You’re Not In Kansas Anymore

Take Your Daughter to Work Day. It’s the first year Mariah gets to go to this. She’s isn’t quite sure about all the specifics of what her dad does, but he often comes home with powdered sugar on his tie, so she knows there are donuts involved. Even if shadowing him gets boring, she gets to skip school for an entire day with no homework.

After a meeting at his office (where she immediately spied the powdered donuts), Mariah, her dad, and one of his coworkers Alejandra drove to a part of the city Mariah had never seen. It was like being in a foreign country: store signs were in different languages and the scents blowing out of restaurants didn’t smell like the fast-food chains where she lived. On the crowded sidewalks, it was confusing to hear so many voices speaking words she didn’t recognize.

Over the next few hours, they went to several homes and met many nice people. Mariah was surprised at how comfortable her dad seemed, greeting people in phrases she didn’t understand. Her dad could speak other languages? She didn’t know this! The woman with them was translating longer conversations. Her dad wrote things down on official-looking files. She guessed it was important for people to hear things in their own language, whatever her dad was saying.

I wonder...

• If you can feel the Spirit being poured out on you.
• What it was like to suddenly speak a new language.
• What the people said about God’s deeds of power.