

## The Dream Car

A young man, Simon, was 20 years old. For his twenty-first birthday he wanted a new car. He knew that his father was rich, and his father knew that Simon really wanted a new car. So, for many months, Simon talked about how he would love a new car, a sports car, a red car, a fast car, etc. He also said that he didn't have enough money to buy one.

One day he saw a beautiful red sports car in a car showroom. He fell in love with it immediately. So he went home and told his mother about the new red car, and said that it was his dream to have a car like that.

Simon's birthday finally arrived. His father said "Happy Birthday" to him and said "I have something very special for you. Come into my study". In the study, the father said to Simon "Son, I am very proud of you, and for this special birthday I want to give you something very special". Then, he gave his son a small wooden box. Curious, but disappointed, Simon opened the box and found a beautiful, blue Bible with a leather cover, and it had Simon's name written in gold. Simon became very angry, and said to his father "You have so much money, and you gave me a Bible!?". Simon put the bible on the table and walked quickly out of the house.

Many years went by and Simon became a teacher. He later married another teacher, Mary, and they had two children together. But he never bought a beautiful new car. All of this time, he hardly spoke to his father. Then one day, he received a telegram telling him that his father had died, and that he needed to go home immediately. When he arrived at his father's house, sadness filled his heart. He and his mother started to look through his father's papers and he suddenly saw the blue leather Bible. It was still in the small wooden box. With tears in his eyes, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. Suddenly, a car key dropped from the pages. It had a label on it "To my son – the car of his dreams!". Simon began to cry, and his heart filled with regret.

### Questions

1. What was Simon's dream?
2. What did Simon receive as a present?
3. Can you think of a moral to this story?
4. What do you think happened to the car?