MEET THE SONSHINE SQUAD!

The Sonshine Squad is a group of friends from all around the world who love Jesus and want His love to shine brightly wherever they go. That's why *Sonshine* is spelled a little differently— did you notice that? It's not a mistake; it's on purpose!

The characters in the Sonshine Squad are children of God, just like you— *one-of-a-kind, extra-special,* and *loved by God.* Their motto (***No Exceptions, Everybody's Loved, Especially You!***) comes from NEELEY Joy's first name and reminds them of something very important: they are loved!



CJ STAR is from the United States. He is the leader of the Sonshine Squad. He is kind, he listens carefully, and he loves to encourage his friends. CJ's favorite game is *Follow the Leader.*



NEELEY JOY is from Ireland. Her name means "child of the poet." Neeley loves writing poems, making treasure boxes, and baking Kindness Confetti Cookies. Her favorite game is *Copycat.*



PERCY PUPPY is from England. Percy loves helping others and being a peacemaker. His favorite game is *Treasure Tales.*

Did you know that a puppy's nose print is like your fingerprint?



LULU LADYBUG is from Kenya. Her name means "peaceful." Lulu loves making colorful party sashes and delivering them by *airmail!*

Did you know there are almost 5,000 kinds of ladybugs?



HENRY HEDGEHOG is from Germany. His name means "ruler of the home." His mom teaches him that being a good leader (like Jesus) means serving others with a humble heart. Henry loves to explore and take pictures.

Did you know that hedgehogs have more than 5,000 spines?



FENDI FOX is from Italy. His name means "to split." His Dad told him that's because he can run *lickety-split!* Fendi loves planning fun adventures for the Sonshine Squad. His favorite games are *Emotion Masks* and *Feel the Rhythm.*

Did you know that foxes can run faster than 40mph?



BRIELLE BUTTERFLY is from France. Her name means "God is my strength." Brielle loves planning parties and making decorations.

Did you know that butterflies taste with their feet?



LIANA LLAMA is from Greece. Her name means "God has answered." Liana loves baking special treats and helping her friends learn to pray.

Did you know that llamas "talk" by humming?



OBEDIAH OWL is from Scotland. His name means "servant of God." Obediah loves creative games like indoor snowball fights and *Eye Spy Emotions.*

Did you know that owls are called "silent flyers?"



GILEAD GECKO is from Israel. His name means "mound of testimony," A mound is like a mountain, and *testimony* means to tell others the truth about God. Gilead loves to tell jokes.

Did you know that geckos clean their eyes by licking them?



SACHI SNAIL is from Japan. Her name means "child of joy." Sachi spreads joy and laughter wherever she goes.

Did you know that snails can have over 14,000 teeth?



QUIEL QUETZAL is from Mexico. His name means "God strengthens." Quiel is known for his beautiful tail feathers.

Did you know that quetzals can hover near a tree, snatch an avocado, and swallow it whole in mid-air?



ADIA AARDVARK is from Burundi in Eastern Africa. Her name means "gift from God." Adia loves to play *5 Senses Bingo, One-Word Story Game,* and *Question Sparks.*

Did you know that aardvarks can eat 50,000 ants in one night?



CALLIOPE CAT is from Armenia. Her name means "beautiful voice." Calliope loves singing songs to Jesus. Her favorite game is *Quiet as a Cat Sound Scavenger Hunt.*

Did you know that cats can make almost 100 different sounds?



AGAPE ANT is from the Republic of Cyprus. His name means "love." Agape loves to play *Don't Let the Balloon Touch the Ground!*

Did you know that ants "hear" by sensing vibrations through their feet?

PRAYER

Dear God,Thank You for creating us in special and wonderful ways. Thank You for the Sonshine Squad and reminding us that even though we are young, we can still love, help, and encourage others every day. Help us shine Your light wherever we go. Fill our hearts with kindness, joy, and courage. In Jesus' name, amen.