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Gender roles are presented to children at an early age. When a child reads about and sees dads going to the office or working outside the house, or moms cooking, cleaning, and looking after children, they start believing that certain jobs have to be “mom” or “dad” jobs.

In celebration of Father’s Day this month, we talk about many things that dads do with their children. They take on the responsibility of feeding their children like in the poem “When Daddy Feeds the Baby” on page 4. They take trips and leave children in a grandparent’s care like in “Not the Same” on pages 20–23. And they work together with moms in doing housework like in our story “Meera and Kiran Celebrate Father’s Day” on pages 26–29.

While reading these stories, play a game and ask your child what job each person in the family performs. And if you feel that a job has been assigned a gender in the child’s mind, then gently remind them that anybody can do any job.

Sincerely,



Richa Shah, Managing Editor
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- promoting reasoning, problem solving, and creative self-expression;
- fostering a love of language and a rich vocabulary;
- and inspiring them to be kind, to get along with others, and to grow in self-confidence.

Think Green!

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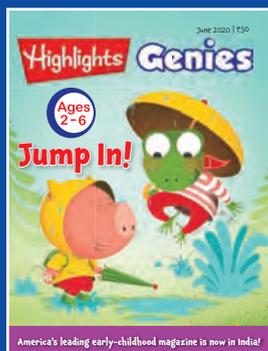
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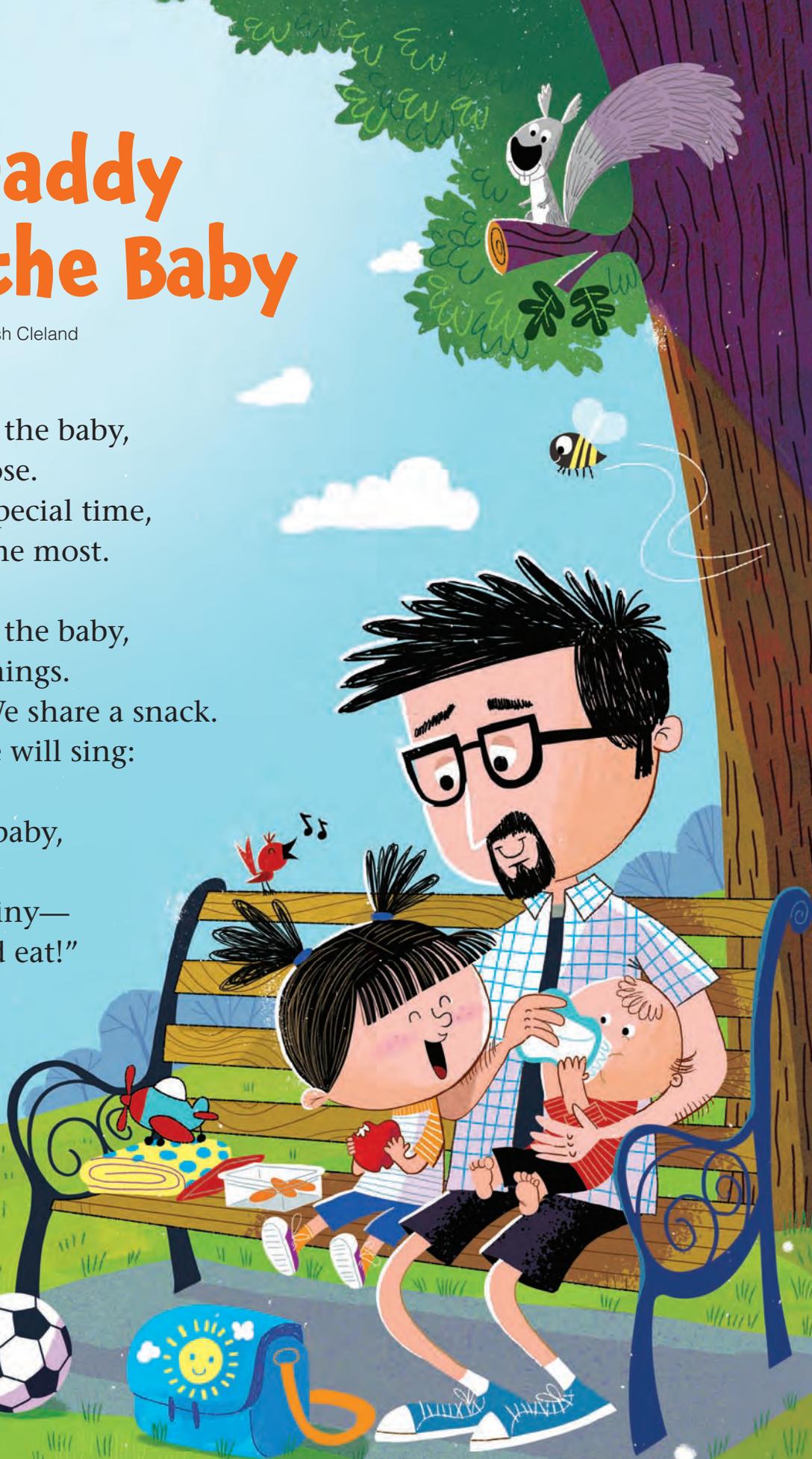
When Daddy Feeds the Baby

By Marcy Campbell • Art by Josh Cleland

When Daddy feeds the baby,
I snuggle in real close.
He says that it's a special time,
the time he loves the most.

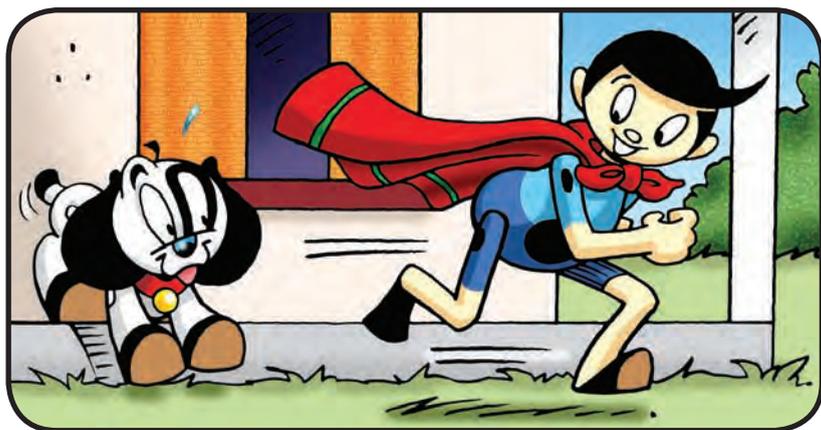
When Daddy feeds the baby,
we do all sorts of things.
We talk and talk. We share a snack.
And sometimes, we will sing:

"Oh, hungry little baby,
with tiny little feet,
your tummy isn't tiny—
you eat and eat and eat!"

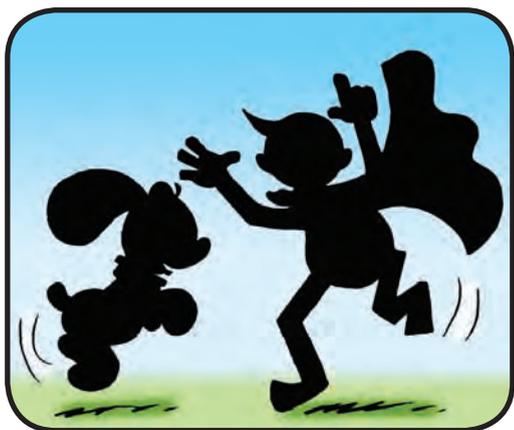


The Adventures of Spot

By Marileta Robinson • Art by Ron Zalme



"Come on, Spot!" says Tommy.



Spot and Tommy play.



But something is missing.



"Stay here," says Tommy.



"You need a cape too!"



On to new adventures!

Thank the Worms

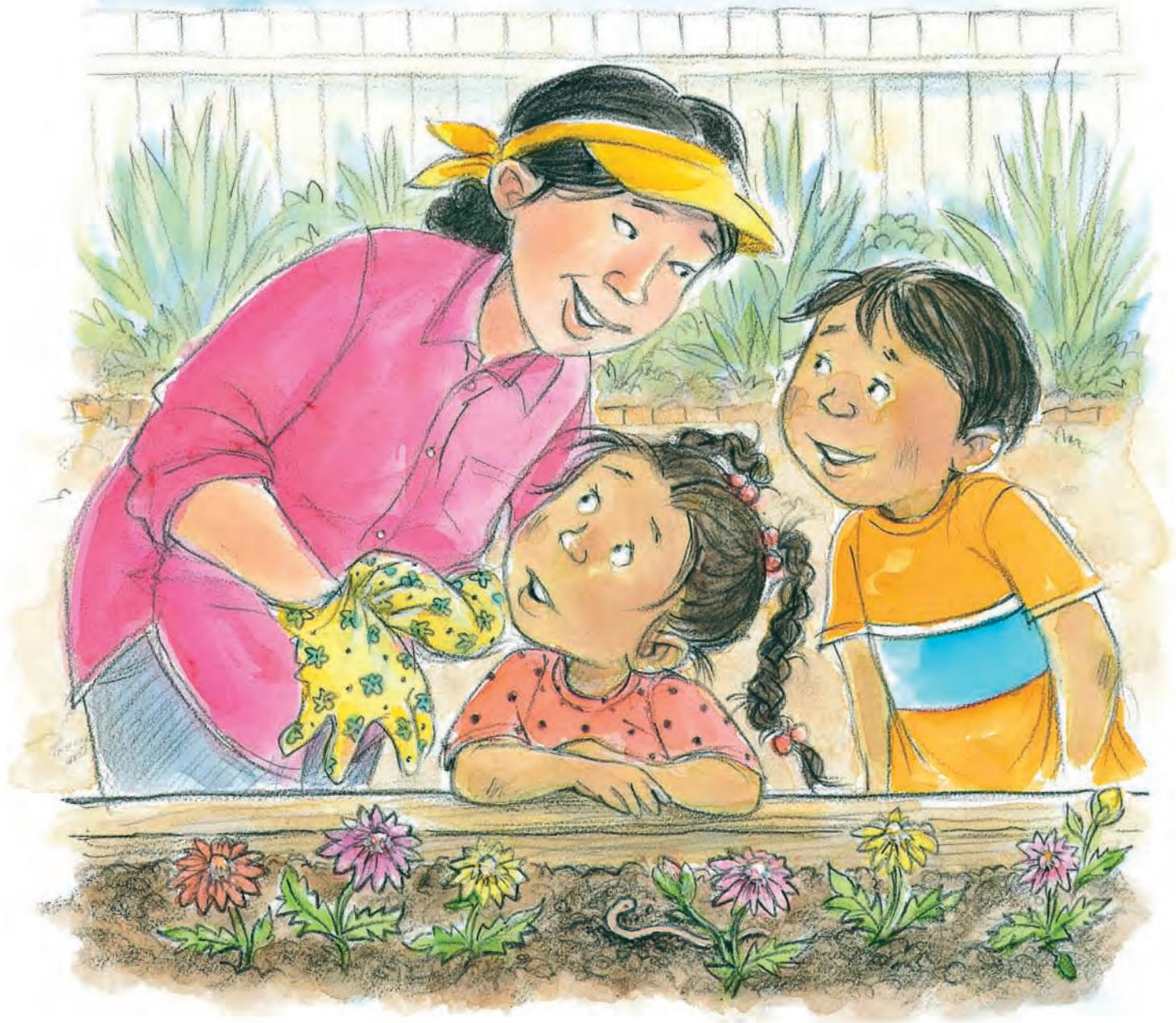


By Lissa Rovetch • Art by Amy Wummer



Tex and Indi were helping Mrs. Lee, their neighbor, in her garden.

“Wow, I just found a big worm,” said Indi. “Should I put it in the grass?”



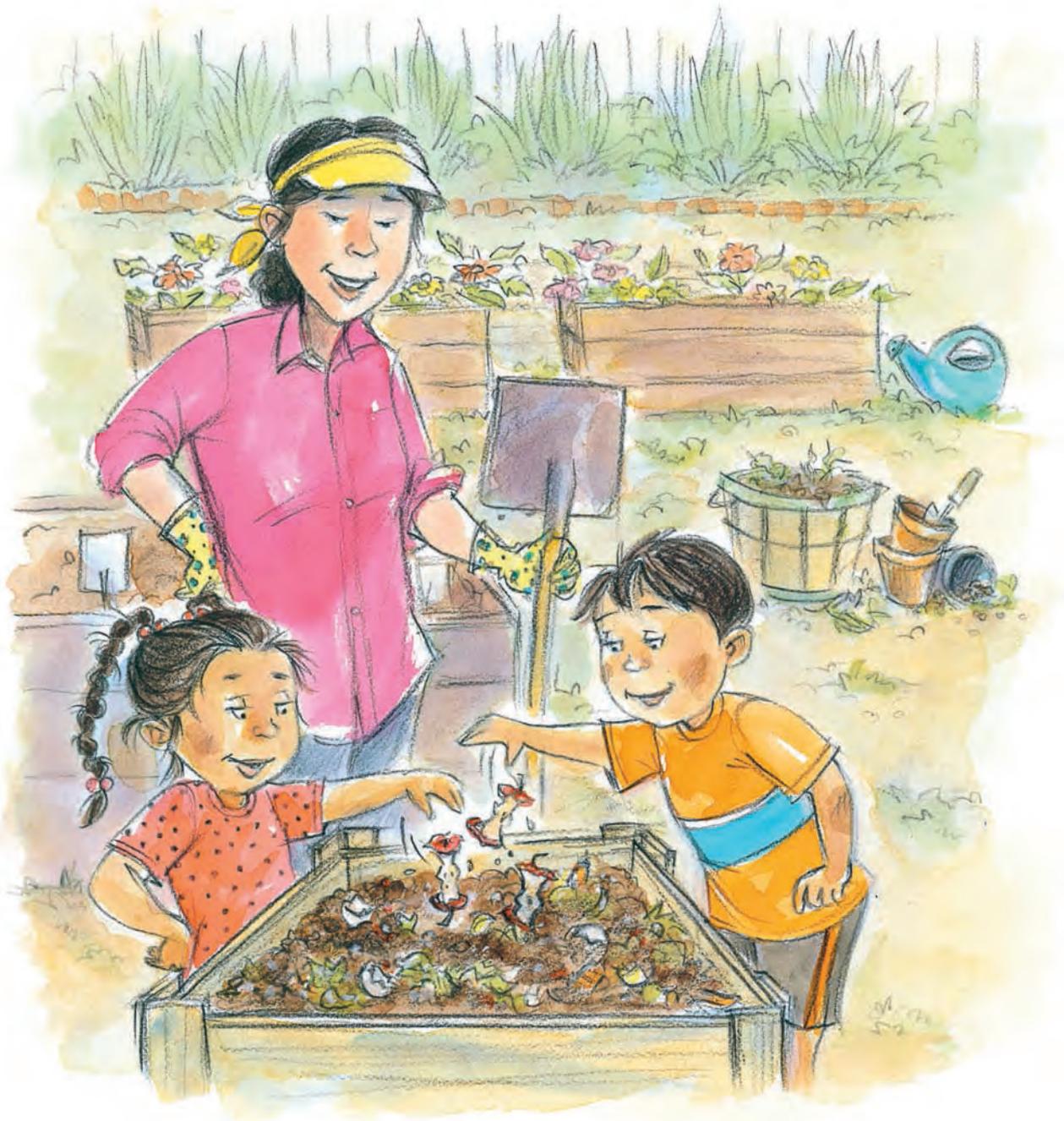
“No need,” said Mrs. Lee. “Happy worms mean happy gardens!”

“Really?” asked Indi.

“Really and truly,” said Mrs. Lee. “And do you know what makes a worm extra happy?”

“A worm friend to play with?” asked Tex.

“Well, yes.” Mrs. Lee laughed. “And also, food scraps.”



“You can put the apples we ate earlier into the compost bin,” said Mrs. Lee.

Tex and Indi tossed their apple cores inside.

“The worms eat the raw fruits and veggies and dead leaves and help make compost,” Mrs. Lee explained.

“Compost is dark soil that has good food for plants. It helps my flowers grow big and beautiful.”



At the end of the day, Mrs. Lee sent Tex and Indi home with a surprise.

“Wow!” said Mom. “Thank you for these fantastic flowers.”

“You shouldn’t thank us,” said Indi.

“Right.” Tex grinned. “You should thank the worms.” 

Air Show

By Charles Ghigna

In and out
among the clouds
the jets
go zooming by.
They play a game
of hide-and-streak
across
the summer sky.

My First Hidden Pictures Puzzle

Find these objects hidden
in the big picture.



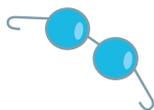
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Cherry



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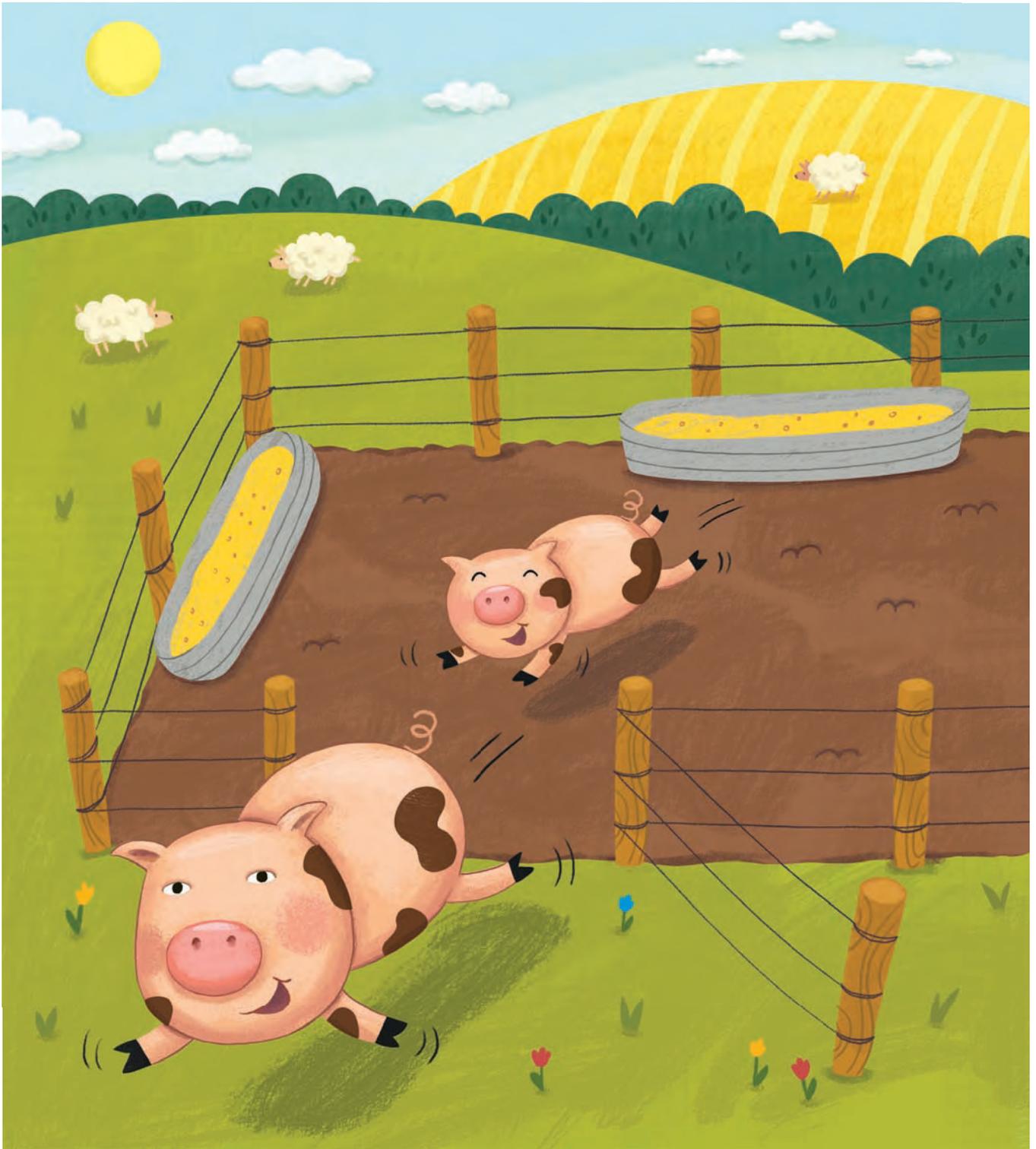
Art by Rob McClurkan

Piggies All Day

By B.J. Lee • Art by Julissa Mora



One playful piggy, short and stout,
digs in the straw with his pink little snout.



Two restless piggies rumble in the sty.
Open the gate and out they fly.



Three jolly piggies land with a thud,
jumping with joy in a puddle of mud.



Four pudgy piggies munch and crunch,
gobbling the corn
Farmer scatters for lunch.



Such sleepy piggies doze in the hay.
Piggies must rest so they can play another day. 🐷

Puddle Jumping.....



How are these pictures the same?



How are they different?

Not the Same

By Alyson Greene • Art by Marta Álvarez



Suman helped her dad roll his suitcase to the door.

“I’ll be back tomorrow afternoon,” Dad said.

“Who will give me a bath? And read me a bedtime story? And make pancakes in the morning?” asked Suman.

“Grandma will,” said Dad.

“I know,” said Suman,
“but it won’t be the same.”

“I bet you’ll like
Grandma’s ways too,”
said Dad, giving Suman
a squeeze.



It was not the same. At
bath time, Grandma used a
lot of soap.

But the extra bubbles
made a perfect sudsy beard.



At bedtime, Grandma read the book with different voices.

But she read Suman's favorite part over and over again.

At breakfast, Grandma's pancakes weren't circles.

But she let Suman add lots of blueberries to her pancakes.





When Dad came home, Suman jumped into his arms.

“How’d it go?” he asked.

“Great! Grandma doesn’t do things the same,” said Suman, “and I like her way too.” 🇮🇳

Sparkling Maps

By Robin Blasberg
Art by Carmen Saldana

Constellations
in the sky.
Sparkling figures
way up high.

Navigators
long ago
used these patterned
stars to know

their position
in the night,
the way toward home
etched in light.

What
do you
see in
the sky?





A navigator is a person who uses a map to figure out how to get from one place to another.

How do you figure out where to go?

Meera and Kiran Celebrate Father's Day

By Melissa Fernandes • Art by Sonal



Meera and Kiran



Meera and Kiran were playing ludo.

"I am going to win," said Meera.

"I still think I can beat you this time," said Kiran, not losing hope.

Meera rolled the die and moved her piece to the home box.



“Hurray! Now I get to decide what we do for Father’s Day!” she said.

“Okay, but no breakfast like last year,” Kiran said, remembering the burnt toast.

“Let’s invite Papa to a play about him,” said Meera.

“That does sound fun!” replied Kiran.

“Ma, we are making a play about Papa today. Can you please lend us two shirts and neckties?” asked Kiran.

Ma gave them each a shirt and tie.



Meera and Kiran made a hand-drawn invitation for Papa and slipped it under the door.



They ran back to their room, put on the shirts and neckties, and combed their hair like Papa's. They took two long scarves and wore them as capes.

As soon as Ma and Papa sat on the sofa, they came flying in.

“Our show is called ‘Papa—Our Superman’!”





“Papa cooks yummy food. He makes up games, oh so good!”
said Meera

“He vacuums the house spick and span—Papa is our
superman!” Kiran made a sweeping sound.

“He helps Ma every time. He also taught us to rhyme,” said
Meera.

“Thank you for making us laugh every day! We wish you a
Happy Father’s Day!” said Kiran.

Papa hugged Meera and Kiran, thanking them for their
wonderful performance. 🍷

Cheese Bites

By Batter Together

You need

- 150 gram grated cheese
- 50 gram soft butter
- 100 gram all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp mixed herbs (oregano, parsley, basil, and thyme)
- Sesame seeds
- Cling wrap
- Parchment paper



2 Add all the ingredients into the bowl with the flour.



3 Adult: Blend all the ingredients in a mixer.



4 Once blended, roll it into a ball. Cover it with cling wrap and freeze it for 15 minutes.

1 Sift the flour in a large bowl.

Adult: Preheat oven for 30 minutes at 190°C.





5 Roll the dough using a rolling pin to half centimeter thickness.



6 Use a cookie cutter and cut shapes. Repeat the same with the rest of the dough.



7 Place the cheese bites onto a baking tray, lined with parchment paper. Sprinkle sesame seeds on them.

8 Bake them for 10 to 12 minutes until golden brown. Enjoy!



Rainbow

Play music and wave your ribbon dancer to the beat!

You Need

- Scissors
- Ribbon
- Canning jar lid

Ribbon Dancer

By Valerie Deneen • Photos by Jim Filipski, Guy Cali Associates, Inc.



1. Cut 6 pieces of ribbon as tall as you are.



2. Fold a ribbon in half.



3. Wrap the folded ribbon around the ring of the canning jar lid.



4. Pull the tail ends through the loop to tighten, as shown.



5. Tie the other ribbons to the ring.

You Need

- White cotton T-shirt
- Cardboard
- Masking tape
- Foam brush or sponge
- Fabric paint

Tape It,



How will you decorate your shirt?



Adult: Wash and dry a T-shirt. Slip the cardboard inside the shirt and place it on a covered surface.

- 1.** Put tape on the shirt in a design or pattern, making sure to smooth down the edges of the tape.

Paint It T-Shirt

By Lindy North • Photos by Jim Filipski, Guy Cali Associates, Inc.

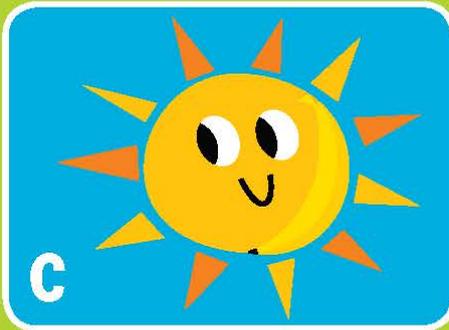


- 2.** Dip the brush into the paint, and dab it on the T-shirt. Repeat until paint covers the tape design. Let dry for at least 8 hours.



- 3.** Carefully peel off the tape to reveal the design.

Can you find
the sleeping
chipmunk?



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