

A Mother for Choco

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Choco was a little bird who lived all alone. He wished he had a mother, but who could his mother be? One day he set off to find her. First Choco met Mrs. Giraffe. "Oh, Mrs. Giraffe!" he cried. "You are yellow just like me! Are you my mother?" "I'm sorry," sighed Mrs. Giraffe. "But I don't have wings like you." Then Choco met Mrs. Walrus. "Oh, Mrs. Walrus!" he cried. "You have big, round cheeks just like me. Are you my mother?" "Now look," grumped Mrs. Walrus. "I don't have striped feet like you, so don't bother me!" No matter where Choco searched, he couldn't find a mother who liked just like him.

When Choco saw Mrs. Bear picking apples, he knew she couldn't be his mother. Mrs. Bear didn't look like him at all. Choco was so sad he started to cry. "Mommy, mommy! I need a mommy!" Mrs. Bear came running to see what was the matter. As she listened to Choco's story, sighed. "Oh, dear. If you had a mommy, what would she do?" "Oh, I'm sure she would hold me," sobbed Choco. "Like this?" asked Mrs. Bear. And she held Choco very tight. "Yes...and I'm sure she would kiss me, too!" said Choco. "Like this?" asked Mrs. Bear. And she lifted Choco and gave him a big kiss. "Yes, and I'm sure she would sing, and dance with me to cheer me up," said Choco. "Like this?" asked Mrs. Bear. And they sang and danced together. When they stopped to rest, Mrs. Bear turned to Choco and said, "Choco, maybe I could

be your mother.” “You?” Choco cried. “But you aren’t yellow. And you don’t have wings, or big, round cheeks, or striped feet like me!” “My goodness!” said Mrs. Bear. “That would make me look very funny!” Choco thought it was funny, too. “Well said Mrs. Bear, “my other children are waiting for me at home. Why don’t you join us for apple pie, Choco?” Apple pie sounded wonderful to Choco, so off they went. When they arrived, Mrs. Bear’s other children rushed out to greet her. “Choco,” said Mrs. Bear. “Meet Hippy, Ally, and Piggy. I am their mother, too!” The sweet smell of apple pie and the sound of laughter soon filled Mrs. Bear’s home. After their delicious treat, Mrs. Bear gave all her children a big, warm bear hug. And Choco was very happy that his new mommy looked just the way she did.