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The clouds hung low, up in the sky,
As Lisa Jo walked to school.
She was feeling bad,
And terribly sad.
“Why were people so cruel?”

Pam was having to stay at home,
Charlie Boy was out of town.
“I wish I could stay
At home with Grandma today.”
Lisa Jo pouted, with her head hanging down.

Yesterday, kids started teasing her again.
She couldn't understand what for.
The same “Hey you're fat!”
Or something stupid like that,
Echoed, as she closed her front door.

Grandma had seen it too many times,
And all she could do was pray.
“Lord, protect Lisa Jo,
And help her to know,
You are by her side today.”

Lisa Jo came upon a group of kids,
Making fun of her special friend.
Alexander was odd,
A ‘special needs’ child of God,
She thought, “This needs to end.”

At once something evil entered Lisa Jo's heart,
And she joined along with the crowd.
“Alexander, you're dumb!
And you suck your thumb!”
Did Lisa Jo really say that out loud?

Tears were flowing from Alexander's eyes,
As he looked straight at Lisa Jo.
Immediately she knew,
That she could be mean too,
When Alexander had turned to go.

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"I'm sorry, Alexander!" Lisa Jo cried,
But of course, it was too late.
"If anyone could see,
How much teasing hurts, ask me."
She mumbled as she walked through the gate.

Lisa Jo knew her behavior was wrong,
But this once, it wasn't her crying.
It felt good at first,
Then she felt worse,
"Alexander must hate me," she said, sighing.

Later that day, at home in her room,
Grandma came in and sat down.
"Lisa Jo, why,
Did you make Alexander cry?"
Grandma said with a frown.

"You, more than most, know how much it hurts,
When other children are unkind and hateful."
Lisa Jo wept,
Tossed and turned while she slept,
Then she woke in the morning, grateful.

If she asked God for His forgiveness,
Lisa Jo knew He wouldn't forget her.
But she also knew,
To ask Alexander too,
And she'd be his dear friend, if he'd let her.

"For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7 (NKJV)