

Greta Wohlfeld: My name is Greta Wohlfeld. I'm almost ten.

Jena Heath: Tell me a little bit about what you like to do. Tell me a little bit about your school. Is that okay?

Greta: I like to play volleyball and drawing. I go to St. Bernard's.

Jena: You're in the fourth grade?

Greta: Mm-hmm.

Jena: Do you do any activities that are involved with being adopted from China like FCC Camp or any of the holiday stuff, Chinese New Year or the Harvest Festival? Do you and your family do stuff like that?

Greta: I used to be in a Girl Scouts group with a bunch of people adopted from China. I do celebrate Chinese New Year with my friend.

Jena: That's cool. Is your friend also Chinese?

Greta: Yeah. We are adopted around the same place.

Jena: Really? That's fun. Does your friend live here in Dallas?

Greta: Yeah.

Jena: Your friend who was adopted at the same place, what place is that? Where are you from in China?

Greta: Jiangxi.

Jena: Jiangxi Province. How old were you when you came home?

Greta: Ten months old.

Jena: Do you remember anything about back then? Ten months is pretty young.

Greta: Not really.

Jena: Tell me what you know. What do you know about where you're from in China and about your story of how you came to be part of your family.

Greta: I don't really know a lot about that.

Jena: What have your parents told you?

Greta: They told me that when I was little, I used to pet all the animals on the streets.

Jena: In China, or here?

Greta: Both.

Jena: Did they tell you whether you were in an orphanage or were you with a foster family?

Greta: They told me that I was in an orphanage.

Jena: Did they tell you anything about what it was like to go to China to adopt you?

Greta: Not really.

Jena: Are you curious?

Greta: Kind of.

Jena: What are you curious about when you think about it? What goes through your head when you do think about it and you feel curious?

Greta: What China was like.

Jena: Would you like to visit China sometime?

Greta: Mm-hmm. Me and my friend might go to China someday when we get older.

Jena: Cool. Is there anything particular you would like to do when you go to China or anywhere you'd like to visit in China that you know about?

Greta: Not really.

Jena: Do you know anything at all about your birth family or your birth parents?

Greta: No.

Jena: Do you ever ask your mom and dad about that?

Greta: No.

Jena: Do you ever wonder about it?

Greta: Sometimes.

Jena: What is it like when you wonder about it? Are those times when you're alone? Do you and your friend, who's also from Jiangxi -- is she also from Jiangxi Province?

Greta: Mm-hmm.

Jena: Do you talk about that at all?

Greta: Not really. Sometimes at school my friends ask me, "Where are you from?"

Jena: What's that like when they ask you that question? How do you feel about being asked that question by other kids?

Greta: It's kind of weird because I don't really know.

Jena: Does it feel weird because it's like they're asking you a personal question that you don't have an answer to?

Greta: Yeah, kind of.

Jena: What do you say when they ask you?

Greta: Sometimes I change the subject.

Jena: Do they stop when you change the subject?

Greta: No. I just start talking about whatever.

Jena: About something else? Does it make you uncomfortable when they ask you and you have to change the subject?

Greta: Sort of, not really.

Jena: Do you feel like maybe it would help if you had a script in your head you could use when they ask you that question, to get them to stop?

Greta: Maybe. I don't really think about that much.

Jena: What is it that you would like to tell other kids about being adopted and about being Chinese? Is there anything like if you could give advice to other kids and even grown-ups that it would be helpful for them to know, that might help you and other kids who are adopted from China if they knew?

Greta: No, not really.