

Sofia's First Day

"Please don't make me go in there, Mama!" Sofia begged. "Can't I go to work with you instead? I'm a good helper!"

Mama smiled at Sofia. "Yes, Sofia, you are a very good helper. But you know that you have to go inside. School is about to start. You don't want to be late on your first day, do you?"

"But I don't know anyone, Mama. I won't have any friends," Sofia said.

"Your new teacher and class are excited to meet you. I'm sure you will make friends," Mama said. "I know that going to a new place can be scary, Sofia. I was scared the first day I went to my new job, too."

"You were?" Sofia asked, surprised. Mama never seemed scared of anything.

"Yes, I was scared just as you are now," Mama said. "But I like working, just as you like learning in school. Then I met some nice people. Now I really like going to my job. So I know that you will be fine at your new school. You are my brave girl, aren't you?" Mama hugged Sofia.

"Yes, Mama," Sofia said, hugging her mother back. If Mama could be brave and go to a new job, even though she was scared, then Sofia could be brave, too. Sofia smiled at her mother. Then she walked inside her new school.

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