



***Wesley the Worm and Mr. Bird  
Discover Friendship***

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# **Introduction**

**One day, I began thinking about why so many people that don't even know each other, can't get along. If only we could take the families of a few of these individuals, group them together and send them off on an adventure. What would happen?**

**I believe that they would find that they weren't all that different after all. In fact, I'm thinking that they would discover friendship, just like the bird and the worm in the story you are about to read.**

**In a world so filled with division, just maybe this book can help us all to envision and strive for a world where we all can collectively look past our differences and see how similar we really are to one another.**

**Enjoy this story!**

***Wesley the Worm was  
a happy worm. He loved to  
eat and there was always  
plenty of grass and leaves  
to keep a little smile on  
his face.***



***One day while Wesley was doing what he did best - eating, a large bird unexpectedly appeared.***





*Wesley ducked  
into a nearby  
escape hole. He  
waited for a  
while.*



***Finally, thinking the bird was gone; he poked his head out of the hole. Wesley looked around and around.***



***Uh oh! The bird  
grabbed Wesley  
with his beak! He  
pulled Wesley out  
of the hole!***





*Just as he was about to  
have poor Wesley for breakfast,  
Wesley cried out, "Please Mr.  
Bird, don't eat me!"*



***Mr. Bird then spit Wesley out  
and asked, "Why shouldn't I  
eat you? That's what birds are  
supposed to do."***



***Wesley replied, "I'm all gooey  
inside and not very tasty. I  
promise that if you don't eat me,  
I will help you find something  
much better to eat."***





***Mr. Bird looked down on Wesley and said, "OK, I'll give you one chance. If you find me something tastier to eat, then I won't eat you. Climb on my back and find me some food."***







***So off went  
Wesley and Mr.  
Bird.***



***They flew over  
the city. Wesley  
spotted a restaurant  
and said, "Let's try  
here."***



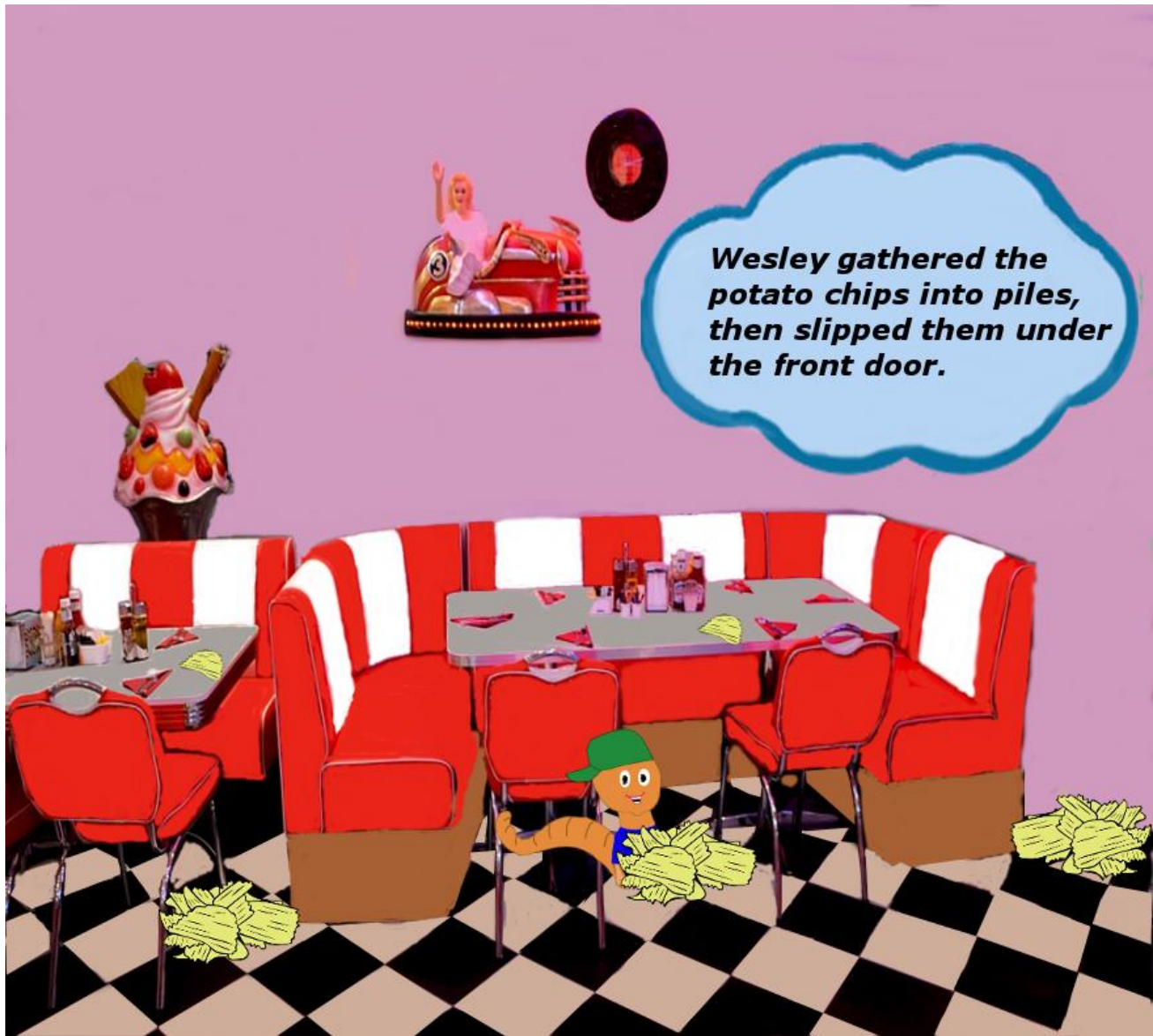
***They landed, and  
Wesley slid off of  
Mr. Bird.***





***Wesley inched his way under the front door. Once inside the restaurant, Wesley saw potato chips scattered all over the floor.***





***Wesley gathered the potato chips into piles, then slipped them under the front door.***

***Mr. Bird and  
Wesley hung out  
together that morning  
eating potato chips.***





***Once finished, Mr. Bird  
said, "Wesley, my tummy is  
full. You were right! Those  
potato chips were much tastier  
than you would have been.  
I'll take you home now."***



***But as Mr. Bird flew  
Wesley home, he began  
thinking, Wesley is good at  
finding food. What will I eat  
tomorrow, some gooey worms?  
I need Wesley. I can't take  
Wesley home.***





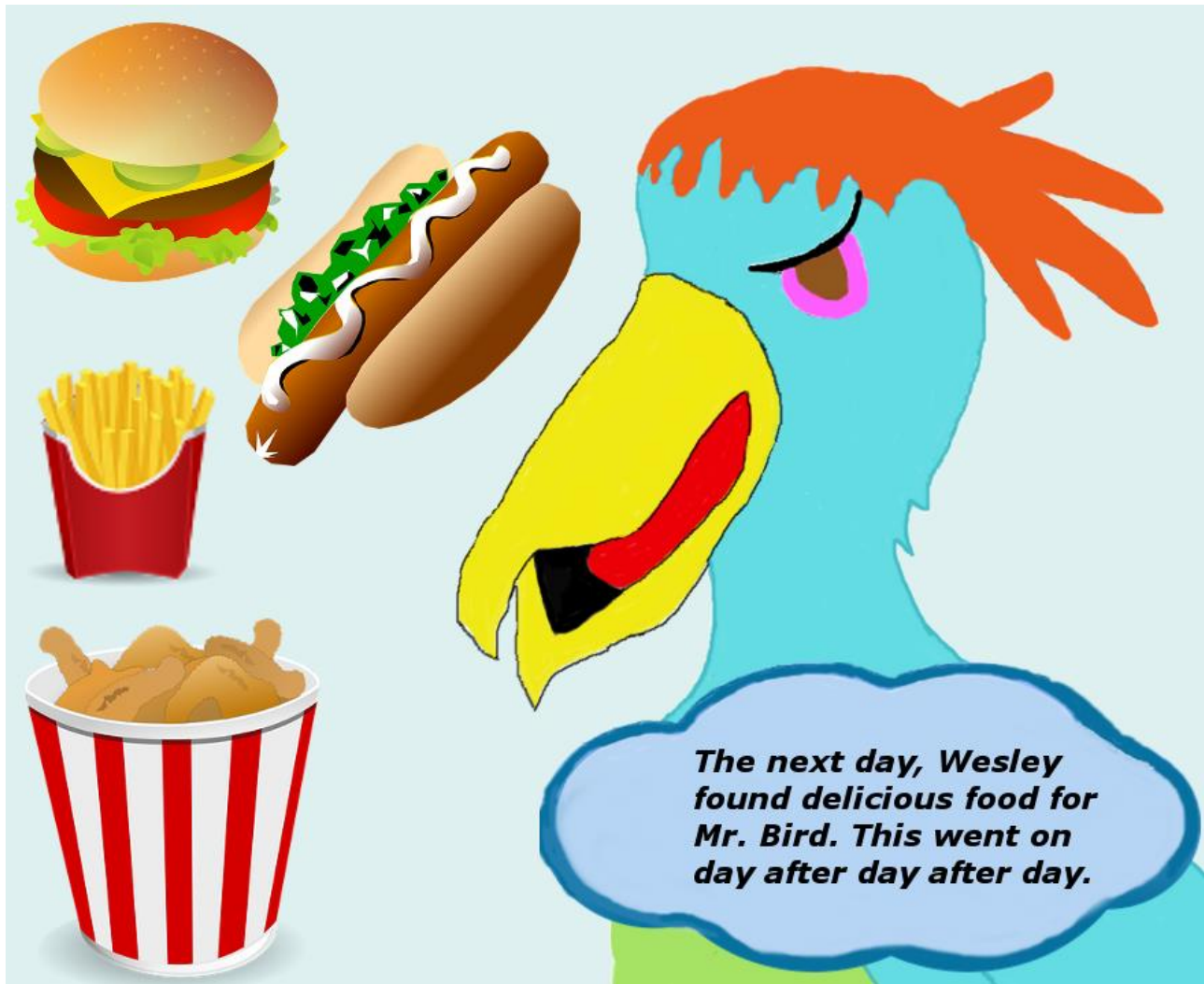
***Mr. Bird landed  
in a strange  
place. Wesley said,  
"Mr. Bird, this isn't  
my home!"***



***Mr. Bird said, "I know. Tomorrow I want you to find me something delicious to eat. If not, I will eat you!"***







***The next day, Wesley  
found delicious food for  
Mr. Bird. This went on  
day after day after day.***

***After many days, Mr. Bird realized something. He realized how much fun he was having with Wesley. He said to Wesley, "I like us finding food together. You are a nice worm, Wes."***





***Wesley realized something too.  
He realized how much fun he was  
having with Mr. Bird. He said to Mr.  
Bird, "And I like finding food with  
you. You are nice too, Mr. B."***



***Mr. Bird and Wesley  
became best friends  
and continued to look for  
food together every day.***



***Look up in the sky. When  
you see Mr. Bird and  
Wesley the Worm flying over  
your neighborhood, be sure  
to throw them a potato  
chip or two!***







*The End*