

Olivia's Story - Younger Version

Suggestion: Print pages 3-12, Front and Back on cardstock and then laminate. Have children sit in a circle to listen to the story. Hold the picture up while reading the story from the back. Review the story asking who, what, and why questions; then, open the Bible to read corresponding scripture and truth about Jesus. If using the Missions kit for a 5 day VBS or camp, use one story card per day taking time to review the previous day.

Olivia

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Police

Olivia's parents were not able to take care of her and her sister. They didn't have a house to live in. She slept in her car. She didn't have enough food to eat. She was not safe. One night her parents were angry and yelled a lot. The police came to keep Olivia safe. Other adult helpers planned to take Olivia and her sister somewhere safe. Olivia only had time to pick up a blanket, a doll, and a book to take with her.

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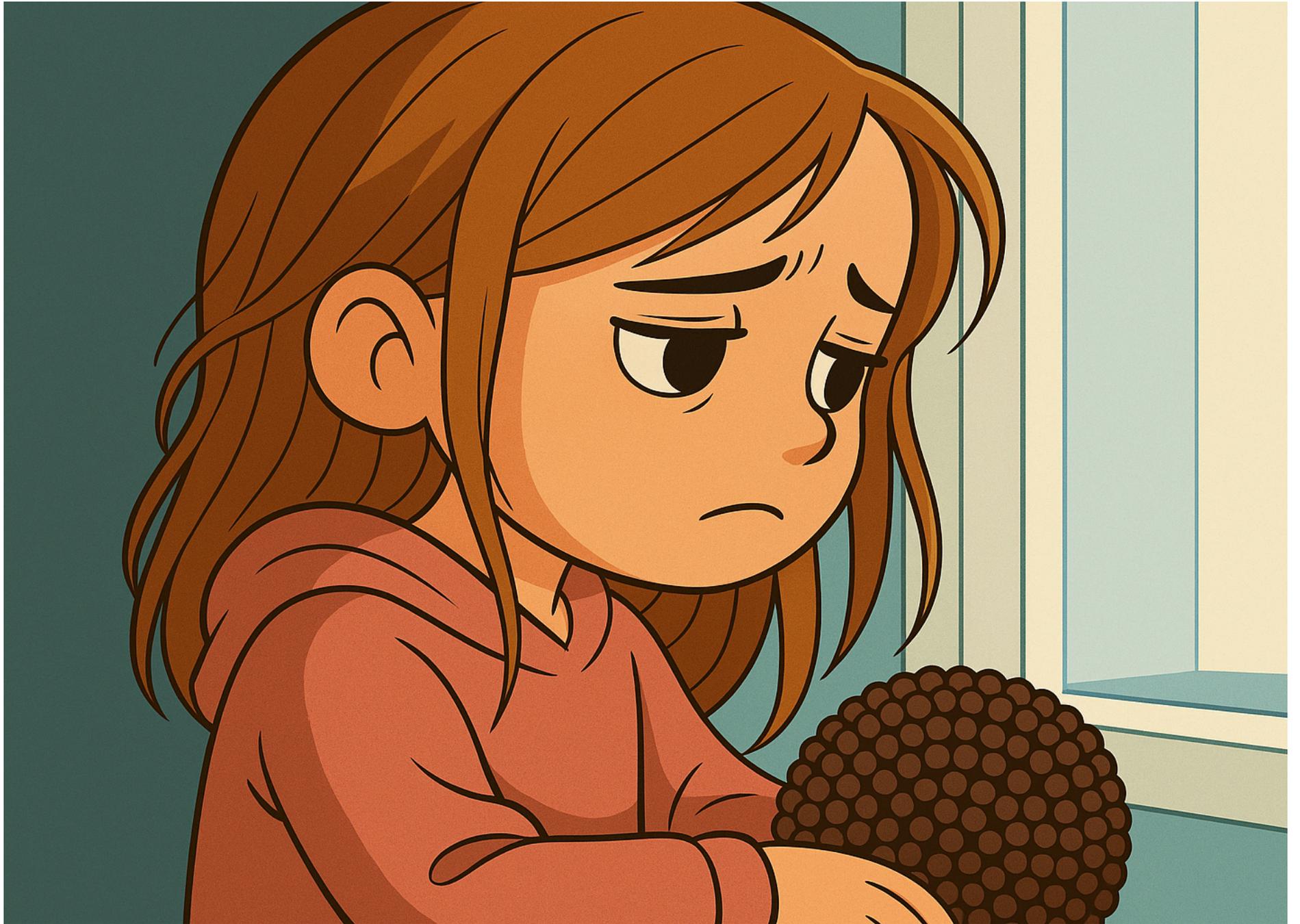
Foster Home

The helper woke Olivia up and told her it was time to get in the car. It was still dark, not morning yet. The helper was taking Olivia and Sissy to meet their new foster parents. They drove to a nice house. The kind man and woman talked to the girls and showed them their new bedroom. They had clean pajamas to put on and were able to go to sleep in a warm bed.

PS I Love You

The next morning when Olivia and Sissy woke up, they ate a yummy breakfast and met their new foster siblings. Then they went to PS I Love You. At PS I Love You, they picked out new clothes, shoes, socks, underwear, toys, and books. BUT it didn't cost any money! Everything was free! Olivia asked the kind lady why and she said it was because of Jesus.

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Questions to Ask:

Who helps the children? Police, community helpers, and foster parents.

Why do police take children to foster homes? To protect them

Why is Olivia sad? Because her parents can't take care of her

Discussion: God protects us.

"The Lord is faithful; He will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one." 2 Thessalonians 3:3



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Questions to Ask:

Where did Olivia sleep? In a car

Why did the Police come? Olivia was not safe.

Does Olivia have a brother or a sister? A sister

Discussion: God is with us in hard times.

"God is our refuge and strength, a helper who is always found in times of trouble." Psalm 46:1

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Questions to Ask:

Where did Olivia go? A safe place

Why was Olivia scared? She didn't like strangers

Why was Olivia sleepy? It was late at night?

Discussion: God gives us strength.

"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will hold on to you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10



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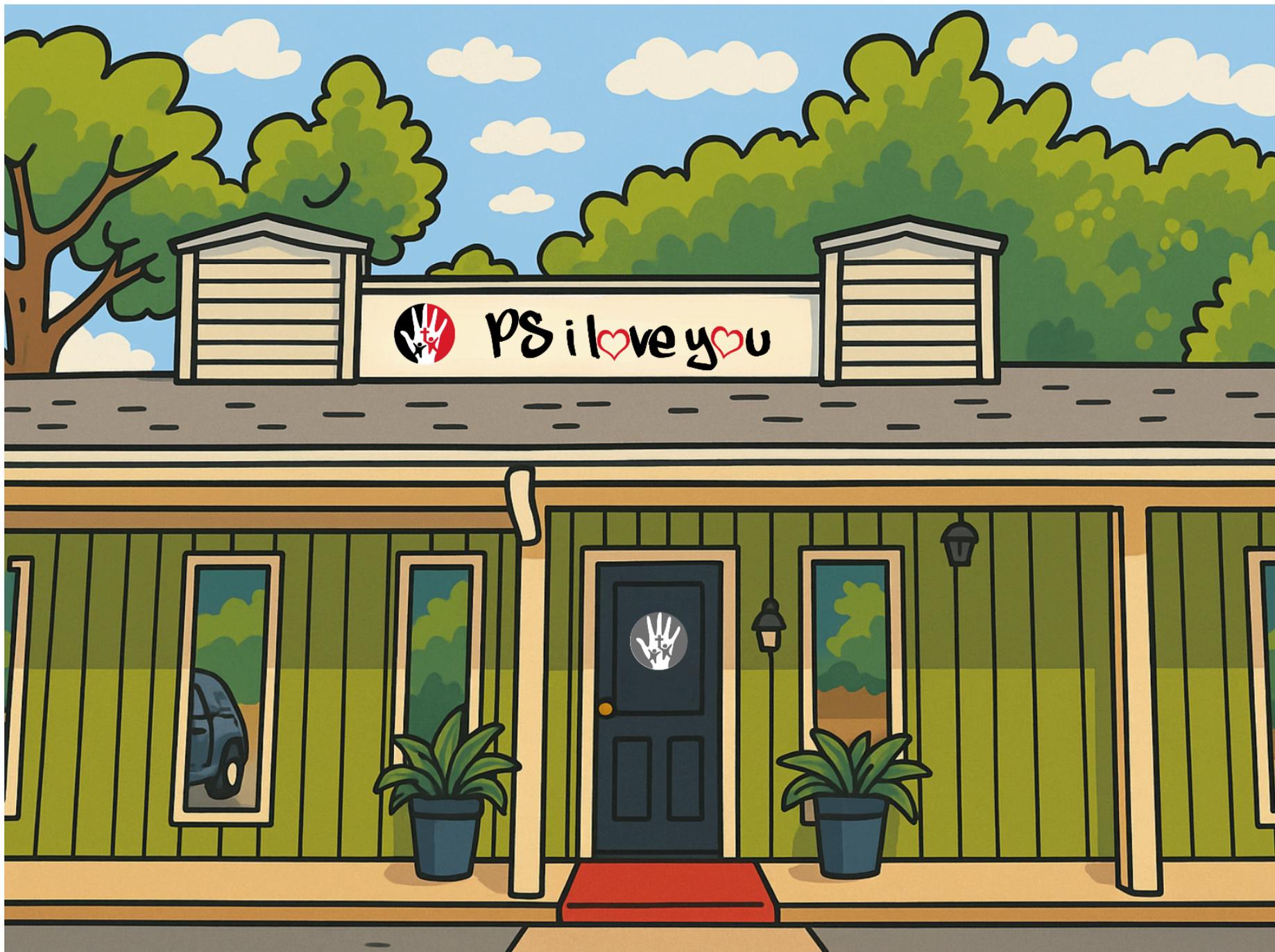
Where did the helper take Olivia? A meet her foster parents

Was it morning or night time? It was still night time

Where did they sleep? In a warm bed.

Discussion: God gives us rest and peace.

“I will both lie down and sleep in peace,
for you alone, Lord, make me live in safety.” Psalm 4:8



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Questions to Ask:

Where did they go? PS I Love You

What did Olivia shop for? Clothes, shoes, socks, toys, and books

What did it cost? Nothing, it was FREE

Discussion: God provides for all our needs.

“And my God will supply all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19