

Piggy and Woof and the Magic Shoes

This week Piggy wanted to learn to dance. Pigs are not generally very graceful animals and also their trotters are not really designed for dancing, so Piggy was finding it very difficult to balance. In fact, he kept falling over and was spending more time with his trotters in the air than on the floor. Piggy got fed-up. He decided to give up. He sat down and snorted loudly.

“Piggy, what’s the matter?” asked Woof.

“I can’t dance!” replied Piggy crossly.

“But Piggy, you just need to practice,” said Woof. “Then you’ll get better.”

“No I won’t,” said Piggy. “Pigs can’t dance!”

Woof had an idea. “I’ll be back soon Piggy,” she said.

After a while Woof came running in carrying a box and looking very happy with herself.

“I’ve got something for you Piggy,” she said happily.

“What is it?” asked Piggy.

“Look and see!” said Woof.

So Piggy slowly opened the box. Inside the box were some shoes. They were red. They had sparkles. They were fabulous! Piggy wanted to wear them. “Thank you Woof,” he cried. “I love them!”

“They’re magic shoes Piggy,” whispered Woof. “They will help you to dance.”

“Magic shoes?” cried Piggy.

“Put them on Piggy,” said Woof.

Piggy slowly put on the shoes. As he did so he could feel a tingling in his trotters that went through his whole body. His trotters started to tap on the floor. He couldn’t help it. It was as if his trotters had a mind of their own. They had to dance!

Suddenly, Piggy was dancing like he had never danced before. He grabbed Woof and cried, “Dance with me Woof!”

So the two friends danced until they could dance no more and they fell down exhausted.

“My shoes are amazing!” cried Piggy. “Thank you Woof.”

“Piggy,” said Woof. “They’re not really magic, you know.”

“Of course they are,” said Piggy. “They made me dance.”

“No Piggy,” said Woof. “You did that all on your own. You were amazing!”

“But...” said Piggy. “It was the shoes.”

“No Piggy,” said Woof. “It was all you. You just needed to believe.”

Piggy pondered. Without the magic shoes, he never would have known that he could dance like that. Woof always believed in him. Piggy said a little thank you prayer for his magic shoes and his best friend. Piggy wondered what else he could do if he only believed.

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For my husband – the Dancing Padre – I miss you ‘Sparkles’