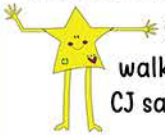
CAMI CHAMELEON MEETS THE SONSHINE SQUAD



CAMI'S CONFUSING DAY

Cami Chameleon watched the Sonshine Squad playing at the park. They were talking and laughing. It looked like they were creating an obstacle course. Cami walked a few steps closer. She could hear them talking about the obstacles, adding something each of them was good at and things they wanted their friends to try. Cami wanted to play, too, but she was feeling shy.



Suddenly, CJ Star called out, "Hey, Cami! Come play with us!" Cami walked over, and CJ told her all about the obstacle course. "I can jump," CJ said, "so for my obstacle, we're jumping over a broom."

"I can play hopscotch, and I want my friends to learn to play, so that's my obstacle," said Neeley Joy. "Adia chose climbing through a hula hoop and Agape's obstacle is lifting something heavy."



"I can fly backward," chirped Heta Hummingbird, "but my friends can't fly, so I chose to move backward for my obstacle."

"What are you good at Cami? What would you like to add?" asked CJ.

"I don't know what I'm good at," said Cami as a tear slipped down her cheek. "Mostly, I just blend in. Sometimes people don't even see me."



"Wait! You can change colors?" Gilead asked. "That's awesome! How do you do that?"

"It happens when I'm hot, cold, scared, angry, sad, or frustrated. Sometimes it happens to tell other chameleons something important." said Cami.

"Like a secret code?" asked Gilead. "That's even more awesome! Can you teach me to change colors?"

"No," said Cami, feeling sad again. "It's just part of being a chameleon."



Neeley Joy put her arm around Cami. "Let's think together. Can you hop or jump?" Cami shook her head. "Can you carry something heavy?" Cami shook her head no. "Hmmm. You don't have wings, so you can't fly. Can you dance?"

Cami perked up! "I can do the leaf dance!"

"What's that?" asked Neeley Joy.

The leaf dance helps me look like a leaf blowing in the wind. Oh, but I guess that's just another way I blend in so no one sees me," said Cami.

"Don't worry," said Neeley Joy. "We'll figure out what you're good at besides blending in."



"Are you a good climber?" asked Gilead.

"Yes! I'm a *great* climber!" answered Cami.

"That's *grrrr...eat!*" said Gilead with a big smile. "What can you climb here at the park?"

"The climbing bridge!" called Cami already moving toward it. "*I'm great at climbing!*"

The Sonshine Squad had fun on the obstacle course all day. They laughed. They learned to do new things, and most of all, they figured out how they all fit together.

PUZZLE PIECES - SAME & DIFFERENT



"We're like pieces of a puzzle," said CJ Star. "We're all different, but we all fit together. I can't fly, but Heta can. She can't jump, but I can. Gilead can't change color, but Cami can. Cami can't climb glass walls, but Gilead can. We're all alike in some ways and different in others. God made each of us unique, but He also made us to fit together perfectly."

SONSHINE SQUAD PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank you for my friends. Thank You for making us the same in some ways and different in others. When it's hard to be different, help me remember that being different is good, too. It helps us learn new things, and it can help us to be patient. When I feel jealous, remind me that You've made me good at different things, so my friends and I can cheer for each other. Amen.

QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever built an obstacle course? What kinds of things would you include?
2. Who would you invite to build it with you?
3. What are you really good at? What makes you unique?

Friends love through all kinds of weather... (Proverbs 17:17)