

“The Third Newcomer”

[James 2:1-10](#)

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It is almost time to start the lessons for the first day of Sunday School here at Pastor Ed’s church. Sunday School here at Trinity starts next Sunday. It looks like everyone is here. Let’s see: Elizabeth, Barabas, Polly and Haman Potato, Larry and Loretta, Sam, Lamar and his service dog named Bill. Oh, and here are the twins, Harry and Linda! They are newcomers and everyone likes them! They are already very popular. They live in the rich part of town in a VERY nice house. All the children are crowded around Harry and Linda.



If you look closely, you can tell them apart because Harry’s ears are a bit bigger than Linda’s. But if you are not sure who is who, you can just tip them over and read their name written on their bottom!

Class was just about ready to start when in rushed Running Chairs (late as usual and talking . . . as usual) She went over to Elizabeth and said: “Oh, like you know I was at the football game last night and our team won and I just LOVE the cheerleaders. Some day my mommy says that I can be a , oh, look there is Larry and Linda, don’t you just love THEM, mom says I can be a cheerleader because I am a really good jumper and my mommy bought me one of those big giant apples for only a quarter and did you see that new kid at school, the one with the big red bug eyes? Like he gives me the creeps!”

“I DID notice him,” said Elizabeth. “He seems kind of quiet.”

“And like UGLY!” said Running Chairs. “I mean he just gives me the creeps!” And then Running Chairs looked up and saw him! “OH! Like, don’t look now, but like, you know he just came in to our Sunday School room!”

Sam noticed the 3rd newcomer and backed away a bit. He certainly does look a bit scary. Others did not even notice him as they were getting acquainted with Harry and Linda.



“Please settle down students. It is time for class to begin. I see that we have some newcomers here this morning. Would you introduce yourselves to us?”

Harry took center stage and announced “I am Harry. I am the one with the bigger ears. This is my twin sister Linda. We were the winners of the spelling bee at our old school.”

Class began after everyone said hello to Harry and Linda. Today’s lesson is about how Jesus included everyone, even those others had left out. Jesus included those who looked poor, or strange . . . or even creepy.

The Sunday School teacher did not notice that SHE had left out the third newcomer. When class was over there was a lot of commotion as everyone’s parents came to meet them at the door and so it was that the third newcomer started to leave, unspoken to and unnoticed.

Except, Elizabeth noticed. She went over to him and said “Hi, I’m Elizabeth. What is your name?” The newcomer stood very still and watched Elizabeth with his big red bug eyes and said nothing, which made Elizabeth a bit nervous. Then she added “Welcome.”



The third newcomer silently backed out of the room and as Elizabeth watched, he flew away.

She wasn’t sure what to think. It was an odd encounter but she was glad that she had been friendly to the 3rd newcomer. THE END