

# Story & Lesson



## Walking in Faith

Katherine was sad because her dad had to change jobs. They were moving to a big city in a different country. Katherine wanted to say goodbye to all her friends and to her teacher. Katherine and her family flew on a plane for a long time before they arrived in China. When Katherine arrived at her house, she looked out the window and saw children having fun. They were riding bicycles, walking, and playing. It made Katherine feel lonely, and she wished that they never had to leave.

Katherine began crying, "I do not know anyone here in China. I miss my teacher and my grandma and grandpa. I miss everything. I wish I could go back." Katherine's mom said, "Guess what? There is going to be Vacation Bible School at church next week. Would you like to go?"

Katherine worried that she would not know anybody and that she would be all alone, and she had not even learned how to speak Chinese yet.

Katherine's mom told her, "Sweetheart, try not to be too upset. I know that being in a new place is a little scary. However, everything will be fine."

When Katherine and her mom arrived at church, they made the sign of the Cross and lit a candle. Then they kissed an icon and began to pray saying, "Dear God thank you for everything. Please God be with Katherine, help her to find good friends and feel happy again. Amen."

Inside the church, while they were standing a little girl walked up to Katherine and smiled. She said, "Hi I am Kanname, and I live down the street. I am your neighbor." To help Katherine feel welcomed, Kanname showed her where everyone was gathered. Katherine thanked her mother and said, "I forgot that I can trust God to help me. Thank you for helping me remember."

