



It was Sunday, May 22, 2011. Before the day was over, much of the city of Joplin, Missouri, would be in ruins. One hundred sixty-one people would be dead and more than one thousand injured.

But earlier that Sunday, what Ethan and Bennett Satterlee were thinking about was a birthday party. It was Bennett's eleventh birthday, and both boys were excited for an afternoon pool party at their grandparents' house. That morning after church, their mom, Shannon, had baked Bennett's favorite vanilla cake. Bennett and seven-year-old Ethan had taken heaping spoonfuls of