

Do Great Things for God

Maria Fearing



The Girl Who Dreamed of Distant Lands

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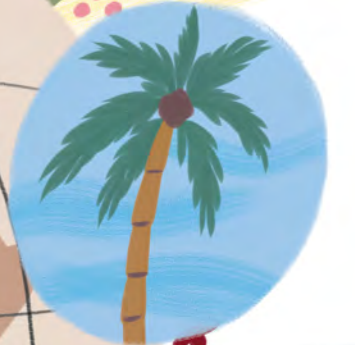
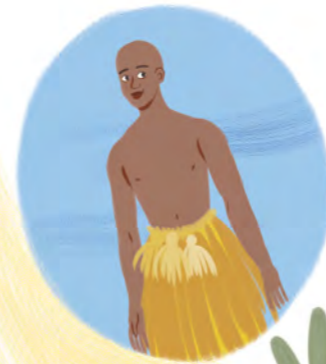
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Little Maria* dreamed of another world.

She heard the grown-ups speak of a far-off land where there were many people like her—but she had never seen this place, nor did she know how to get there.

She only knew that it was an entire ocean away and that it was a continent called Africa. So far away!



AFRICA

*Pronounced "Mar-EYE-ah"

Maria heard that Africa was a place of extraordinary people like kings and queens, and everyday people like hunters and gatherers, weavers and traders, and, of course, mommies and daddies.

The people of this faraway place did their best to protect their children.



But others had come and taken their children over the seas, and sold them in faraway places whose names were strange to their ears: places like Alabama, where Maria lived.



As years passed, the mommies and daddies thought often about their missing children.
Would they ever see them again?