# The Unexpected Tune

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Ethan and Emily Smith love being twins. They both have blonde hair and playful blue eyes like Mom.

But the twins are always up for a good time. They have each other's backs—always!

They love playing tricks. And, of course, two kids can brainstorm better than one.

Dad is a pastor. He worked all week on an important PowerPoint presentation for church. Every night, he sat at his laptop working on the slides. He added pictures, words, and music to go with his sermon. He worked until it was perfect.

On Friday evening, Dad was finally done. He showed his presentation to Mom and all the kids.

Emily and Ethan liked the slides, but they thought Dad's music was boring. Then Emily had an idea.

On Saturday morning, the twins sneaked into Dad's study and opened his laptop. They found the PowerPoint file and clicked to open it.

Next, they opened a web browser. They searched online for one of their favorite songs from when they were very young.

"There it is!" Ethan whispered.

Emily clicked the link, and they downloaded the song.

Then they went back to Dad's PowerPoint. They found the music in his presentation and changed it to their song.

"Perfect!" Ethan said.

They clicked Save, closed the file, and left Dad's laptop exactly where they had found it.

On Sunday morning, Dad began his sermon. He opened his PowerPoint presentation, and everything seemed normal. The slides and music were perfect together.

But just when he reached the most important moment of his sermon, the music changed.

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A new song began to play: "Baby shark, doo, doo, doo, doo, doo, doo. Baby shark!"

At first, Ethan and Emily smiled and winked at each other.

Then they could not stop laughing.

They watched Dad's surprise turn into a smile when the congregation began to laugh. In less than one minute, the church was filled with roaring laughter.

Dad knew who did it. He finished the sermon with a good-natured chuckle.

"My twins seem to have developed some cool computer skills," he told the congregation.

After the service, Dad pulled Ethan and Emily aside.

The twins were sure they were in big trouble now.

But Dad surprised them.

"That was a very clever trick you played on me," he said. "But don't let it happen again."

The twins nodded. They tried to look sorry, but the corners of their mouths would not stop going up.

Soon, their smiles reached from ear to ear.

They knew that no matter what, Dad would always have a sense of humor—even when "Baby Shark" showed up during a sermon.

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