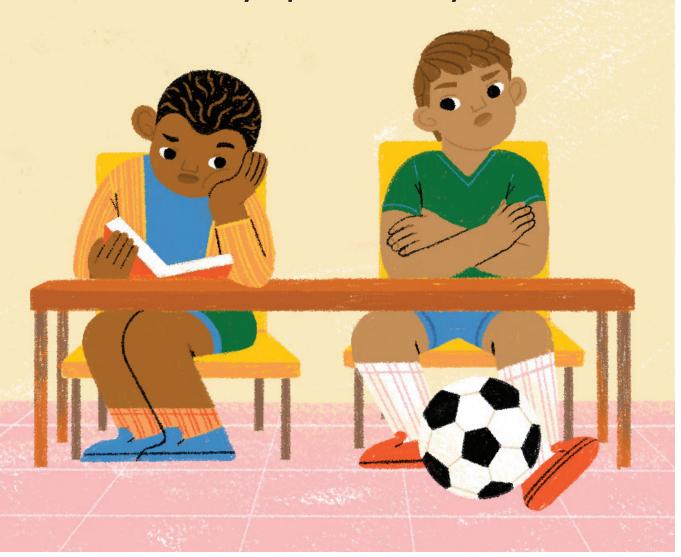


Can Micah and Jonah Be Friends?

A very special story.



Jonah and Micah were the same age and in the same class in school, but they were very different. Jonah was quiet and serious. Micah always talked and laughed loudly.

Jonah loved to read and study. Micah loved to run and play football.

Micah teased Jonah. He asked, "Why are you so quiet, Jonah? Why don't you say something?"

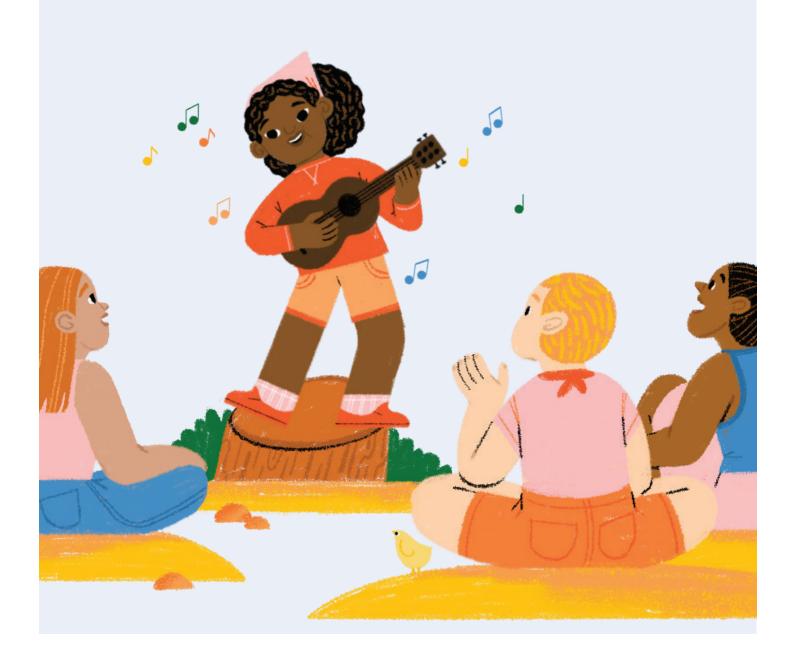
Jonah answered, "Why are you so loud? I can't hear my own thoughts when you talk and laugh all the time."

Each boy thought they could never be friends.



Then, a young woman named Katya came to their village. She was a musician. She played a guitar.

Katya began a music class and taught the children in the village to sing together.



Katya planned a choir concert for all the people in town to enjoy. The children learned many songs. She said, "Jonah and Micah, I want you to sing a song together!" The boys agreed. They practiced and practiced. They learned their song by heart.

When the concert came, the boys sang the song beautifully. They had learned to become friends by working together.

