



Winning Together

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(Based on a true story)

By love serve one another (Galatians 5:13).

Jane was happy. Today was the big race. Jane had practiced for the race with her brother Ben every day.

“I’m so excited!” Jane said.

Ben did not look excited.

“What’s wrong? Are you nervous?” Jane asked Ben.

“Yes,” Ben said. “Can Dad run for me?”

“This race is only for children,” Mom said.

“I will cheer for you,” Dad said.

Jane put her arm around Ben.

“This will be fun,” Jane said.

“You will do great.”

Jane and Ben got in the car. Mom and Dad drove them to the race.

Jane and Ben stood at the starting line. Jane was excited. Her heart beat fast.

Thump-thump. Thump-thump. Thump-thump.

“On your mark. Get set. Go!”

Jane started running. Many children ran. It felt good to run fast.

Jane looked for Ben. She could not see him. He was in last place.

“Come on, Ben!” Jane said. “You can do it!”

Jane ran back to Ben. Jane held Ben’s hand. Jane and Ben ran together.

Jane was slower now, but she was happy. She loved to help Ben.

Jane and Ben finished the race together.

“Thank you,” Ben said. “You ran slow for me.”

“That is OK,” Jane said. “We are still winners!” ♦

