

The Bad Dream

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It was very late at night and everybody was in bed. Mummy and Daddy and the girls were asleep in their rooms.





But Joshua was lying in his
bed wide awake. A bad dream
had woken him up and he
couldn't get back to sleep.



The house was very quiet.
His bedroom looked very dark.
Finally he called out softly,
"Mum, Dad, are you awake?"
At first there was no answer but
then Josh heard the soft padding
of feet along the corridor.

“What’s the matter?” asked Daddy, wrapping his dressing gown around himself.

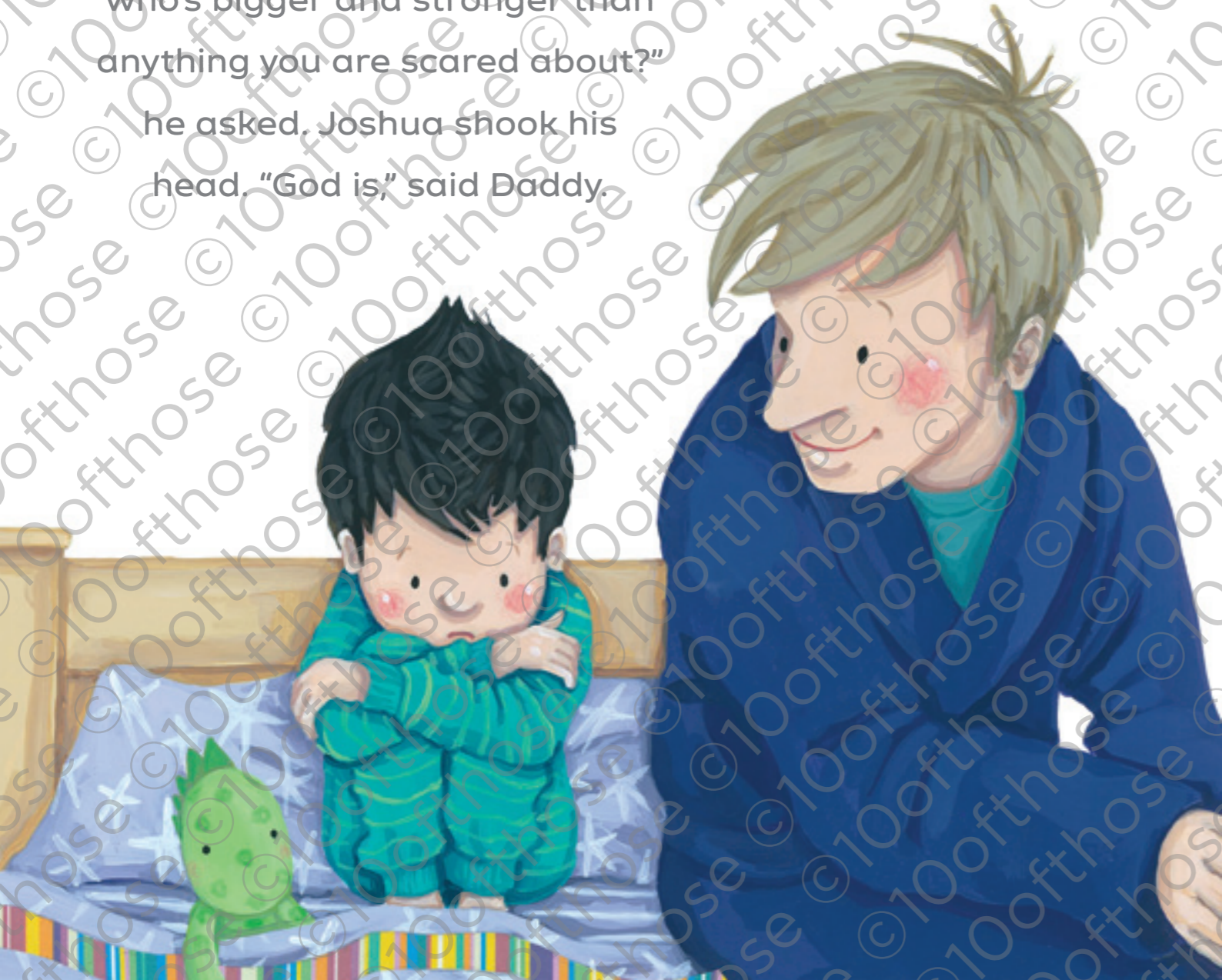
“I’ve had a bad dream and now I feel scared,” Joshua said quietly.



“Sorry about that Josh, but I’m sure you’ll soon go back to sleep if you close your eyes.”

“I can’t,” Joshua said, his eyes beginning to fill with tears.

Daddy sat down on the bed beside him. "Do you know who's bigger and stronger than anything you are scared about?" he asked. Joshua shook his head. "God is," said Daddy.



He picked up Joshua's Bible from his bedside table. "Listen to what he says about himself in the book of Isaiah."




Isaiah 40:25-26

God, the Holy One, says,

"Can you compare me to anyone?
Is anyone equal to me?"

Look up to the skies.
Who created all these stars?

He leads out all the army
of heaven one by one.
He calls all the stars by name.
He is very strong and full
of power. So not one
of them is missing.



“So Josh, God made everything and is more powerful than anything that might scare you.

And he is with you all the time. Let’s pray and ask him to help you sleep now.”

They prayed together and then Daddy kissed him goodnight again.

After Daddy had gone
back to bed, Joshua still
felt wide awake. Suddenly
he had an idea, he went to
the window and opened
the curtains just a little.





The dark sky was full of shining stars. Joshua smiled. God must be very big and very powerful indeed.



He snuggled back into bed and
very soon he was fast asleep.



For Josie, Daniel and Matty - NF

For the fantastic Wyatt family - RH

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