

A story by Sert

The WDC  
Chapter One

Hi, I'm Militia (Mil-i-sha), But all my friends call me Mili (mill-e). Here in my hometown, Jaffrey, my friends and I from children's church, (Lily, Bennett, Jayden, Eythan, and Carrie) are in a detective club called WDC. That means Warriors Detective Club. Warriors, the name of our children's church, works great with who we all are. We solve mysteries for a God - purpose. The first mystery we solved was when a new family came to church.

I was at church, when a new family came in. I was okay with that. It was quite normal for me. This family was different though. The mother and father were nicely dressed and wore smiles as big as their faces. The son though, who was dressed in street clothes, had an upset look on his face.

When we were dismissed to go to the WARRIOR'S Room, Lily gave me a look that said she saw it too. *Who is this kid?* I thought, as I walked into the room. Margaret was teaching, and she looked ready to go. "Class, this is Moses." Margaret turned to him and asked, "Moses, would you like to introduce yourself?" He nodded, then stepped forward, "My name is Mo. I am six years old and I don't want anyone to go crazy on me, but God drives you into bad times, He does not bring you out. And if you want proof, my family is in a bad time and it's all God's fault!" Everyone was so surprised by what he just said.

"Oh," Margaret's face looked just as surprised as ours, "Well, we don't talk like that here." Mo shrugged then walked to his seat. During the lesson, no one could pay attention. Even Margaret had a hard time keeping focused. Mo had changed our whole experience.

That evening we all met at our club house. Not one of us had cooled from the big speech Mo put on. "What are we going to do?" Carrie asked all of us. "Well, we should each do some sleuthing," Bennett suggested. Jayden's face changed from "whoa" to "what" in 2 seconds as he asked, "You mean like I'd team up with you and try to understand why Mo is like this, right?" Bennett nodded as Eythan repeated Jayden's question, "So I'd team up with..." Lily raised her hand, "Lily...(she said referring to herself and Eythan as a team) and we'd talk to his parents. And Mili would team with Carrie and?"

"Talk to the teachers, look in the Bible... all that stuff." I answered for her while shrugging. "All right," Lily closed the meeting, "We'll meet back here next Sunday."

Carrie and I walked side by side back to my house, where she was sleeping over. "Where should we look first?" Carrie asked as she kicked a stone. "I don't know," I shrugged. "I guess the best place would be the Bible, then prayer, then Margaret." That night when I opened my Bible I let the pages fall. They landed on Exodus. So I decided to check out my favorite story, about Moses parting the Red Sea. *There... Exodus 13:17-22 and chapter 14.* At that moment I realized that that story would help with Mo. I raced down stairs, Carrie was right behind me. I reached up and grabbed the phone book. "Margaret...there!" I typed in the number then waited for an answer. I was so excited that I started to tap my finger impatiently. "What did you find?" Carrie asked as she reached for a glass. "You want some water too?" "Huh?" I wasn't paying attention, when she said it again. I just nodded and kept listening to the endless ring. I almost gave up when, "Hello?" I nearly jumped out of my skin. "This is Margaret, is anyone there?"

"Yea, yes, I'm here." I let the words fall out of my mouth as I went on. "Hi, Margaret, I wanted to share a story I found this next Sunday. It would only take 5 minutes. Could you tell Sue for me?" I sat panting at my end, waiting for an answer. "Well, yea, I guess. That would be fine. And Mili, get a drink of water, you're out of breath. Bye." I hung up, and took the glass Carrie gave me. I'd just have to wait till Sunday.

On Sunday I was nervous. Carrie gave me a pat on the back as we walked into our children's room. "WARRIORS, today Mili has a speech for us." Sue winked at me and sat in her teacher chair. "Last week Margaret told us about Moses, from the Bible. I have a story about him." Mo was sitting right in front of me, making me more nervous than ever. I gulped, "In Exodus 13:17-22 and chapter 14, it's all about God leading the Israelites out of Egypt. God led them by a cloud pillar at day and a fire pillar at night. Then he brought them to the Red Sea. The Israelites hated it. They said, "You brought us here to die. We'd rather be slaves in Egypt than die here. God told Moses to hold his staff over the sea and it will part. Exactly that

happened. Then the Egyptians followed the Israelites through the Red Sea. Moses held out his staff and the water covered the Egyptians."

"That story is all about how God does things to help you. Even though you may be going through bad times, God cares. He never leaves you. He's a pillar of cloud by day and fire by night." Mo didn't say anything. He kept his head down and sat.

At the end of service Mo came up to me, "Mili, is it true... your story?" I nodded. He hesitated then said, "Thank you. And...uh... Jayden told me about WDC, can I join?" I smiled and nodded. This club was going to rock!