

WEEZIE SLEAZLE

A story of how family and friends are affected by a loved ones addiction.

Plip...plop...drip...drop, rain squeezed through the leaky shack, where
Slimey Sleazle's little son stood peaking out a crack.

Weezie was in a dreadful fix not knowing what to do, he was wet and
shivering from the rain and all fevered from the flu.

Everything always seems much worse when it's raining and you're
alone, when your family's all been scattered and your hopes and
dreams have flown.

He crept outside, plopped on the stoop of the shack were he'd
been living; his daddy carted off to jail, Weezie was angry and
unforgiving.

*"I don't understand why daddy had to sell that old elixir, lying telling
everyone it was the world's best fixer!*

*I'd never drink that dangerous stuff, it just muddles up your mind,
you don't even have to touch the stuff for it to put you in a bind.*

*Here I sit, no food, no home, left in the world alone, looks like I must
suffer for bad seeds my daddy's sown!*

Meanwhile... in jail across the Bog, Slimey sat just musing, finding
himself in this dark, dank place, a far cry from amusing!

It looked like he would have some time to see he'd been corrupt, he'd
lost his freedom, been thrown in jail, the change had been
abrupt.

Hartlie would often visit Slimey in that nasty prison hole, and began to
notice a change in him, seeing hope for his darkened soul.

"Slimey...all you life money was the most important thing, you chased after it with all your might thinking it could buy you everything, but you didn't earn it honestly, now you've really had to pay, the price of family, friends and freedom, Slimey... there's a better way."

"I don't think there's much hope for me stuck down in this nasty jail, God ain't interested in listenin' to this deadbeats whiney wail."

"You're wrong my friend," Hartlie said in love, "God is always willing to forgive, those who ask for forgiveness, promising a better life they'll live."

Read in the Bible...John 3:16 if your soul you want to save, for God so loved this sinful world that His only Son He gave, that all who would believe in Him should not be doomed or lost, but would live with God in Heaven above because Jesus paid the cost.

Would you like for me to pray with you so you can have a brand new start?"

"Yeah, I would," Slimey humbly whispered, "I want Jesus in my heart." Well... Right there in that darkened hole, Jesus came into his heart, and Slimey vowed from that day on he would more that do his part, to spread God's love to all he could, helping set the critters free, from the power of the Swooglehorn and its tasty but dangerous tea.

The years rolled by and Slimey had, finally paid his dues, today he was getting out of jail, which for Slimey was wonderful news. The first thing that he wanted was to find his poor son Weezie; they'd lost touch with one another due to Slimey being sleazy. Slimey's heart was heavy from the worry of his son, he was desperate to find him and undo the harm he'd done.

He looked everywhere he knew to look, it seemed Weezie'd vanished in thin air, *"Lord, would you keep Weezie safe 'til I find him,"* was Slimey's constant prayer.

The months went by, but there was still no sign of Weezie or where he could be, but Slimey made good on his promise, about setting the captives free.

He was busy helping churches, rescuing all he could from the notion, that they couldn't live without the elixir, that deceitful and dangerous potion.

Well...Slimey left his Bog one day for another over the hill, he'd heard there were some critters there suffering from a Swooglehorn still.

Armed with God's love and a Bible, he strode up to where they were selling, lots of illegal elixir, amidst critters of whom most stood yelling, ***"We gave you our money and now we must get that powerful tasty elixir, you'd better cough up some potion real quick, we feel sick and must have some fixer!"***

Slimey could see that the critters meant business and so with haste he plowed in, *"Wait...Let me tell you the truth of this potion,"* he cried, *"and set you free from its clutches of sin!"*

But...it was too late for these critters and they turned all their anger on Slimey, they bopped him over the head and he fell into a mud hole all grimy.

With a lump on his head and his Bible in tatters, he crawled out from the dangerous den, *"Forgive them dear Heavenly Father,"* he whispered, then passed out in the alien glen.

He lay there for hours until a brave soul took pity and carried him

home, he bandaged him up and gave him a meal; real love and true mercy were shown.

As Slimey came back to his senses and thanked the kind soul for his caring, he was astounded to see it was Lumpy who'd helped and had been so amazingly caring.

They talked on for hours of the changes they'd made in their lives due to Jesus, God's Son, realizing God had brought them together to help heal all the harm Slimey'd done.

But...God wasn't through yet, He was just getting started, He'd left the best yet in store, Lumpy became still and then silent when he heard a key in the door.

"Hi Lumpy...I'm just home from school," Weezie plopped his books down on the floor, "I'm starved half to death, I'll get a quick snack, I need strength I've got homework galore."

"Errr... It can wait awhile Weezie, there's somebody here that I think you'll be wanting to see," so Weezie hurried into the kitchen then stared disbelievingly!

Weezie weebled and wobbled, his head started spinning, his legs felt like broken matchsticks, looking at Slimey he soon realized that his daddy was in the same fix.

Amazed and dumbfounded over what God had done, they held on to each other and cried, in one quick sweep of His glorious will they'd been blessed and were now stupefied.

"God used Hartlie," said Lumpy choked up, *"in helping me see the light, I got help for my elixir addiction so I could help others in the very same plight."*

When I saw the alarming predicament little Weezie was entangled in, I

decided to give him a good home, then we could both begin over again."

They all talked till the wee hours called them to rest, deciding to return the next day, to the Bog where they'd been blessed by Hartlie and that they'd leave without further delay.

The sun climbed gently into the sky as the threesome strode over the hill, they sang, they laughed and they marveled at God's timing and majestic will.

"Let's go straight over to Hartlie's house, let him know what the good Lord has done," Lumpy yelled, "I can't stand the excitement!" and at that they all started to run.

As it happened, Hartlie was already walking, out for his sunrise stroll, he glanced up and happened to notice, three critters running over the knoll.

Bright rays of sun shone out from them all and Hartlie knew right away it was Slimey, *I'm changing his name for the better,"* God whispered, *"From now on he'll be known as Shiny."*

As they all looked into the rising sun, they were reminded of another time, when another Son had risen and of His fervent love divine, of the selfless sacrifice He'd made so lost souls could be saved, and they were so overcome by emotion they simply looked up to heaven and waved.

So... Just when you think there's no help or no hope, that

everything's doom, gloom and grimy, along comes God in His infinite love, turning everything bright, new and shiny.

The end... or could it be...?
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Scriptures from the Holy Bible to help us with life's trials.

1 Peter 5:7 Cast all your cares on Him (God) for He cares for you.

John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: you believe in God, believe in me also.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Psalms 31:24 Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.

Phillippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 13:5 God has said, "Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you."

Deuteronomy 31:8 The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son that who ever would believe in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

This series was written in an effort to help children understand that nothing can overcome us if we are walking close to Jesus, trusting in His love and obeying His commandments.