The Great Big Friend: A Rhyming Tale of Callie and Everly

Illustration 1:

\*Callie age 5 in a summer dress has blonde hair blue eyes and Everly age 3 in a summer dress has blonde hair with loose curls and brown eyes playing in a vibrant garden filled with flowers and sunshine. Callie is bending down to pick a flower while Everly runs through the petals, her laughter captured in the air.\*

In a sunny little town, where the flowers bloom bright,

Lived two lovely sisters, Callie and Everly, full of light.

With hair just like sunshine and eyes of deep blue,

They explored the big world, with adventures to pursue.

---

Illustration 2:

\*Callie pointing excitedly at a large, friendly-looking tree with lush green leaves swaying in the breeze. Everly looks up with wide hazel eyes, captivated by the tree's beauty.\*

One sunny day, as they played in their yard,

Callie spotted a tree that was truly quite large.

“Oh look at those leaves, how they dance in the breeze!

Let’s go give our big friend a hug; it will be a breeze!”

---

Illustration 3:

\*Callie and Everly hugging the tree together, surrounded by colorful butterflies and birds flying above them.\*

Everly giggled, “Oh yes! That sounds fun!

A big friend, you say? Well, who could that be, hon?”

Callie smiled wide, “God is our friend so great,

He loves us forever; He can’t wait to relate!”

Illustration 4:

\*The sisters sitting cross-legged on the grass, eyes closed, hands joined in prayer under the tree, sunlight dappling through the leaves above.\*

“Can we talk to God? I want to find out!

How do we meet Him? I’m curious, no doubt!”

Callie replied, “Mom told me just yesterday,

We can pray and talk to Him any old day!”

---

Illustration 5:

\*A cozy scene in their bedroom with colorful blankets, as Callie and Everly share a bedtime prayer with joy on their faces, a plush toy nearby.\*

So hand-in-hand, they whispered a prayer,

“Dear God, we are here, and we know you care!

Thank you for joys that sprinkle our days,

Please help us to love in so many ways.”

---

Illustration 6:

\*A bright beach scene where Callie and Everly build a sandcastle, laughing and gathering seashells while the sun shines brightly overhead.\*

With giggles and hugs, they felt warmth inside,

An amazing sweet feeling they just couldn’t hide!

They learned all about kindness from stories they’d read,

Like helping a friend or sharing bread.

---

Illustration 7:

\*The sisters notice a sad boy sitting alone on a swing, with a cloudy expression. Callie leans into Everly to discuss inviting him to play.\*

One warm afternoon, while playing in sand,

They saw a sad boy—his fun was unplanned.

With hearts full of love, Callie said, “Let’s go!

We can invite him to join us, you know?”

---

Illustration 8:

\*Callie and Everly enthusiastically inviting the boy to join them, showing smiles on everyone’s face, ready to have fun together.\*

So they ran to the swing where the boy sat alone,

And said, “Come play with us! You’re welcome to help with

This castle we’re building, Come help us create!

Together it’s better, it’s really first-rate!”

---

Illustration 9:

\*All three children happily playing together, sharing laughter as they build a magnificent sandcastle with buckets and shovels.\*

The boy’s face lit up with a smile so wide!

“Really? You mean it? Can I join this ride?”

As they laughed and they played, their friendship took flight,

In the warmth of God’s love, everything felt right.

---

Illustration 10:

\*A peaceful nighttime scene, with the sisters tucked in bed, dreaming peacefully with twinkling stars visible through their window.\*

That night as they snuggled, the sisters both dreamed,

Of the big friend called God, whose love brightly beamed.

With thoughts full of joy, they whispered goodnight,

“Goodnight, dear God! You fill our hearts with light!”

---

Illustration 11:

\*A happy scene showcasing Callie and Everly sharing joyous moments with friends, playing outdoors and caring for one another.\*

And through all their days, with adventures to chart,

Callie and Everly knew love from the start.

With God as their friend, and each other so near,

Life’s filled with magic, laughter, and cheer!

---

Moral of the Story:

No matter how small, our kindness can spread,

With love in our hearts, we nourish each thread.

Friends come together, sharing joy like the sun,

In a world full of love, we all can have fun!

---

Questions for Reflection:

1. How do you show kindness to your friends and family?

2. Can you think of a time when you invited someone new to play?

3. What are some ways we can share God’s love and friendship with others?

4. Why do you think it’s important to pray and talk to God?

5. How does spending time with friends make you feel?

6. What are your favorite things to do together with your siblings or friends?

Reflect on these questions and remember that love and friendship can brighten everyone’s day!