

Jimmy loves games. He likes to play basketball, soccer, catch, and even swim. Since he was little, Jimmy could not wait to ride a bicycle. Last year, Jimmy's dad lost his job. Since then, money has been tight. Jimmy has not been able to buy a bicycle, and he does not want to ask his parents for the money. Jimmy is patient, and he will wait to ask to get a bike. Jimmy's best friend, Mike, got a bicycle two months ago. It is blue with shiny handlebars. Mike let Jimmy try it out. Jimmy thought it was hard to ride, but knew that with some practice he would learn. In no time he would be able to fly down the hills and make sharp turns. He imagined the feeling of pushing the pedals as fast and hard as he could up hills for the reward of coasting downhill with speed and ease.

Jimmy told his dad about riding Mike's bicycle. He could tell his dad was excited for him. Two days later, Jimmy came home from school and saw his dad out front. When Jimmy saw the huge smile on his dad's face, he knew there was a surprise. As he got closer, he saw his dad standing next to a bicycle. It was an older bicycle. It looked like it was red, but it was hard to tell with the rust. His dad said they could paint it and make it perfect for Jimmy. Right then, Jimmy knew he was the luckiest boy on the block!