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LOUIE'S HOUSE



HOME

HOME AGAIN, HOME AGAIN



Louie stretched each limb as far as he could before settling back down on the soft gray pillow positioned just so by the window. Naps were his favorite thing ever. Either that or the snacks he grabbed *after* the naps. Are you a little like Louie? Do you like naps and snacks?

As Louie lay in the warm sunshine, he looked around his room. It was nice to be home after his trip to the other side of the world! The picture on his desk drew his attention, taking him back to the year he came to live in the United States. For a few months Louie lived with his friends Alex and Emma Sandrino. Louie giggled at “Little Louie” in the picture, but then he quickly sat upright, his eyes scanning the bookshelves. He selected a large, dark blue scrapbook. Settling back onto his comfy pillow, he opened the book.

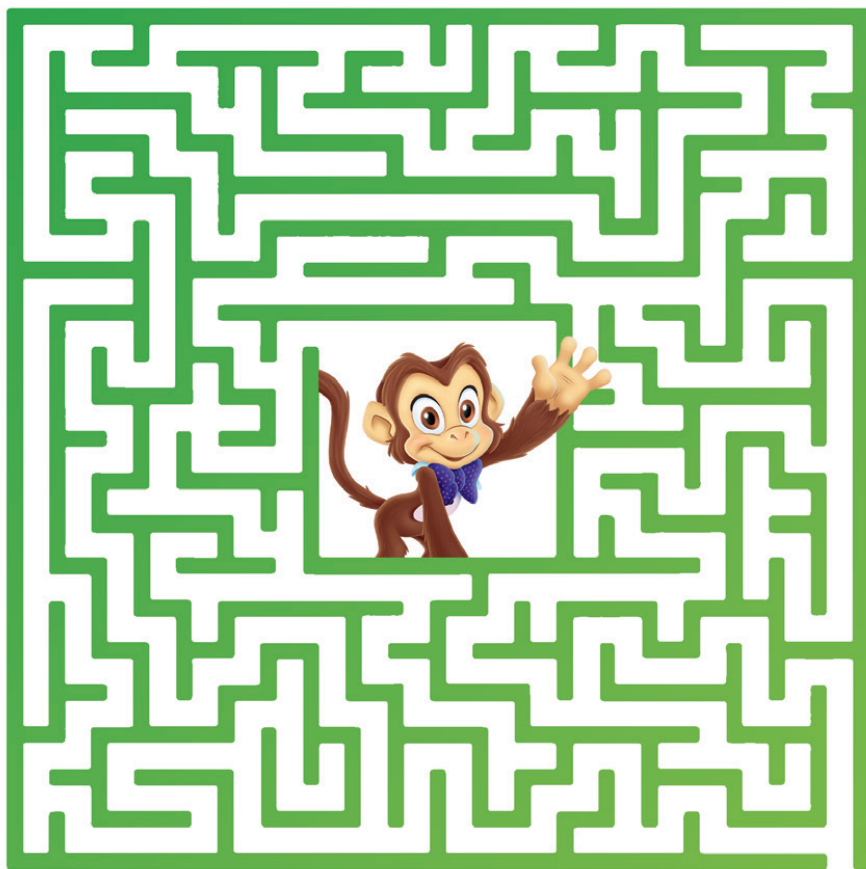
Memories flooded over Louie as he slowly turned the pages. He smiled when he saw more pictures of the Sandrino family. Oh, what fun he had playing with Alex and Emma all those years ago! They introduced him to all sorts of activities, but Louie’s favorite experiences involved helping other people. That all started with a missions convention at the Sandrinos’ church. Tears came to Louie’s eyes as he remembered the powerful words the speaker used to describe the many people around the world who did not yet know Jesus. That moment was when Louie **KNEW** he would help with missions someday.

Louie spotted a picture of Emma baking cookies and another of Louie and Alex handing them out. One of Louie and Alex talking to a little boy with sad eyes. Another of Louie and the kids visiting an orphanage. More of all three writing letters to missionary kids. Alex and Emma had taught Louie that he didn’t need to wait until “someday” to be a missionary—he could tell people around him about Jesus right then! But...what about the rest of the world? Who would tell them? Whew...the task seemed too big for one little monkey.

Louie jumped up and ran to his desk. What was Louie looking for?

LOUIE GROWS UP

Louie has learned a lot in his life!
Help baby Louie navigate the maze as he
“grows up” to the present day.





MEMORY VERSE

I have you in my heart.
All of you share in God's grace with me.
Philippians 1:7

A THANKFUL HEART

After a moment of frantic digging in a drawer, Louie ran back to his window seat, carrying an official-looking letter and some tape. He carefully added the letter to a page of his scrapbook. Louie sat a little taller as he read through the invitation from Hope International Missions to be a permanent part of the team.

Louie quickly flipped through the scrapbook. He loved his book of memories, but he loved the people in it even more. The HIM team allowed him to tag along on trips around the world, to meet and help people, and to learn from the best missionaries ever!

Suddenly, Louie wasn't tired anymore! He jumped up from his pillow and grabbed his scrapbook and a pen. He had an idea! He would get some people in the HIM office to sign his book. After all, everyone there was special. The missionaries couldn't do their work without the home team! AND...they said they **LIKED** Louie and his rambunctious passion for sharing God's love.



Louie paused a moment before dashing out the door. He bowed his head and prayed,

“Dear God, thank You for blessing me with all these amazing trips and friends and chances to witness. You know how much I’ve wanted to help, but I can’t do it alone! No one can! Thank You for HIM, for everyone who has traveled to a new place to preach and teach about Jesus, and for every person who has given money to send them. And...thank You for encouraging my heart today. Thank You for the special job You gave me, and thank You for helping me do it. Please help me bless the team today. Amen.”

And with that Louie was off to yet another adventure!

Louie's Treehouse Lain



What makes a house a home?

While you draw a picture of your house, talk with your parents about what makes it feel like home. Put those things in your picture. Thank God for all the blessings He has given you and your family.



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