

Refreshing Summer Wash Job

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The busy summer day seemed endless. Nothing seemed to go right that day. I was getting more and more irritable by the minute. Suddenly, I lost my temper and lashed out at my two sons. Then I began to cry in shame and despair. In the midst of my outburst, my five-year-old son, Jeremy proceeded to share with me about some car wash game. As I sat on the floor overwhelmed and angry, I attempted to get him to stop talking, but he persisted to explain how to play. In order to appease my son, I decided to listen to his explanation.

He instructed me to get down on my hands and knees and crawl through the car wash that he and his two-year-old brother, Christopher had made by locking their hands together. I felt ridiculous as I began to crawl through, but much to my amazement Jeremy and his little brother enthusiastically spoke encouraging affirmations over me. "I love you!" Jeremy exclaimed. "You're sweet!" chimed in Christopher. "You're beautifuler than a rainbow!" Jeremy expressed with a great big smile. As I continued to make the rounds, I received many more thoughtful blessings. Tears were streaming down my face as I listened to my precious little guys. Suddenly the anxiety began to wash away, "For they refreshed my spirit," 1 Corinthians 16:18.

I sorrowfully repented to them and God for my sinful outburst. "The Lord reminded me of His promise in 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I was washed by God's love shown through my precious sons that hot summer day, and oh what a refreshing wash job I received!