "this game will help you understand your work". So, Grace said "If it will then I'll play."

DAYS AND WEEKS went by with Grace and her teacher playing the game and Grace started understanding a little more. After a while there was a test and Grace got a passing grade on it! She realized her grit had paid off. After another couple of weeks of playing the game she had the biggest test of the year. Grace got very nervous as she began the test. After a couple of hours, she was done testing. When she saw her grade, she flipped! It was a one hundred! She kept getting good grades on tests.

Another TEN YEARS LATER...She was in college and she got a teaching degree. All because of that one game in fourth grade and her mom was amazed. From that point on, she kept teaching and was proud of her hard work. SHE NEVER KNEW THAT ONE GAME, A TEACHER AND GRIT COULD MAKE SUCH A BIG DIFFERENCE. HER FOURTH GRADE TEACHER WAS HAPPY, AND SO WAS SHE.