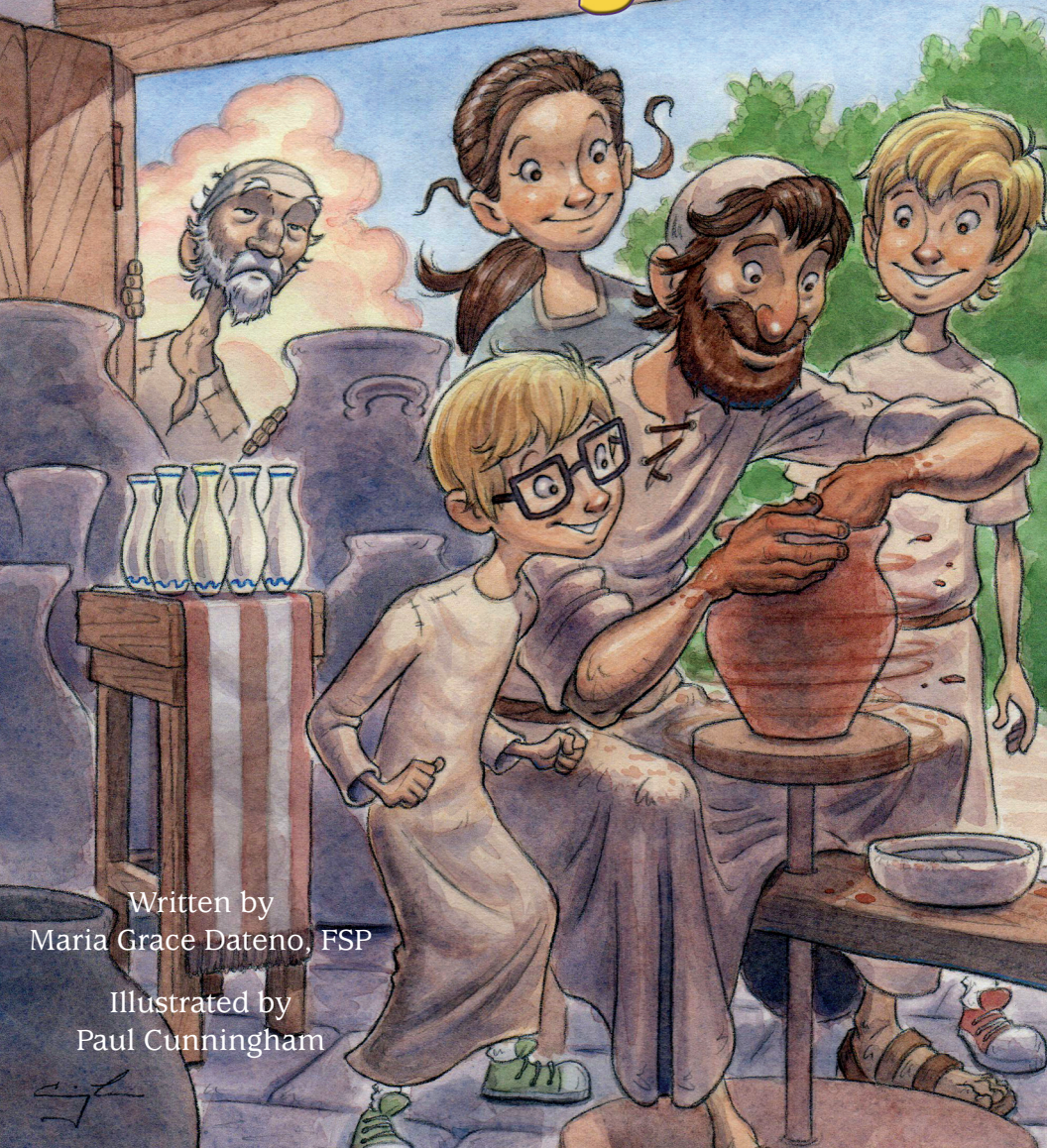


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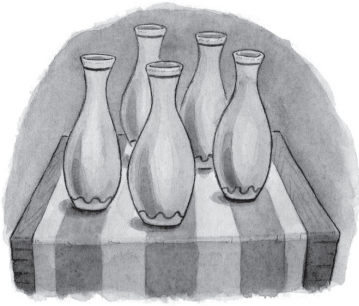


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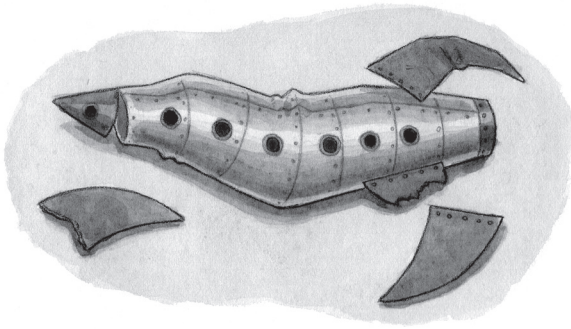
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*To my siblings—
George, Jennie, Elizabeth,
Sarah, and Emily
—and to our childhood memories
(even if only some of us have them).*

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Chapter One



The Smashed Rocket

“It’s not fair!” I yelled as I came into the house.

“Caleb, calm down and tell me what you’re angry about,” Mom said.

“I’m not angry! I’m just so mad that Kevin said he wouldn’t mess up this time and he did.”

“What did he mess up?”

“Our rocket for the Space Adventures Science Fair project! We’ve been working on it for ages. I know we could have won a prize. And now he’s ruined it!”

“Maybe it can be fixed,” said Mom.

“No, it can’t!” I said.

“You didn’t even see it,” said Hannah, as she came in the door behind me. She had been visiting her friend, who was Kevin’s older sister. “Neither did I. I’m just telling you what Kevin’s sister said. It’s in pieces and kind of smashed. But it might not be his fault, Caleb. Their baby sister might have done it.”

“Why do people always blame the youngest one?” asked Noah. He’s six and is the youngest in our family.

“You’re not helping, guys!” I said.

“Well, according to you, there’s nothing anyone can do to help,” said Hannah. “Come on, Noah. Let’s go see if there are any tomatoes that are ripe.”

“What am I going to do, Mom?” I asked, after they had left. “The fair is this Tuesday!”

“The first thing is to wait until you see the damage yourself. It might not be as bad as you think.”

How could “in pieces and kind of smashed” not be as bad as I think! I thought.