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Tornado!

Aria and her family are gathered around the television. They are watching a movie about a tornado.

A tornado is a big funnel of wind. Tornadoes travel over the ground and can move very fast. They can be very destructive, and they damage almost everything they touch.

In the movie Aria and her family are watching, a big tornado comes through a small town. The tornado uproots trees, destroys houses, and harms animals. It even drains a lake! (This part was a little hard to believe.) Anyway, the tornado causes lots of destruction. It is pretty scary, and no one can stop it. It just keeps going and going.

A little girl lives in the small town. The tornado hasn't come near her yet, but it is on its way. The little girl and her family are in danger. The tornado looks like it is going to hit their house. The girl is scared, but she knows she can't let this happen. She must do something to prevent it. She tries to think, but she doesn't know how to stop it.

Then something amazing happens. The little girl builds a kite using tent poles and the sheets from her bed. The kite she makes is giant—it is bigger than her house! She flies the kite into the tornado. The kite is so big that it steals all the wind from the tornado. The tornado dies, and the little girl saves the town.

Then the movie ends.

"Time to brush your teeth," says Aria's dad. "Then it's off to bed, kiddo."

"Dad," Aria says. She is still thinking about the movie. "Can a kite really stop a

tornado?" "No," he says. "But little girls really can do amazing things."

