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Dad said, "Well, this year we are going on a trip." The girls looked at each other in surprise. "Where?" they asked at once. "Well," said Dad, "we are going to Disneyland!" The two girls jumped up and down with joy. They were so excited! They had never been to Disneyland before. "Also," Dad added, "we are flying on an airplane to get to Disneyland." The girls stopped jumping around and looked at their dad. "Dad," said Karen, "we've never been on an airplane before." "Yeah," said Kristina, "what is it like to fly on an airplane?" Dad sat the two girls down and told them all about flying on an airplane. The girls were excited but also scared about the airplane trip.

The next week Kristina and Karen stood with Mom and Dad at the airport and waited to get on the plane. They both were scared and held onto each other's hands. When they got on the plane, the pilot was standing at the cabin door and talking to people as they got on the plane. When the two girls got on the plane, the pilot said "Hi." Kristina and Karen shook the pilot's hand. Kristina said, "I'm scared to fly in this airplane." "Don't be afraid," said the pilot. "I'm flying this plane and I'll be very careful." Both the girls felt a little better then.

It was time for the plane to take off. The plane rolled down the runway, going faster as it went. Suddenly the plane was up in the air.

Up and up the airplane climbed, far up into the sky. The girls both had their eyes closed and were holding on tight to the seat. "You can open your eyes now, girls," said Mom, "because we're up in the air." Kristina and Karen slowly opened their eyes and looked out the window.

Far below, they could see houses and cars. The houses looked like tiny, toy houses and the cars like tiny, toy cars. "Why, this is fun," said Kristina. "Yes," said Karen, "we are way up in the sky." The sky was so blue and they felt like they could see forever. The girls were not afraid of flying anymore. Now they were really looking forward to their trip to Disneyland.

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