

**I JUST FORGOT**

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Sometimes I remember, and sometimes I just forget. This morning I remember to brush my teeth, but I forgot to make my bed.

I put dishes in the sink after breakfast, but I forgot to put the milk away.

I almost forgot to feed the puppy, but he reminded me.

I didn't forget to water the plants. They looked fine to me.

I didn't forget to feed the goldfish. He just didn't look hungry.

I'll do it now, Mom. I got ready for school. I even got to the school bus on time.

But I forgot my lunch box.

Mom brought it to school for me. Thanks, Mom.

After school, I went outside to play in the rain.

I remember to put on my rain slicker.

But I forgot my rubber boots.

When I came inside for a snack, I didn't forget to take my boots

off. I left them on because I was going right back outside.

I had cookies and milk. I was just going to eat three cookies, but

I forgot to count them.

I just forgot to shut the refrigerator door, though.

I just wasn't finished eating yet.

When Dad came home from work, I was supposed to get his paper. I didn't forget---the puppy got it first. I know it's time for bed, I didn't forget. Of course I'll remember to pick up my toys when I'm finished playing with them. I took my bath and remember to wash behind my ears. I didn't use soap, but I didn't forget to. I just don't like soap. I guess I did forget to pick up my toys. Did I forget to turn off the tub, too? But there is one thing I never forget. I always remember to have Mom read me a bedtime story. And I always remember to kiss her good night.