

# The Story of Friendship:

## Chris and Allyssa

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Pre-reading questions:

- What do you do to help your friends if another child is being mean to them?
- What do you usually eat for lunch?

“Hey, **Shorty**,” Clarence said, standing tall with a **sneer** on his face.

“What do you want?” said Chris.

“Your lunch money,” Clarence said, holding out his hand.

“Hey!” A tall girl with brown hair walked in front of Chris. “Why don’t you **pick on someone your own size**?”



Clarence stepped back, **startled**.

“Oh, okay,” Clarence walked away to play basketball. The girl turned around and **introduced** herself.

“Hi, my name is Allyssa!” The girl smiled.

Chris **mumbled** something quietly.

“What did you say?” She turned her head.

“Chris,” he said quietly.

Allyssa smiled happily and said, “Do you want to sit with me at lunch?”

“Sure,” said Chris, and they walked towards the lunchroom doors as **lunchtime** started. They sat in the corner of the lunchroom and started their lunch.

“Hey, is that a **peanut butter and banana sandwich?**” Chris pointed at Allyssa’s lunch.

“Yes, it is my favorite!” Allyssa said.

“It is my favorite too!” said Chris. “Thank you for helping me with Clarence,” Chris said **shyly**, looking at his food.

“No problem! Besides, friends help friends.”



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