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It's no secret that almost every student looks forward to summer vacation, especially for little Jason Edwards. Ever since he started his first day of 4th grade, Jason has been looking forward to the day of seeing his older brother Kevin for the summer. Kevin is a college student who studies abroad at Florida International University and was coming home from Israel for the summer.

On the day of his flight, Kevin woke up with symptoms of a running nose and cough, but he just thought it was a regular cold. It was common for Kevin to get sick more than usual, especially since he was always traveling to new environments. Although Kevin was used to his bodily changes, this change was different and happening fast! His symptoms went from just a cough and runny nose to sore throat and inflamed eyes, which had never happened before at no point in his new travel life. Though he felt feeble, he continued to push through to surprise his younger brother back home. Once Kevin made it to the airport, he felt so bad at that point he decided to google his symptoms. After researching and reading, he wondered if his symptoms could be a red flag for the Measles virus after all he had never been vaccinated. To be sure, Kevin made it his priority to visit his childhood doctor before making self-diagnostics and he wanted to be sure not to infect his younger brother.

After almost 14 hours on an airplane, Kevin had finally arrived at his destination, which was in Miami, Florida. At the airport were his mom and younger brother Jason waiting in front of his terminal to pick him up. This worried Kevin because whatever he had or thought he had; he didn't want to give it to either of his family members. Within the first look, Kevin's mom knew something wasn't right and instead of waiting for a doctor's appointment, she took straight to the emergency room. Moments after getting checked in, tests, and blood cultures the doctor had diagnosed Kevin with a case of Rubeola, which is just another word for Measles. Kevin was instructed to drink plenty of fluids, anti-inflammatory medicines, rest, and vitamins. The doctor had also mentioned that Kevin might've caught the virus while in Israel since there had been a bad outbreak for weeks. Although everything was taken care of before it had gotten worse, Kevin was still concerned that his family would catch the virus, especially his younger brother. He knew that Jason also didn't receive any vaccines for that year and knew that the symptoms could be very dangerous for children.

The next day, Kevin woke up feeling a lot better but was still worried about his little brother. After hearing coughing coming from Jason's room, he decided to check on him and with just one glance Kevin's fear became reality. Little Jason's shared similar symptoms of having the Measles virus but this included red spots inside of his mouth. He and his mom knew it was time to go back to the hospital again to get treatment.