GOD CREATED ME TO BE ME!

It was early in the morning. Panda took a walk to the lake to see how beautiful he was. He looked into the water and saw himself… a panda bear. He was very pleased with himself.

While Panda was still looking at his reflection, Ella Elephant walked up. What are you doing, she asked Panda? I am looking at how beautiful I am, he said. Ella chuckled. It must be nice to wear a fur coat all through the winter, but where is your trunk? You look silly without a trunk. Panda had never thought of that before. Where was his trunk? Where did he lose it? And where could he get another one? He looked back into the water at his reflection. He did look silly without a trunk.

Panda woke up the next morning so excited. He wanted to go to the lake again and look at himself in the water. He was sure he would look better today. His trunk did make him talk a little funny and it was very heavy. But he knew he would be beautiful.

Panda ran to the lake. He looked into the water and saw a beautiful trunk covering his real nose. He just stared and stared. Yes, now he was really beautiful!

Rocky Raccoon walked up to Panda while he was still admiring his new trunk. Panda said, Hi Rocky, how do I look? Well, said Rocky you look a little funny to me. But if you had a mask over your face like I do I think you would look just great!

Panda could hardly wait to go to the lake the next day. He tossed and turned all night he was so excited. He was sure his trunk and mask would make him very beautiful.

The next day Panda ran to the lake as fast as he could. He wanted to see himself in the water with his new trunk and mask. He knew he was the most beautiful panda in the world.

As Panda was admiring himself in the water, Camie Camel came to the lake for a drink. What do you think, Panda asked Camie? Don’t I look beautiful? Well, said Camie I think you look strange without two humps on your back. Where are your humps, Panda? Panda wondered the same thing, Where are my humps? And how do I get another pair?

Panda walked home very slowly. His nose was sore and swollen from the trunk on it. And his eyes had begun to itch from the mask. And where was he going to find two humps???

Panda got home and looked all over for two humps. He just knew that if he could get two humps then he would look just right.

He arrived at the lake early in the morning. The water was crystal clear. He looked into it and saw himself. He looked very different. His nose really hurt from the trunk on it. His eyes were all red and swollen and itchy. His back hurt from the heavy humps on his back. But he was sure that Camie Camel would think he was beautiful.

Just as he was thinking about how much his back ached, he saw Billy Beaver. Hi Billy, he said with a muffled voice through his nose. I was just looking at myself in the water. Don’t you think I look beautiful? Yes, said Billy Beaver, but you have something missing. What is it? Hmmm, let me see. I know. You don’t have a nice tail like mine. You need a tail like mine. Panda just sighed!

Panda slowly walked home. His back was hurting a lot from the heavy humps on his back. He was wondering where he was going to find a tail like Billy Beaver’s.

The next morning Panda slowly walked to the lake. His new tail, that he knew was beautiful dragged on the ground as he walked. His backed ached more than ever from the humps and his nose hurt all the time. He looked into the water and he saw a beautiful animal with a fine trunk, and a mask on it’s face with two humps and a really fine tail.

I AM BEAUTIFUL HE SAID!

Just then Pattie Panda came by. She looked at Panda and said, Panda, what is wrong with you? You look very strange. What is wrong with your eyes? What has happened to your nose? And your back? And your tail? You don’t look like yourself. You don’t look like a Panda bear anymore.

And you sound funny when you talk, said Pattie Panda. I wanted to look beautiful said Panda. You did look beautiful just being yourself, said Pattie Panda. Let me help you take that nose off!!!

Oh that feels much better said Panda. You look more beautiful, more like yourself, said Pattie Panda. Let’s take off those humps and tail and mask also.

Oh, I feel wonderful said Panda. It felt so good to get all those things off of him. Now take a look in the water, said Patti Panda. Now you do look beautiful!!! Now you look like yourself, just the way God made you.

God made the Panda bear exactly the way he should be. God made you just the way you should be… just like Himself! Adam and Eve believed the devil when he told them they were not like God. They tried to do something to make themselves like God…

just like Panda tried to make Himself be like the other animals.

Adam and Eve believed the devil just like Panda believed the animals. Each of them thought there was something wrong with them. When they tried to be better they were very unhappy.

Why?

Because they were exactly the way God had made them to be. God made the Panda bear to be just like a panda bear. And God had made Adam and Eve to be just like Himself!

God had a plan to save Adam and Eve and all people from the devil's belief system. God wanted them to know they were perfect and complete just like He was. God wanted everyone to be free to be themselves!