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Amalia loves going to school and sharing with her friends. She is happy and funny, always telling jokes and laughing with her classmates. Amalia is a great storyteller!
During class fieldtrips, she gets together with her classmates and they enjoy each other’s company all day.
Amalia is organized and considerate, she helps all her classmates in school. George and Claudio wait for her to rehearse the end of the year celebration.
The summer vacation has finally arrived! All her classmates share hugs and are happy that the school year has ended. They start planning an afternoon at Amalia’s house to watch videos. It will be such great fun!
The end of the year class picture!
Days go by and Amalia hasn’t called. How strange! They decide to go to her house to see her, but she doesn’t come out and no one dares to ring the doorbell. What has happened? All her friends return home to enjoy their vacation.
The school year starts! Everyone is happy to see each other, but Amalia hasn’t come back. -I wonder what has happened?- says George.

Knock-knock Amalia is here and she’s late!
Her classmates notice that she has brought a strange new bag with her. -Maybe the bag un has a gift she wants to give to us!- imagines Claudio -Do you think it will be her favorite toy?- George tells his classmates.
Later in class, it is reading time, but Amalia reaches into her bag and takes out a snack. All wonder why she is eating during class time? I know, maybe she is hungry after the play time! - guesses George.
When play time arrives, Amalia disappears like a ghost. She goes everywhere with the mysterious bag she brought to class.

-This time I am going to go with her and ask her what is going on -decides George.
George is astonished at what he finds! Amalia has gone to the Teachers’ Lounge.
Amalia! -shouts George.
What is wrong?
Are you feeling bad?
A malia tells George that she is not sick. During the summer vacation she was told that she has Type 1 diabetes.
George listens carefully, and begins to think for a moment.

Suddenly he shouts -Ahh, but my cousin has Type 1 diabetes!, and she is just like all the rest of us. Today I am going to arrange for you to meet her.

A big smile begins to spread across Amalia’s face.
Amalia went home and told her mom what had happened. Shortly after, the doorbell rings and George is at the door with his cousin Antonia and his aunt that have come to meet.
Hi Amalia!, I have had diabetes for three years and I can do all the activities that all my classmates can do! -Antonia tells Amalia.
The two mothers begin to talk about the importance of following the doctor’s instructions and participating in all the available educational activities with other children with their condition.
The next day, Amalia and her teacher explain to her classmates that she has diabetes.

I am not sick but I have to measure my blood sugar level, inject myself with insulin, and be careful what I eat.

Everyone listens to Amalia and start to ask questions. What a relief for Amalia!
The school bell rings and everyone goes out to recess to play. Amalia is once again happy and playful just like she always was.
Classes end and Amalia leaves laughing and joking with her classmates. Then they all begin organizing a birthday party for Claudio!