



December 22: I Found You, Daddy

Buddy's journey to find his father is ultimately about finding a place to belong. His persistence, even in the face of rejection, mirrors our longing to be seen and loved. The difference is, we don't have to search for God. He's already come to us.

Luke 19:10 says, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." God seeks us out, finds us where we are, and welcomes us home.

Today, take comfort in knowing that you don't have to search endlessly for God's love. He's already found you.

Prayer: Father, thank You for seeking me and loving me as I am. Help me rest in the joy of belonging to You. Amen.



December 23: He's an Angry Elf

In one of Buddy's more awkward moments, he mistakes an author, who is a little person, for an elf. His cheerful assumption is met with outrage, creating a tense and humorous situation. Buddy didn't mean to offend, but his inability to see beyond appearances leads to misunderstanding and hurt feelings.

This moment reminds us how often we, too, can jump to conclusions based on our assumptions. James 1:19 advises, "Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry." Taking time to listen and understand others helps us avoid the mistakes that come from snap judgments.

Today, reflect on how you approach others. Do you see beyond the surface? Ask God to help you see people as He does—with love, compassion, and understanding.

Prayer: Father, forgive me for the times I've judged too quickly. Teach me to see others through Your eyes, with kindness and grace. Help me to listen well and respond with love. Amen.



December 24: The Greatest Gift

By the end of *Elf*, Buddy finds more than his father—he finds love and belonging in a family that embraces him for who he is. It’s a beautiful reminder of the greatest gift of Christmas: Jesus.

In John 3:16, we’re told, “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” The gift of Jesus brings us love, hope, and the promise of eternal belonging

in God’s family.

Tonight, as you celebrate Christmas Eve, reflect on the gift of Jesus and the love that made it possible.

Prayer: Thank You, Lord, for the gift of Jesus. Help me to share the love and joy of this season with everyone I meet. Amen.