



How Katie Got a Voice (and a cool new nickname) is a story of challenge, triumph, and acceptance. The students and teachers of Cherry Street School all have nicknames that celebrate their differences. But the new girl, Katie, is really different. She can't walk. She can't talk. It seems like she can't do anything! So how can the other students involve her in their activities? And how can they give her a nickname?

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