



How could Laura go to school without her big brother?

KINDER- GARTEN Jitters

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(Based on a true story)

"I know my Father lives and loves me too"
(Children's Songbook, 5).

Laura was excited to start kindergarten. She couldn't wait to go to school with her big brother, Sam. Sam was going to be in third grade.

A few weeks before school started, Mom and Dad talked to Sam and Laura. "Laura," Dad said, "the schools have made a change. Kindergarteners

will go to their own school now."

Laura chewed on her lip. "Can I still ride the bus with Sam?"

Mom shook her head. "I'm sorry, Laura, but your school is on the other side of town. You'll ride a different bus."

Laura tried to be brave, but her lower lip trembled. How could she go to school without her big brother? She and Sam were best friends.

Sam put his arm around Laura's shoulder. "It'll be all right," he said.

That night Sam came into Laura's room. "Let's say a special prayer," he said.

Sam and Laura knelt down.

"Heavenly Father," Sam prayed, "please bless Laura that she will feel happy about starting school. Help her learn things and make new friends." Sam closed the prayer in the name of Jesus Christ.

Laura threw her arms around Sam's neck. She felt better already.

When it came time to start school, Laura was still a little nervous, but she thought about Sam's prayer. That morning, Dad gave Laura a blessing.

Laura waved goodbye to Mom, Dad, and Sam. She climbed onto the school bus. She knew Heavenly Father would help her. ◆

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