

KATE'S BIG RACE



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The sun peeked up on race day bright, Kate felt a flutter, not quite right. Her tummy twirled, her hands felt cold, She wondered if she'd be too bold. 'What if I trip? What if I fall?' She whispered soft, feeling small. Jane took her hand with a happy grin, 'Together, Kate, we're sure to win!' The starting line was near in sight, Kate took a breath and held on tight.

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Jane saw the worry in Kate's eyes so blue, 'Don't be scared, I'll run with you!' She squeezed her hand and gave a wink, 'You're braver, Kate, than you may think.' Kate managed a smile, small but true, 'I guess with you, I think I can too.' They laced their shoes and stretched up high, Two best friends beneath the sky. The whistle blew a warning sound, 'Get ready, runners, gather round!'



They walked together, step by step, Kate's worry hadn't quite left yet. The other kids all lined up too, With colors bright, like red and blue. 'Just stay with me,' said Jane so sweet, 'We'll match each other, feet to feet.' Kate nodded slow, her fear still there, But Jane's warm smile helped her bear. The starter raised her flag up high, 'On your mark!' rang through the sky.



The whistle blew, the runners flew, Kate froze a bit,
not sure what to do. 'Come on, Kate! Just follow me!' Jane called back, running free. Kate's legs woke up, she took a leap, Her worried heart began to peep. The path ahead was long and wide, With Jane right there beside her side. Kate's feet went pat, pat, on the ground, She found a steady, hopeful sound.



They ran past flowers, ran past trees, Kate felt a breeze upon her knees. 'You're doing great!' Jane cheered out loud, Kate lifted up, no longer cowed. Her breath came fast, her cheeks turned pink, But she kept going, quick as a wink. 'We're halfway there!' Jane gave a shout, Kate's worry started fading out. Together fast, together strong, Two little friends who ran along.

You're doing great!



A hill rose up, so steep and tall, Kate's steps grew slow, she feared she'd fall. 'I can't!' she cried, 'It's much too high!' Jane stayed close, wouldn't say goodbye. 'One step at a time, that's all we need, Together, Kate, we'll gain some speed.' She held Kate's hand and pulled her near, Climbing up despite the fear. At the top they paused to see, The finish line waiting, far but free.



One step at
a time,

Kate's legs felt heavy, her breath ran thin, 'I want to stop, I can't win.' Jane knelt beside her, voice so kind, 'You've come this far, don't leave it behind.' 'Remember why you came today, To try your best, not just to play.' Kate wiped her eyes and stood up tall, 'I won't give up, I won't fall.' Jane smiled wide and said, 'That's right! Let's finish strong with all our might!'



Kate's heart grew brave, her fear grew small, She stood up straight, no longer small. 'I can do this!' she shouted out, No room left now for any doubt. Her feet moved fast, her arms swung wide, Jane cheered along right by her side. The wind picked up, it seemed to say, 'You've got this, Kate, keep going today!' The finish flags waved far ahead, Kate ran on, no longer in dread.



The crowd of runners cheered around, Kate heard the happy, joyful sound. Her legs were tired but wouldn't stop, Jane stayed close, right at the top. 'We're almost there!' Jane's voice rang clear, Kate smiled wide, no longer near tears. The finish line came into sight, Kate ran with all her growing might. Hand in hand they crossed the grass, Watching the final moments pass.



They crossed the line, both hand in hand, The bravest team in all the land! Kate jumped up high with a happy shout, 'I did it, Jane, without a doubt!' Jane hugged her tight and said with pride, 'You were so brave, right by my side.' Kate's fear was gone, replaced with cheer, She'd finished her race, no longer in fear. Together they smiled beneath the sun, Kate's big race was finally won!



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