

WHILE YOU WERE AWAY



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While you were away, I missed
you every day. I counted the stars
and whispered your name. My
heart stayed right beside you.



Even when we couldn't talk, I
was thinking of you. I imagined
your smile, your giggles, your
brave little self.



I hoped you were splashing,
laughing, playing. I pictured you
having adventures-even if I
missed you terribly.



When the calls were short
or we couldn't talk much, I
knew you still loved me-just
like I love you.



We counted the days until you
came back to me. Every day, I
said: 'Josslynn is brave. Josslynn
is strong. Josslynn is so loved.'



Zazu perched by the window,
watching and waiting.
Nala curled up on your bed,
sniffing your bunny and missing
your giggles.



I wrote little notes for you—
One for every hug I wanted to give,
Every laugh I missed,
Every time I whispered,
“I love you.”



While you were away,
Janie peeked into your room
sometimes—
just to feel a little closer to you.



And now you're home!

I'm so proud of you.

You did a big, brave

thing.



And guess what? You'll

always be my baby.

Forever and ever.

For Josslynn

My brave, bright, beautiful girl.

This book is for the moments we couldn't
be together,

but were never really apart.

It's for your big heart, your strong spirit,
and the love that connects us—
no matter how many miles or days.

It's for the strength you showed,
the joy you brought home,

and the hugs we saved up for your return.

Zazu missed your laughter.

Nala missed your cuddles.

And Janie and I missed your little sparkle.

You are deeply loved,
forever and always.

Love always,

Mama ❤️



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