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"Good night, Sweet Child," Mama said as she put Little Cub to bed.

But Little Cub wasn't quite ready to go to sleep.

"Mama, where did I come from?" she asked.

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From God, her mother said, "Your papa and I were alone, and we wanted a baby."

"And you got me?" Little Cub asked, her voice muffled by the blanket.

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"When we found out you were growing inside me, we were so happy! Even the angels were celebrating for us!"

"Because of me?" asked Little Cub.

"Yes. My darling child."

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"And then what happened?" asked Little Cub.

"You started getting bigger," Mama said, kissing her.

"And my tummy got bigger."

"That was me inside of you?" Little Cub asked in wonder.

"Yes, my special child. It was you. God gave us you."
"Your papa talked to you and sang to you. He wanted you to be born knowing his voice."

"Why?" asked Little Cub.

"Because he was excited. He was going to be a papa.

God gave us you."
"We went to the doctor and heard your heart beat and I cried happy tears."

"Why," Little Cub asked.

"Because God had given us you," Mama said.
"Every night, I prayed for you, my special child. I prayed that your bones would be straight and your heart would be strong. But most of all, I prayed that someday you would love God."

"I love God," Little Cub said.

"I know," Mama said. "I do too."

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"And then what happened?"

"I felt something different. You wanted out!"

"How did you know?" Little Cub asked.

"God gives mama bears special signals. So Papa and I went to the hospital."

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"So then I was born?" Little Cub asked.

"Yes," Mama giggled. "And how you screamed. As much as we loved seeing you for the first time, you missed being in my warm and cozy tummy."
Mama lowered her voice, "And then we took you home. And it was just us. Our family. We just stared and stared, wondering at the miracle of you."

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Little Cub closed her eyes and said her prayers.

Mama whispered "good night." She felt happy because God had given her and Papa Little Cub. "We are happy because God gave us you."
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