

The New Kid

GOD'S WORD

“So then, as we have opportunity, let’s do what is good toward all men, and especially toward those who are of the household of the faith.”

Galatians 6:10 (WEB)



THE STORY

Mateo, the new boy in Ms Harper’s class, rolls in on a wheelchair with bright blue wheels. He waves, but LJ looks down, and at recess LJ walks the other way. Mom reminds him God made every person in His image (Genesis 1:27), and Dad tells how he learned to see his friend Kevin, not the difference. The next day LJ says, “Hi, I’m LJ. Do you like dinosaurs?” and they draw the biggest T. rex ever.

Grandma tells Jesus’ story of the Good Samaritan, who stopped to care for a hurt man: “Go and do likewise” (Luke 10:25–37).

TALK ABOUT IT TOGETHER

1. Why did LJ look down at his desk when Mateo waved? Have you ever not known what to say?
2. What did Dad learn from his friend Kevin? What does “see the friend, not the difference” mean?
3. The Samaritan stopped to help. Who could you say hello to, or sit with, this week?

PRAY TOGETHER

God, thank You for making every person in Your image. Help me see the friend, not the difference. Give me courage to say hello to someone who is new or alone, and help me be a good neighbor like the Samaritan. Amen.

TRY THIS WEEK

Practice LJ’s hello at home: take a deep breath, walk over, say your name, and ask one question (“Do you like dinosaurs?”). This week, look for one person who is new or sitting alone, at school, church or the park, and say hello or invite them to play. Say Galatians 6:10 together at dinner.

DRAW IT

Draw the biggest dinosaur ever, like LJ and Mateo did, then draw you and a new friend beside it.

