




Caleb listens carefully when Daddy reads a bedtime Bible story. He knows Daddy will ask questions when he is done reading.

In the story, two brave men named Caleb and Joshua go to spy a wonderful land where big strong people live. “They are giants!” ten men say. But Joshua and Caleb know that God is stronger than giants.



When Mama tucks him into bed, Caleb says, “I hope I can have a friend like Joshua someday. We could play spy together like Joshua and Caleb in the Bible.”

Mama smiles.



When Caleb comes to the kitchen on Sunday morning, Andrew and Ben are setting plates on the big table. Lots of plates.

Company's coming, thinks Caleb.

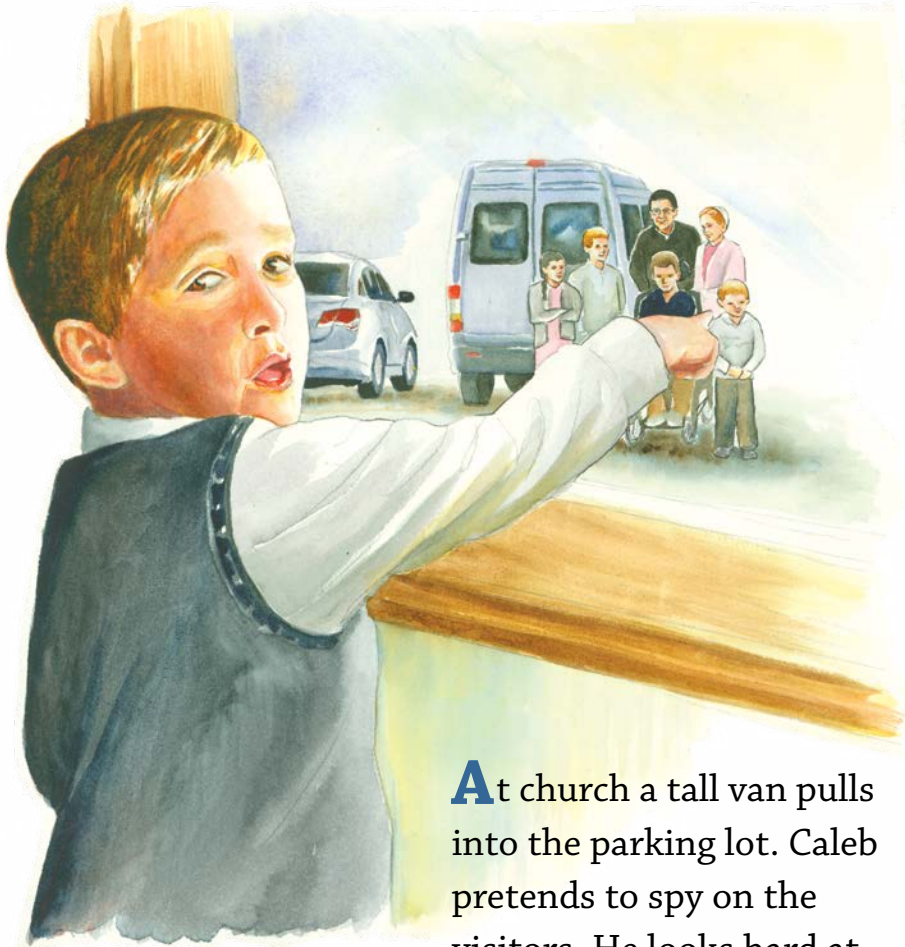
Is someone coming that I know?" Caleb asks Mama at breakfast.

"You don't know them now," Mama says, "but if you are friendly and use your best homemade manners, you will find new friends to play with."

Caleb frowns. "I like company I know," he says, chasing bites of cereal around with his spoon.

"You can try being brave like Caleb and Joshua from our Bible story," Daddy says.





At church a tall van pulls into the parking lot. Caleb pretends to spy on the visitors. He looks hard at the van. Doors open. A chair on wheels rolls out of the big door. A boy is sitting on the wheelchair.

More boys and a girl get out of the van. Caleb points and says, “Uh-oh, is that our company?”

Mama pushes Caleb’s hand down to his side. “Pointing is for stars and trees and things. Not for people,” she reminds him.