

Applesauce Boy

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Jimmy was a picky eater. He wouldn't eat anything his mom made him. For a while, he would only eat bowls of frosted flakes for his meals. One day, Jimmy's mom made him try applesauce. She was worried about him not eating right. To her and Jimmy's surprise, Jimmy liked the applesauce!

In fact, Jimmy loved the applesauce so much that he wanted applesauce for breakfast, lunch and dinner. He wouldn't eat anything else – not even frosted flakes. His mom was glad he was eating something different but still worried so she only gave him applesauce for breakfast. But Jimmy's mom didn't know he was still getting it somehow.

Jimmy was smart. There was an apple tree growing in the park so every day Jimmy went and picked the apples off the tree, stomped them into applesauce and ate to his heart's content. He ate until he came down with a very big stomach ache. The stomach ache lasted and lasted.

Jimmy's mom took him to the doctor. The doctor took an x-ray and found the strangest thing. A tree was starting to grow in his belly. No wonder Jimmy had such a stomach ache! The doctor said Jimmy must have swallowed a seed when he was picking apples from the tree and eating the applesauce. The doctor gave Jimmy some magic medicine to take care of the tree and sent Jimmy home.

When Jimmy's mom asked him what he wanted to eat for dinner that night, guess what he wanted – frosted flakes! Jimmy's mom gave him the cereal and told him they were going to have to work on his food choices – no more trees in his belly!