

## Heartprints of a Clown



Once, not very long ago, there was a little clown. She had big, brown, wide-open eyes, that drank in all the beauty and wonder of the world God had made and put her in. She was much like any other child, not perfect, but fragile and sweet. In fact, she was very much like *you*.

One day, as she was skipping through her childhood, this little clown's heart was broken, broken into many little jagged pieces. The pain was almost more than she could bear. She frantically grabbed for the pieces that were scattering all over and she hid them back inside. At the same time, her big, wide-open eyes narrowed, because she was trying so hard to keep the silent tears from falling out. No clown, no child, no grownup saw the liquid diamonds of sorrow buried deep in her broken heart.

However, her Heavenly Father who had made her *did* see. So He sent His Son Jesus to dry her invisible tears. Then Jesus took the glue of His strong, good, big-brotherly love and tenderly put her heart back together. As she grew up, this little clown's heart cracked and broke many more times. But she always knew she could go to Him and He would heal her child heart again.

She did not understand how He did it and she could not understand *why* He did, sometimes, after she had forgotten Him, or not listened to Him, or found it hard to trust Him. After all, she could not see Him with her eyes. But then she remembered how He had seen her invisible tears, when no one else had seen. So she held on tight to His injured hand and His once cross-broken heart.

And then Jesus did another wonderful thing. He gave her a new name - Charity - Charity Clown, which means, a love-clown for Jesus Christ. Now she could love other clowns and children whose hearts were broken and lead them to Jesus, to have *their* hearts put back together, with His perfect, tender love. He wants to mend *your* torn heart, dear reader of this story. Just ask Him to and He *will!*

"You have stored my tears in Your bottle and counted each of them." Psalm 56:8 CEV

"The Lord is close to those whose spirits have been crushed." Psalm 34:18 ICB

Jesus said, "He has sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted." Isaiah 61:1 NIV

"He heals the brokenhearted." Psalm 147:3 NIV

