AVA TRAVELS™ Kids



Ava Meets the Pilot

A gentle story about saying hello, asking a question, and a special airplane sticker.



A hello at the door

The airplane was parked at the gate. Ava and Mom stepped inside. A flight attendant smiled. “Welcome aboard!” Ava looked toward the small room at the front. “Who sits there?” she asked.



Can we say hello?

“That is where the pilots work,” the flight attendant said. Mom asked if there was time to say hello. The flight attendant checked. “Today there is,” she said. Ava stayed with Mom.



Meet the pilot

A pilot came to the doorway. “Hello, Ava. I’m Captain Maya.” Ava held Wings. “Do you fly the airplane?” she asked. “Yes. The other pilot and I work together,” Captain Maya said.



Looking from the doorway

Ava saw screens and many buttons. She looked from the doorway with Mom. She did not touch the controls. “There is a lot to check before we fly,” the pilot said. Ava listened.



A little airplane sticker

“Would you like an airplane sticker?” Captain Maya asked. Ava smiled. “Yes, please!” The pilot handed her a small sticker. Ava could take it, or she could say no. It was her choice.



A wave is okay too

“Thank you,” Ava said softly. Captain Maya waved. Ava waved back. She did not have to shake hands or give a hug. Mom stayed close. “We will let the pilots get ready now,” she said.



Back to our seats

Ava and Mom found their row. They put their things away and buckled their seat belts. Mom helped Ava put the sticker on her picture-plan folder. Wings rested in Ava’s lap.



A special hello

“I met a pilot!” Ava said. “And she knew lots about airplanes.” Mom smiled. “Today the crew had time for a hello. On another flight, they might be busy.” Ava looked at her sticker. She was ready to listen to the safety instructions.

I can ask a question. I can say hello in my own way.

For grown-ups

A crew greeting, cockpit look, or sticker is never guaranteed. Ask the flight attendant and follow crew directions. This visit takes place while the aircraft is parked before departure, with Mom present and without touching controls.