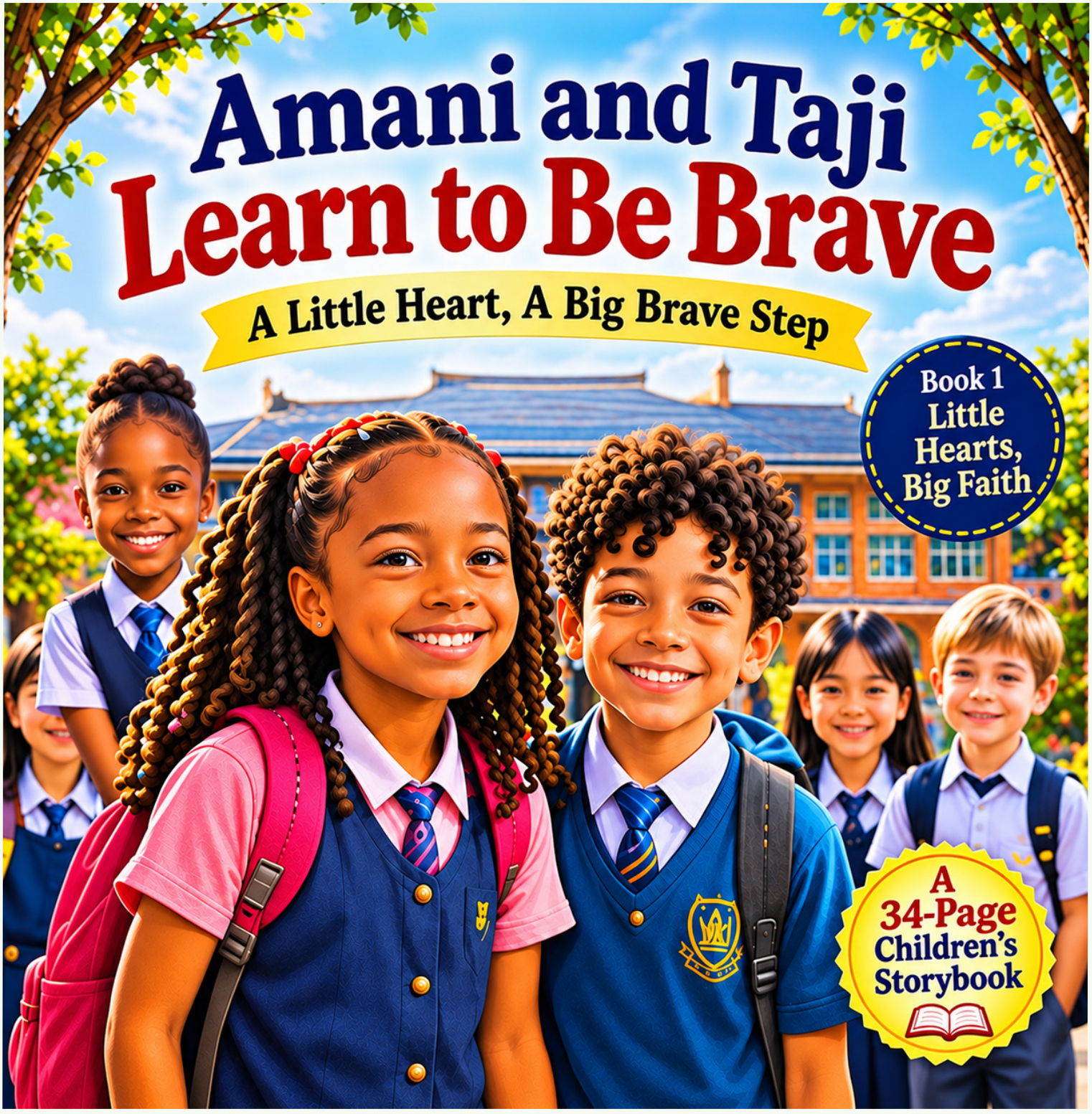

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A 34-Page Children's Storybook

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A story about courage, faith, and trusting God's promise.



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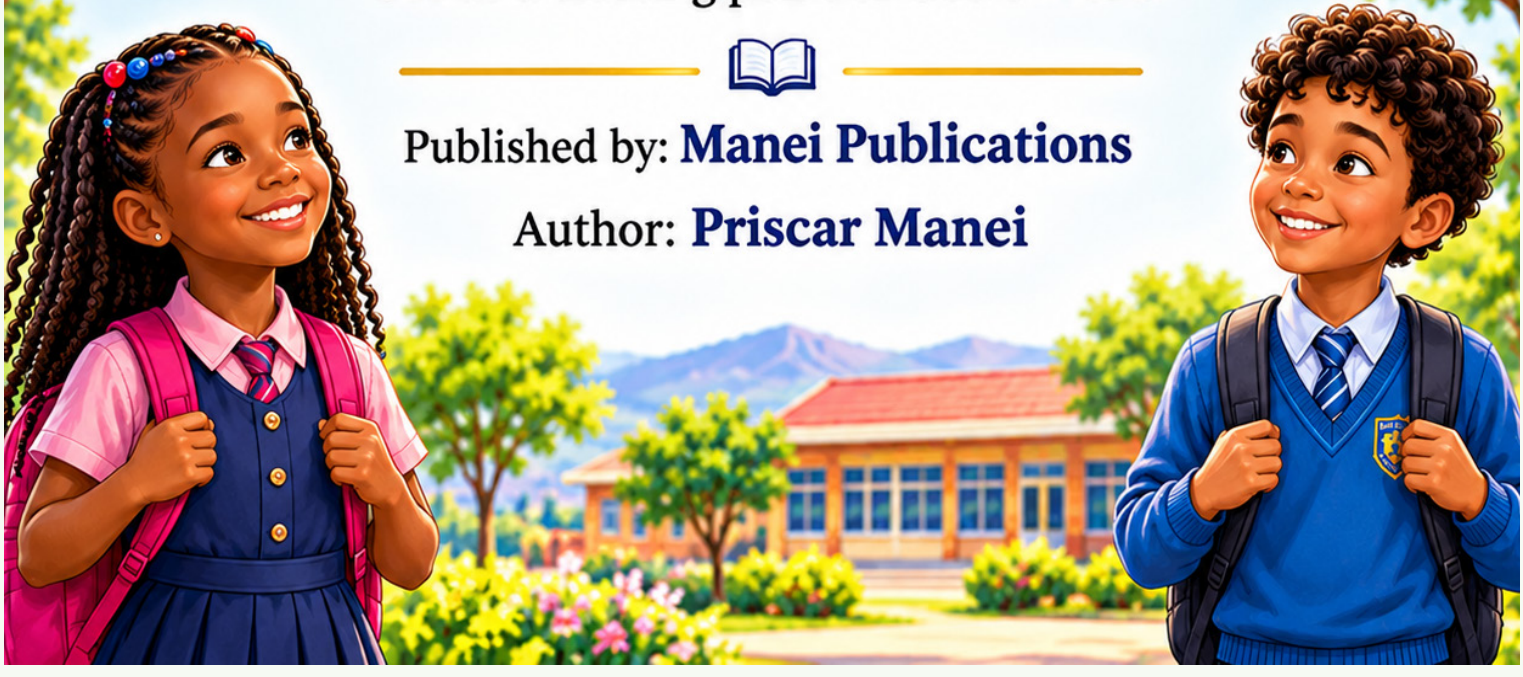
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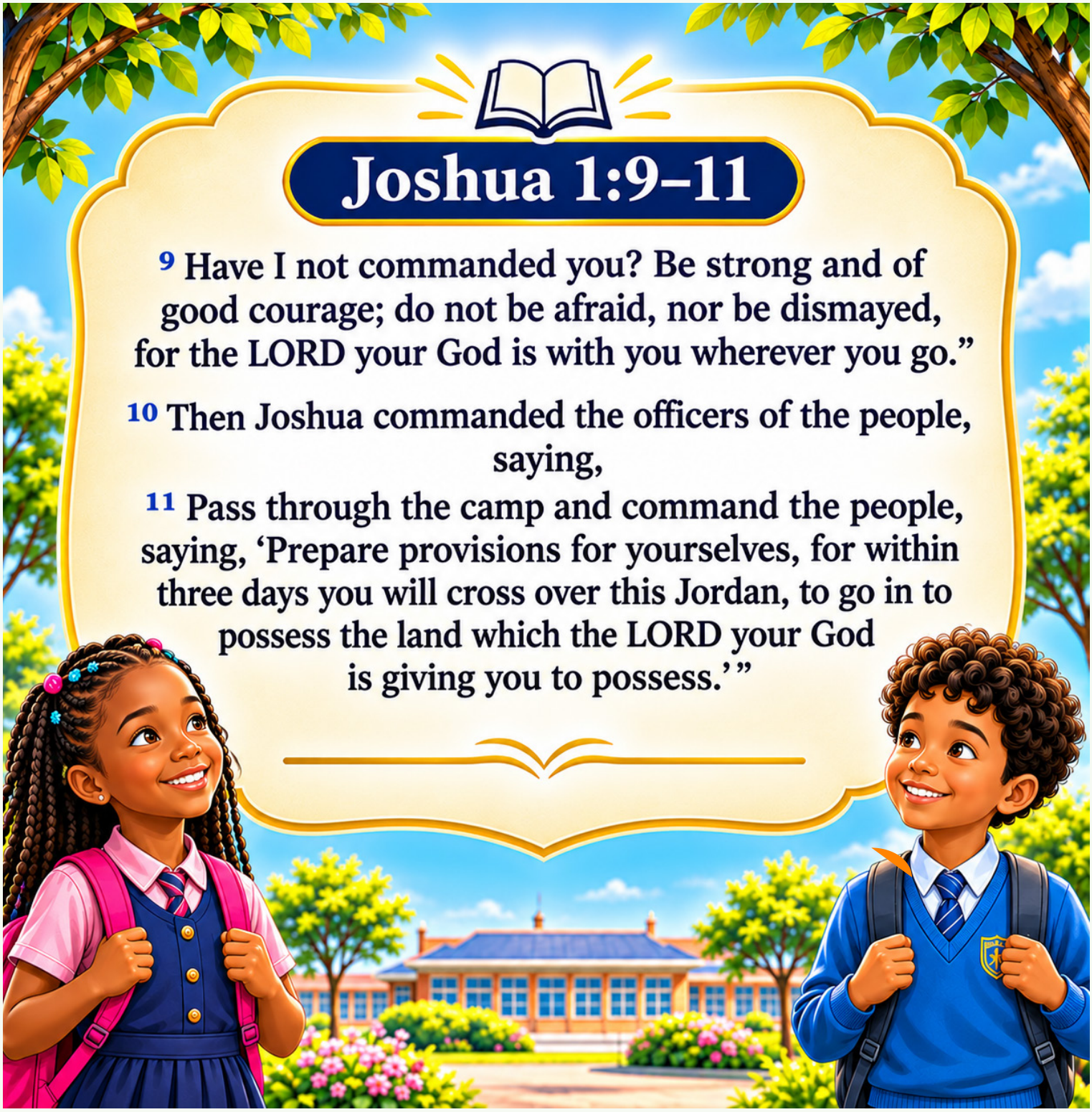
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Joshua 1:9–11
9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”
10 Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,
11 Pass through the camp and command the people, saying, ‘Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days you will cross over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess.’”

CHAPTER ONE
A Little Heart, A Big Brave Step

This is Amani. She is seven years old. She lives in Nairobi with her loving family. She loves drawing, singing and playing with her best friend, Taji. Sometimes she worries about new things, but but she has a kind and thoughtful heart.




This is Taji.
He is eight years old and Amani's best friend. He loves football, funny stories and asking questions about everything. Taji is always kind and ready to help.
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One Monday morning,
their teacher, Mrs Njeri,
introduced a new pupil.
“This is Mei. She and her family
have recently moved to Nairobi.
Let us make her feel welcome.”
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At break time, Mei sat
alone under a shady tree.
She did not know
whom to ask to play.
5


Amani noticed Mei.
“I want to be kind,” she whispered,
“but I am scared.”
What if she doesn’t want
to talk to me? What if the
other children laugh?”
6


That evening, Amani told
her mother what had happened.
“I saw a girl sitting alone today.
I wanted to talk to her, but I was afraid.”
7

Mama opened the Bible and read,

“Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid,
nor be dismayed,
for the LORD your God
is with you wherever you go.”
— Joshua 1:9 (NKJV)

“God does not promise that we will never feel afraid,” Mama explained. “He reminds us that we are not alone.”

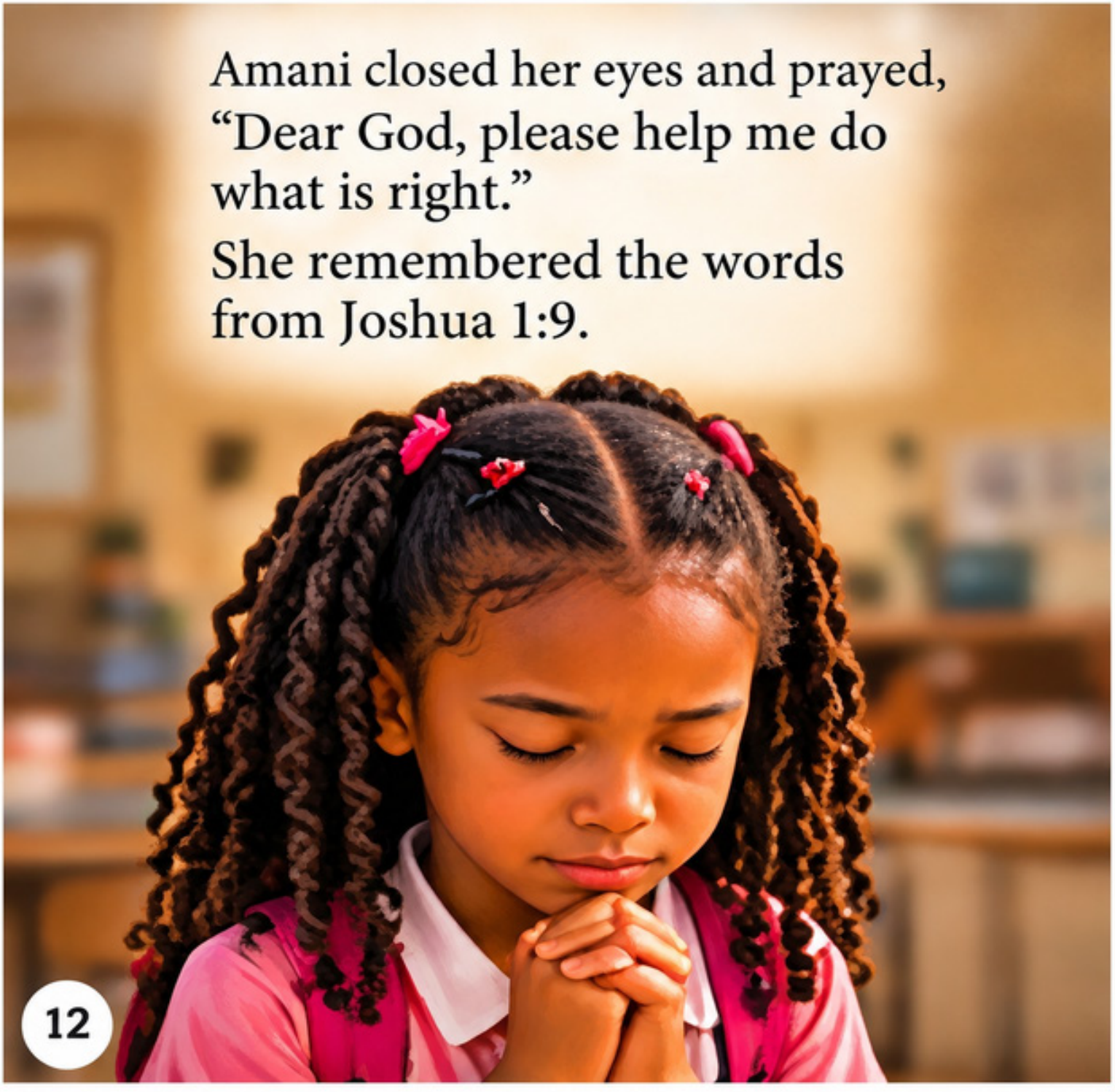

That night, Amani prayed.
“Dear God, thank You for loving me.
Please help me to be brave tomorrow.
Help me to be kind to Mei,
even if I feel afraid.
Amen.”

CHAPTER TWO
Courage in a Small Heart

The next morning, Amani walked into school with Taji. She saw Mei at her desk. Her tummy fluttered again, but she took a slow breath. She only needed to take one small step.




At break time, Amani heard two children giggling about Mei's lunchbox. Her heart felt heavy. She wanted to walk away.
11


Amani closed her eyes and prayed,
“Dear God, please help me do what is right.”
She remembered the words from Joshua 1:9.
12


Then Amani took one brave step.
“Hello, Mei,” she said with a smile.
“Would you like to sit with us?”
Mei looked up in surprise.
“Really?”
“Of course!” Amani replied.
13

Mei's face brightened. "Thank you, Amani. I was beginning to think nobody wanted to be my friend."

"You deserve to have friends," Amani said.



Soon, Taji, Daniel and other classmates joined them. They made up a new game and everyone had a turn. Sometimes the ball went the wrong way, and sometimes they all missed, but everyone laughed together.




At the end of break time, Mei walked over to Amani and said, “Thank you, Amani. I was feeling very lonely today, and you were so kind and welcoming.”
16

Mei added, “Kindness can truly change someone’s day.”

Amani smiled warmly. “I am so glad, Mei. We can be friends, and I can walk with you, show you around, and introduce you to my other friends.”

Mei’s face lit up. “I would really like that!”



CHAPTER THREE
Little Acts, Big Differences

Mrs Njeri announced a class project.
"We are going to create a Welcome Wall.
It will celebrate what makes each of us
special and how we can care for one another."



Each child contributed something mean-
meaningful. They discovered that
everyone's different ideas, talents and experi-
ences **made** Welcome Wall **more** beautiful.



During the project, a younger pupil named Sami looked upset. He could not find his sister. Amani noticed his worried face. She knew she needed to help.



Amani told Mrs Njeri what had happened.
“Thank you for telling me,” the teacher said.
“Let’s help him together.”
Soon, Sami was safely reunited with his sister.




Their Welcome Wall was complete!
At the centre, Amani had written:
EVERY
CHILD
MATTERS

Mrs Njeri asked, “What do you think courage means?”

“To try something new!” said Daniel.

“To ask for help!” said Mei.

“To stand up for someone who is being treated unkindly,” said Amani.

“And to keep trying even when we miss the goal!” said Taji.



Then Amani took one brave step.
“Hello, Mei,” she said with a smile.
“Would you like to sit with us?”
Mei looked up in surprise.
“Really?”
“Of course!” Amani replied.




At home, Amani told Mama everything. Mama smiled, “You chose to do what was right. You did not have to be the loudest person to be brave.”
“Does that mean I can be brave again tomorrow?” Amani asked.
“Absolutely,” Mama said. “We can ask God for help every day.”
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CHAPTER FOUR
Little Hearts, Big Faith

A few days later, Amani and Taji were asked to speak at the school assembly. Amani's heart raced. "I don't think I can do it," she whispered.



“Remember the first time you spoke to Mei?” Taji said. “You were afraid then too, and you took one **small step**. We can do this together.”




The assembly hall was full.
Amani took a deep breath.
“Good morning, everyone,”
she began.


“Courage is not just about being fearless. It is about helping others, telling the truth, asking for help and choosing kindness.”
The audience clapped.

“On the way home, Amani thought about everything that had happened. She had taken small, brave steps. Courage had grown quietly inside her heart.”




What We Learned
It is okay to feel afraid.
We can pray and ask God for help.
We should ask trusted adults for help.
Kindness and courage can make someone else's life better.
God's Word can guide our choices.
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God's Promise

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."
— Joshua 1:9 (NKJV)

Have you ever felt afraid to do something good? You can take one small step, pray for wisdom, and ask a grown-up for help.



A Prayer for Little Hearts

Dear God,

Thank You for loving me.

Thank You for guiding me, and helping me make good choices.

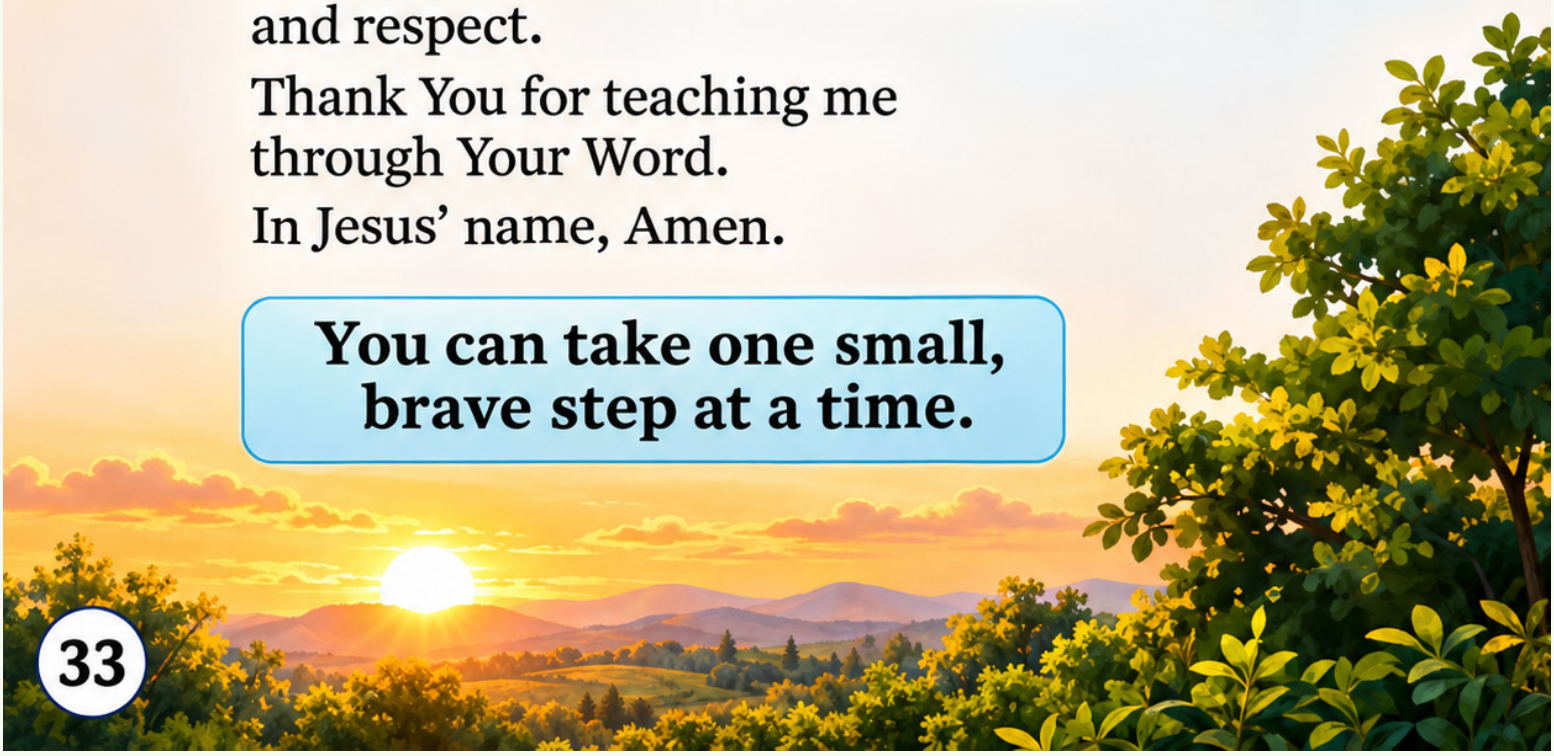
Give me courage to do what is right, kindness to care for others, and wisdom to ask for help when I need it.

Help me notice the children who feel lonely and treat everyone with love and respect.

Thank You for teaching me through Your Word.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

You can take one small, brave step at a time.



A Final Word

Amani and Taji learned that courage doesn't mean never feeling afraid. It means trusting God, taking a small step, and doing what is right even when it feels hard.

You can be brave too. God is with you, just like He was with Amani and Taji.



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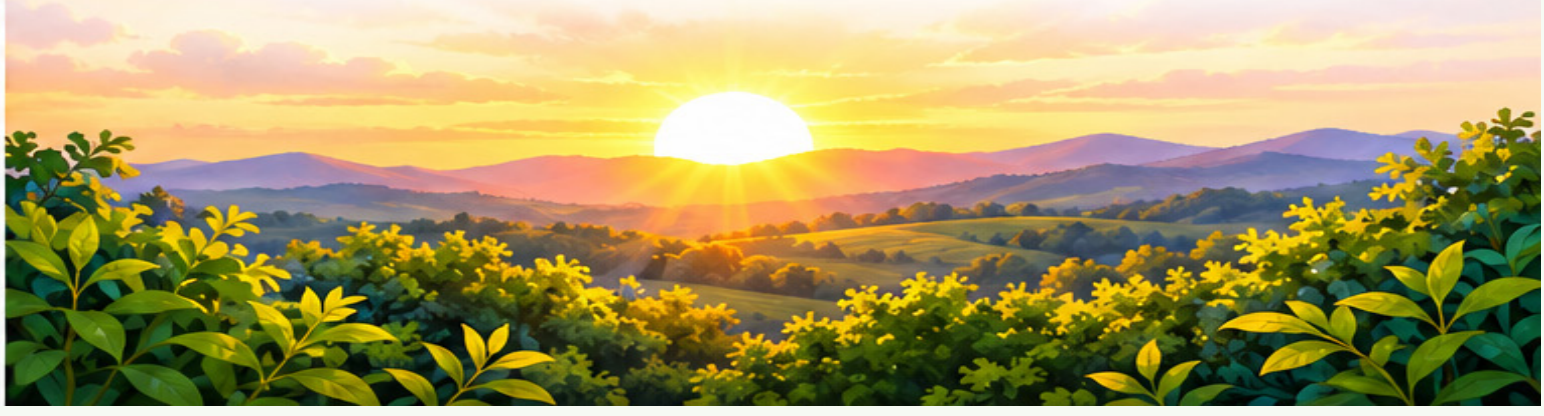
Thank you for joining Amani and Taji on their journey to learn about courage, kindness, and trusting God.

Keep the Conversation Going!

Talk with a parent, teacher, or trusted adult about the story. You can also read it again and think about how you can be brave, kind, and helpful at home, at school, and in your community.

We'd love to hear from you!

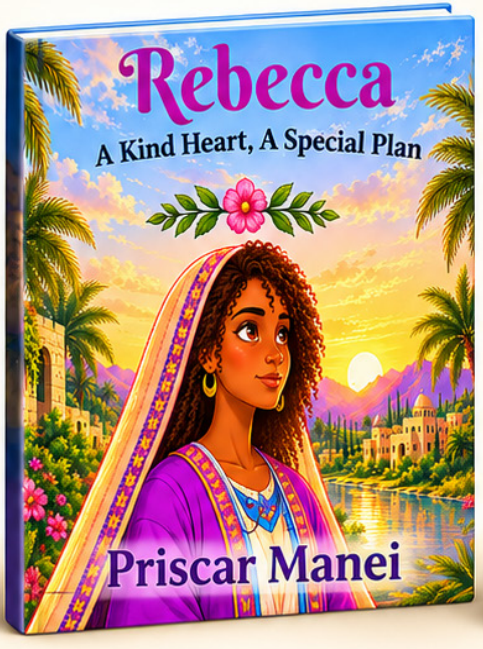
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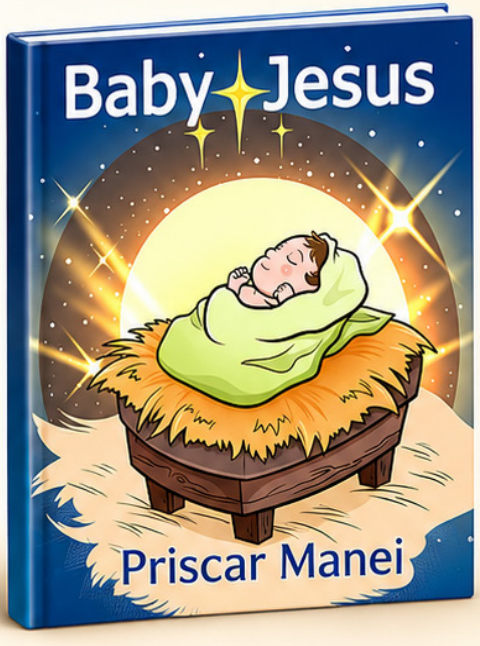


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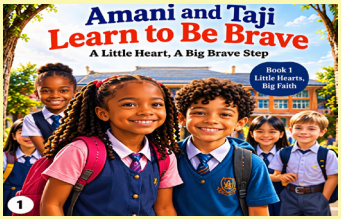
Meet Amani, a kind-hearted seven-year-old girl growing up in Nairobi, and her best friend, Taji, an eight-year-old boy with a cheerful spirit and a love for adventure.

When Amani faces new challenges at school, she discovers that courage is not always about doing something big. Occasionally, it begins with a small step, a kind word, a helping hand, or the willingness to welcome someone who feels left out.
Along the way, Amani and Taji learn valuable lessons about friendship, kindness, inclusion, forgiveness, and stand up for what is right. When a younger pupil becomes lost and frightened, Amani discovers that being brave also means speaking up and asking trusted adults for help.

Guided by the powerful words of Joshua 1:9, they discover that God is always with them, even when they feel afraid or uncertain.

Through their everyday adventures, Amani and Taji remind us that every child possesses unique qualities and that even the smallest act of kindness can have a significant impact.

A heartwarming story about faith, friendship, and courage, encouraging every child to take one small, brave step at a time.





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