How All My Wishes Came True
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If all my wishes came true, I would wish for something useful or fun to play with. I also might wish for something I really wanted. Here is how my wishes come true…

One day in winter, my friend and next door neighbor Karen came over to play with me. She asked me how my wishes came true and I told her, "It's a secret!" Then Karen asked me to wish for something she wanted for herself. I said, "No way! I'm not doing that for you!" Karen got mad and started to leave. As she walked out of my house, she said, "You're going to pay for that." It was snowing outside and Karen threw a big snowball at my window.

Before Karen reached her own house, she said that she would tell her parents that I had done something mean to her. I couldn't believe my ears. There was no reason for her to do that. The marks of the snowball on my window reminded me that I had thrown a snowball at her window last year. Karen had seen that happen but hasn't told her parents. Now she was going to tell them all about that.

This made me worried. My feelings seemed to be going down a ditch. Then I got so mad that I almost screamed! But I wasn't mad at Karen, I was mad at myself for throwing that snowball!

I told my parents what was bothering me, and they helped me solve it. They said, "Say 'sorry' to Karen." I wanted this problem to go away quickly, so I called Karen and told her I was sorry. She sounded happy. Then I smiled and felt relieved that we were friends again. Finally I told Karen, "The magic word I use to get what I wish for is 'Please'." Karen replied, "Please wish for something for me." I wished for something that Karen has wanted for herself and told her to come over tomorrow and get it from my house. The next morning Karen came over and took her doll home, smiling. I found myself smiling, too. It feels so good to help a friend's wish to come true…