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## The Magic of Believing

When the boy returned home, he placed the silver bell safely in his robe pocket. The next morning, he rushed to look for it under the Christmas tree. But to his disappointment, the bell was gone. His mother had found a small hole in his pocket. The boy thought the bell was lost forever.

Later, while opening presents, he discovered one small box left under the tree. It had his name on it. Inside was the silver bell, wrapped carefully in bright paper. Attached was a note that read: "Found this on the seat of my sleigh. Merry Christmas." The boy rang the bell joyfully, and both he and his sister could hear its sweet sound. But when his parents listened, they only shook their heads. They could not hear a thing.



### Questions

1. How did the boy lose the bell at first? Use details from the text.
2. Who returned the bell to him, and how do you know?
3. Why could the boy and his sister hear the bell, but not the parents? Explain what this means in the story.
4. What does the bell symbolize? Use one or two sentences.