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ALL GOD'S CHILDREN



COLOR ME SPECIAL

Land: LESOTHO, AFRICA

Square: SILVER

Candy: COTTON CANDY



Greetings. As you can see, I've collected a lot of candy as we have traveled around the board meeting these missionary kids. My wagon is overflowing. I'm trying to rearrange so there is room for a bit more....



Is there room for some cotton candy? I've got plenty.

Louie: Oh, hi! Of course I've got room for cotton candy! That is, if I don't eat it first. Thank you! By the way I don't think we've met. Tell me about yourself.

CC: Sure! My name is Caleb. I'm nine. I live in Lesotho, Africa, and I'm in fourth grade. History and science are my favorite subjects. I love Chinese food, especially the Chinese buffets in America...yum!

Louie: Wait a minute—do you know Kaitlyn and Kristell Gault? They live in Lesotho.

CC: Yes! They are my sisters.

Louie: Fabulous! But...how...what do...they look...

CC: (laughing) It's okay, Louie! You want to know why we look so different, right? Well, when I was nine months old, the Gault family adopted me. I've been Kaitlyn and Kristell's little brother ever since.

Louie: Ohhhh...that explains everything!

CC: My story is special because adoptions like mine don't happen often in Lesotho. Lots of government people know about my family because of me. In fact they know my dad as the "Father of Ts'epo"—Ts'epo is my Sesotho name. It means "hope."

Louie: I love that—especially since your family is spreading the hope of John 3:16 to the people of Lesotho. Your English is very good. Do you speak Sesotho as well?

CC: I do! I like knowing two languages. It's fun to surprise people.

Louie: I'm guessing you are full of surprises! What else should we know about you?

CC: I play the guitar. I also enjoy street food, watermelon for Christmas dinner, riding bikes with friends, learning how things work, and exploring the waterfall and deep pools near our house.

Louie: My wagon is ready, and I must be off. Thank you for sharing your story. God bless you and your family!



DRAW WITH SOFIA



Sofia Smith loves art! She especially likes to draw her family and friends and use watercolors to add cheerful colors. Tap into your own creativity by looking at the colorful shapes below. What do YOU think they are? Add lines and details to turn the shapes into pictures and then share them with us. Have a parent snap a photo and email it to engagekids@feaministries.org so we can feature YOUR art on our social media page.





MEMORY VERSE

We are His people and the
sheep of His pasture.

Psalm 100:3

God designed each human being with unique characteristics. We have different families, different cultures, different personalities, and different looks—yet we all have the same Creator who loves us and takes good care of us.





DARK EYES & BRIGHT SMILE

Land: NORTH AMERICA

Square: PURPLE

Candy: WATERMELON LOLLIPOP



It's me again. Louie. I just met the most adorable little girl! I wish you could see this sweet, chocolate-eyed, dark-haired princess in person, but since we are here and you are there (wherever your "there" may be), I am writing this report about her instead.

Little Sofia Smith has a mom, a dad, and a little sister named Clara. At four...wait—make that four and a HALF—Sofia is quite an artist! Ask her what she wants to do and many times her choice is painting or drawing.

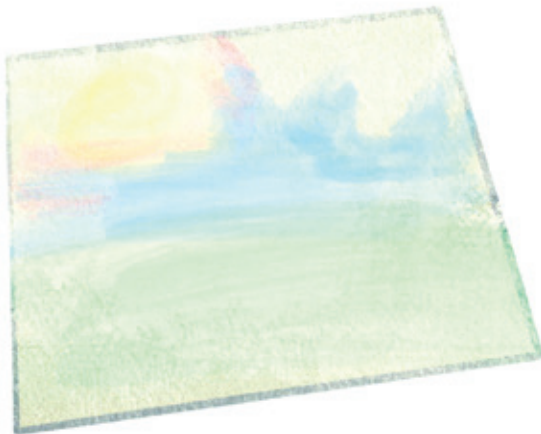
Since Sofia's parents speak two languages (Spanish and English), Sofia is also learning two. That's impressive! Do you know more than one language? I don't. That is, unless "monkey" counts....

Sofia is learning other things too, like Psalm 100. Can you say that one? I like the first verse because it says I can make a joyful “noise” unto the Lord. I’m good at that! When Sofia sings her favorite song, “In Christ Alone,” she sounds a LOT better than I do.

If you could chat with Sofia over her favorite snacks of pepperoni, watermelon, and salad with ranch dressing, you would discover that she loves the biblical account of Ruth. Do you remember her story? Ruth probably knew two languages too!

Sofia is a “people-person.” Do you know what that means? Yes! It means she likes to be around people and finds it easy to make new friends. Sofia’s family travels around to different churches. When they meet with the Hispanic teenagers, Sofia’s smiles and hugs put everyone at ease. She remembers her teen friends and looks forward to seeing them each visit.

You see, God can use kids of all ages to reach people with His love. Will you let Him use you too? Think about it. See you next time!





Louie's treehouse Lain



Table Topics

As you eat dinner or have family devotions, answer these questions together.

- Ruth grew up in one culture, but when she learned about God, she followed Naomi to a different land so she could continue to grow in her faith. Do you think God helped her? How?
- What interests has God given you? How can those be used to tell people about Him?
- If you could volunteer for any job at your church, what would it be? Why?



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