

It's A Wonderful Life

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 " X . X ."
 FLASH! G's \checkmark . \rightarrow X .

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George Bailey was a popular resident of the small town of Bedford Falls. He had many friends due to the fact that he had lived in this part of America all his life. George was also a kind-hearted, generous and selfless person, who would always look out for others and help them if he could. He lived in Bedford Falls with his wife, Mary, and his four children: Pete, Janie, Tommy and Zuzu. Even as a child, George Bailey cared for those around him. At the age of twelve, he saved his younger brother (Harry) from drowning when he fell through the ice into a frozen lake. Developing an infection from being in the freezing cold water, George had lost the hearing in his left ear. Another example of George's caring nature took place at the local pharmacy where he used to work after school. The young boy realised that the chemist, Mr. Gower, distraught after finding out that his son had died from the flu, had not been thinking straight and had accidentally added poison to a child's prescription. However, George intervened to stop this potential disaster.

George had always dreamed of travelling around the world and, as an adult, he started to feel trapped in Bedford Falls. He felt stuck after an unfortunate series of events meant that it seemed as though he would never leave this small town. His father died on the night George was meant to depart on an exciting trip to Europe, meaning that he was needed to stay and run the family business. Then, on the day George married Mary, a financial crisis caused their honeymoon to be cancelled. George began to realise that he would never fulfil his dream of seeing the world and this was beginning to make him feel sad and depressed.

Even during World War II, George was unable to leave America with other soldiers because of his bad ear. Yet again, he had to stay in Bedford Falls. Meanwhile, his brother Harry, who you might remember he had saved from drowning, became a fighter pilot, earning the Medal of Honour for shooting down a plane that was about to destroy a ship carrying American soldiers. On Christmas Eve morning, 1945, the town prepared a hero's welcome for the returning Harry. This was the day that George's life began to fall apart. His absent-minded Uncle Billy, who was his business partner, managed to lose \$8,000 of the firm's money. When someone arrived to review the financial records, George realised that criminal charges could be brought against him. Already feeling stuck in Bedford Falls, he became even more disillusioned with his life. This

desperate man headed off to a nearby bridge with the intention of ending things by jumping into the river below.

SPLASH! The man's body hit the water.

"Help! Help!" cried the drowning figure.

A shocked George looked down from the bridge. Wait! What? If George was still on the bridge, who had jumped into the river? Quickly, George sprang into action. He dived in and managed to bring this person safely to dry land. The man revealed that his name was Clarence Odbody and that he had been sent to save George.

"Save me? But I rescued you," George said, unable to process this information.

Clarence explained that he was George's Guardian Angel, sent from Heaven because his family and friends had been praying for him.

"Well, you look about the kind of angel I'd get. Where are your wings?" George asked.

"I'm only a Second Class Angel. I haven't earned my wings yet – but I might if I save you," Clarence replied.

"I don't want to be saved. I wish I'd never been born."

FLASH! George's wish was granted. He was about to enter a world in which he never existed.

Clarence took George, who could suddenly hear perfectly again, back into Bedford Falls which was now a very different place. They met Mr Gower, who had only recently been released from prison for manslaughter; George had obviously not been there to stop him from putting poison in those pills. The family business had closed down, as George never took over after his father died. In the cemetery, George discovered the grave of his brother. Clarence told him how all the soldiers on the ship died because Harry wasn't there to save them, owing to the fact that George hadn't been there to prevent Harry from drowning in the lake.

"You've been given a great gift, George," Clarence told him. "A chance to see what the world would be like without you. You see, George, you've really had a wonderful life. Don't you see what a mistake it would be to throw it away?"

"Help me, Clarence. Get me back! I want to live again!" George announced.

Clarence's work was done! George immediately ran home to find that Mary and Uncle Billy had been collecting money from family and friends and that they had donated more than enough to cover the missing \$8,000. Just then, a bell on the Christmas tree rang. George's daughter cheerfully remarked, "Every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings." Clarence had been promoted.