



A Story about
Disability and
God's Good Design
for All of Us

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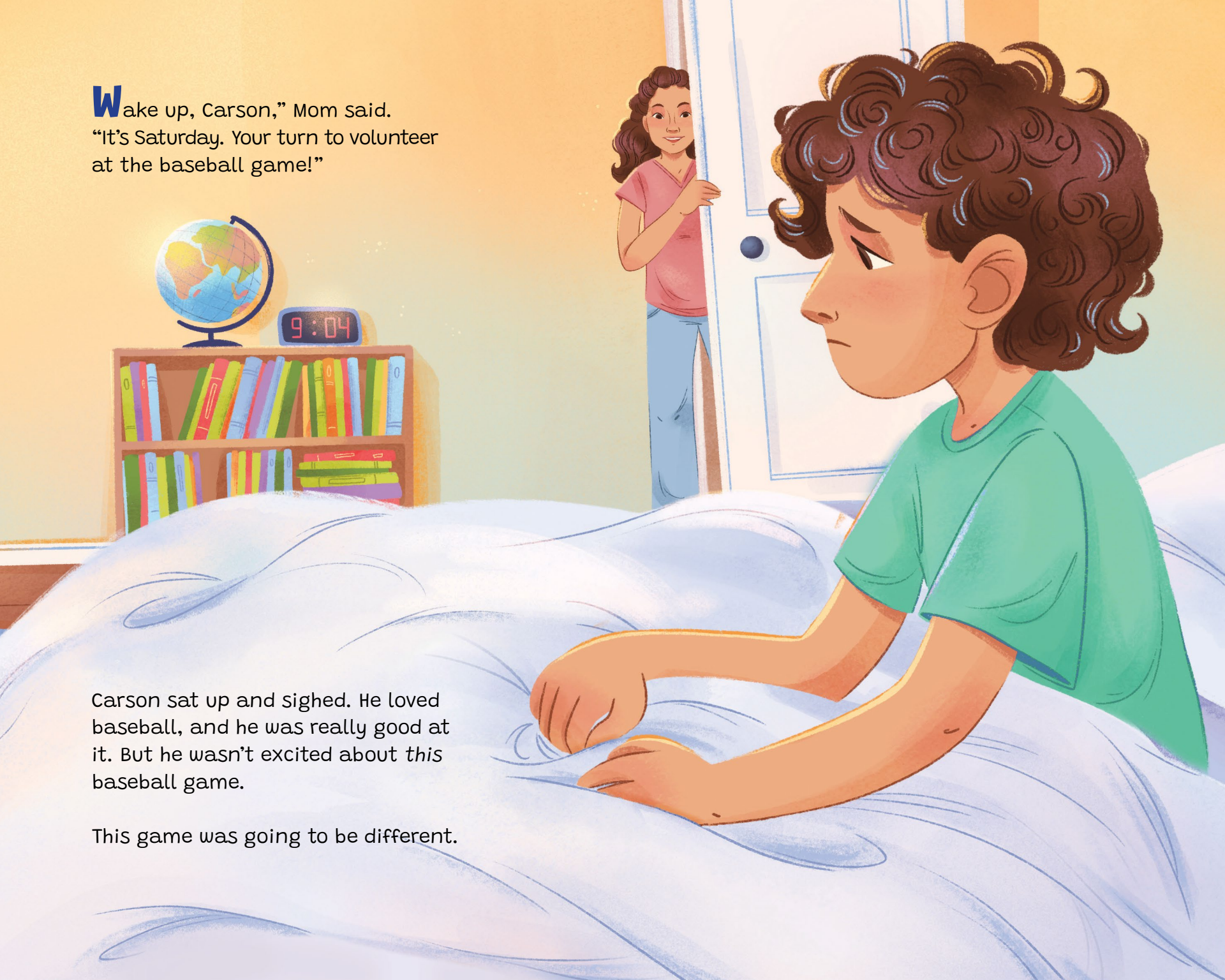
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*For Cannon, the Challengers, and all the Buddies.
God was so kind to bring us all together.
You are the real superstars.*

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Wake up, Carson,” Mom said.
“It’s Saturday. Your turn to volunteer
at the baseball game!”



Carson sat up and sighed. He loved baseball, and he was really good at it. But he wasn’t excited about *this* baseball game.

This game was going to be different.

When Carson and his mom arrived at the field, he saw the other players.



One was in a wheelchair.

A few were flapping their hands up and down.



Another crouched low to the ground,
filling her hat with dirt.

This baseball team wasn't like
Carson's team.



When God's people work
together, we act as the
body of Christ—all of us.

When Carson wakes up one Saturday morning, his mom reminds him it's his day to volunteer at a baseball game. But *this* baseball game is different. It's played between kids with all kinds of abilities.

Based on a real baseball team, this endearing story helps families begin conversations about disabilities, empathy, and God's design for every person. Carson learns that every person is valuable regardless of their abilities and deserves to be treated with dignity, kindness, and respect. It's the best baseball game he's ever played.

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