



Mia's **BIG BUS CITY RIDE**

A PRESCHOOL STORY IN THE 21ST CENTURY



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A CHEERFUL STREET CORNER WITH TALL BUILDINGS, TREES, AND A BRIGHT BLUE SKY. MIA, A LITTLE GIRL IN A YELLOW DRESS AND RED SHOES, STANDS BESIDE HER SMILING MOM. A COLORFUL BUS STOP SIGN BESIDE THEM. BIRDS FLUTTER AROUND, AND CARS PASS IN THE BACKGROUND.



**VROOOOM! THE BIG YELLOW CITY BUS ROLLED UP
WITH A FRIENDLY HONK. THE DOORS OPENED WITH
A WHOOSH!
“GOOD MORNING!” SAID THE BUS DRIVER, MR. BEN.**



MIA AND HER MOM STEPPED INSIDE. "WOW!" SAID MIA. THERE WERE SO MANY SEATS! SHE CHOSE ONE BY THE WINDOW SO SHE COULD SEE EVERYTHING OUTSIDE.



“HOLD ON TIGHT!” SAID MOM AS THE BUS BEGAN TO MOVE. THE CITY WHOOSHED BY SHOPS, TREES, AND TALL BUILDINGS REACHING FOR THE SKY.



AT THE NEXT STOP, A MAN WITH A SHINY TRUMPET GOT ON. HE PLAYED A HAPPY TUNE, AND EVERYONE ON THE BUS SMILED. MIA CLAPPED TO THE BEAT!



**THEN, A WOMAN WITH A TINY PUPPY CAME ABOARD.
“CAN I PET HIM?” MIA ASKED POLITELY. “OF
COURSE!” THE WOMAN SAID. THE PUPPY’S TAIL
WAGGED SO FAST!**



THE BUS STOPPED BY THE MARKET. PEOPLE WITH BASKETS FULL OF FLOWERS AND FRUIT GOT ON AND OFF. THE AIR SMELLED SWEET AND FRESH.



**“LOOK, MOM! WE’RE SO HIGH UP!”
MIA POINTED AS THE BUS CROSSED
A TALL BRIDGE. SHE COULD SEE THE
RIVER SPARKLING BELOW.**



THEN THE BUS WENT INTO A DARK TUNNEL, WHOOSH! LIGHTS FLASHED ON THE WALLS. "IT'S LIKE A RAINBOW CAVE!" MIA GIGGLED.



AT THE PARK STOP, A GROUP OF CHILDREN WITH BALLOONS WAVED AT THE BUS. "CAN WE VISIT NEXT TIME?" MIA ASKED. "OF COURSE," SAID MOM.



MR. BEN LOOKED IN HIS MIRROR. "HAVING FUN, MIA?" HE ASKED. "THE BEST FUN EVER!" SHE SAID. HE CHUCKLED, "THAT'S WHAT CITY RIDES ARE FOR!"



**SUDDENLY—PITTER-PATTER!—RAINDROPS
SPLASHED ON THE WINDOW. “IT’S RAINING!”
MIA SAID. THE CITY LIGHTS SHIMMERED
THROUGH THE RAINDROPS LIKE TINY STARS.**



THE BUS SLOWED DOWN. "NEXT STOP—MAIN STREET!" CALLED MR. BEN. "THAT'S US!" SAID MOM. MIA WAVED GOODBYE TO THE PASSENGERS AND THE PUPPY.



THE DOORS OPENED WITH A HISS. MIA AND HER MOM STEPPED OFF THE BUS. THE CITY LOOKED EVEN BIGGER AND BRIGHTER NOW THAT SHE'D SEEN SO MUCH OF IT!



**AS THE SUN BEGAN TO SET, MIA YAWNED. "I LOVED
OUR BIG CITY BUS RIDE," SHE SAID.
MOM SMILED. "TOMORROW, WE'LL TAKE ANOTHER
ADVENTURE."
AND MIA DREAMED OF BUSES, BRIDGES, AND
RAINBOWS ALL NIGHT LONG.**