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From a poem about pretending to be an astronaut to a nonfiction activity about studying the Moon, this issue includes some engaging ideas for exploring and talking about outer space. Before you begin, ask your child what he or she already knows about the Moon, sky, or planets. Then you can build on what your child already knows so that you can have a deeper conversation.

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Sincerely,

Meghan Dombrink-Green, Editor

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Abigail, age 5, from Virginia reads through her mini-book "Bea and Lop" (March 2017).



Inspired by the "Fall Find It" activity from our October 2017 issue, Breena, age 4, from Maryland makes art with the leaves she collected.

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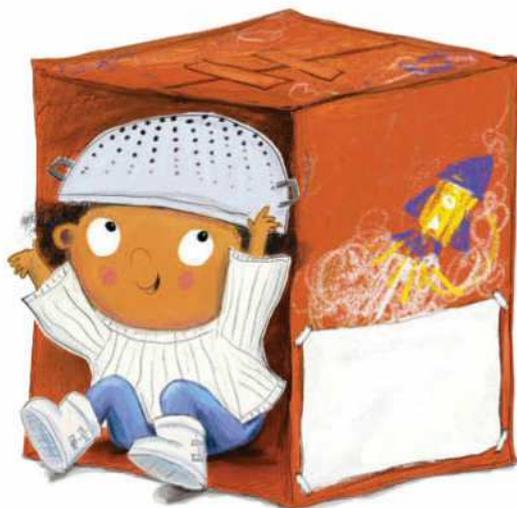
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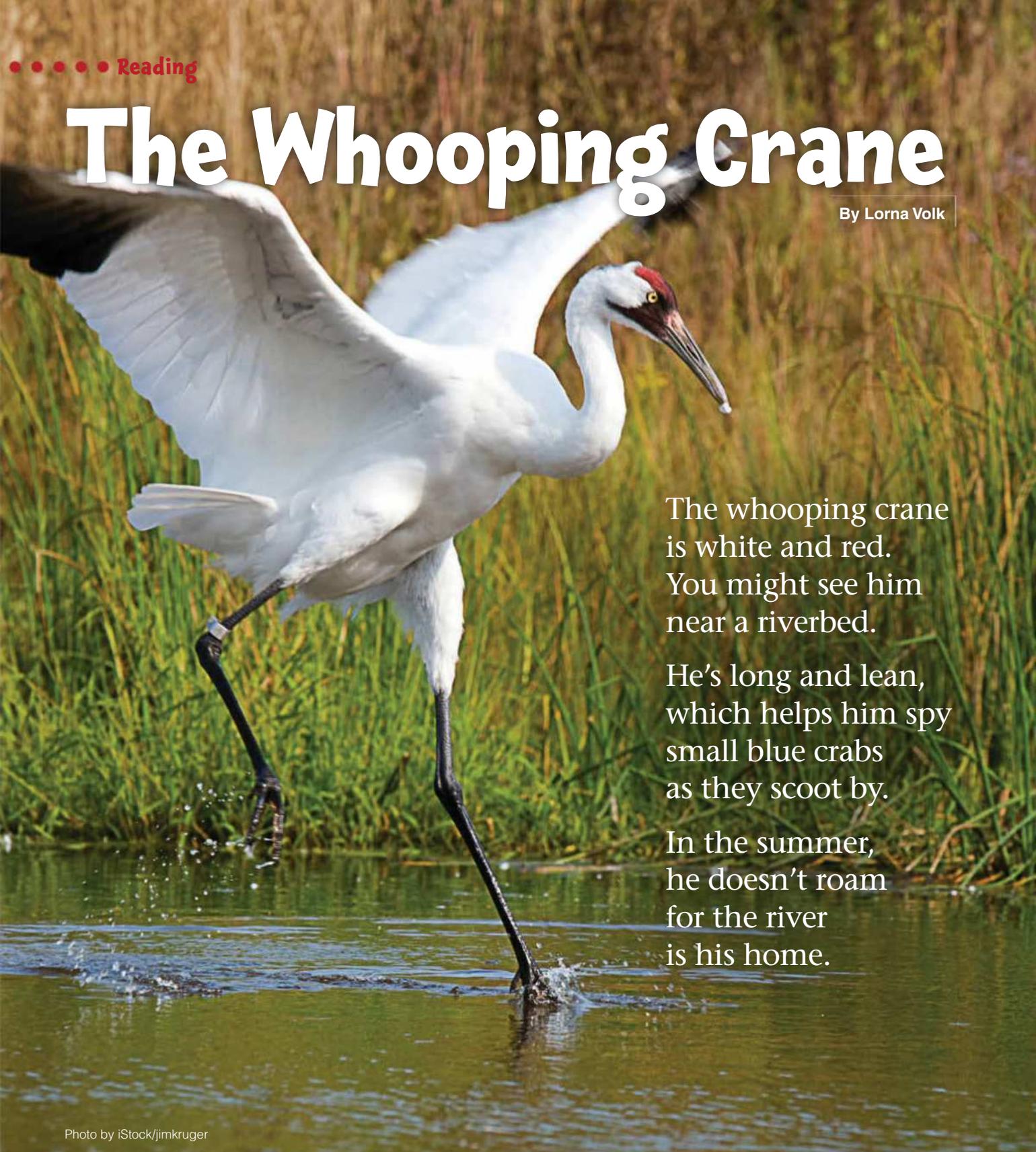
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The Whooping Crane

By Lorna Volk

A photograph of a whooping crane in flight over a body of water. The crane is white with a distinctive red patch on its forehead and a long, dark beak. Its wings are spread wide, showing dark feathers on the underside. The background consists of tall, green grasses and reeds.

The whooping crane
is white and red.
You might see him
near a riverbed.

He's long and lean,
which helps him spy
small blue crabs
as they scoot by.

In the summer,
he doesn't roam
for the river
is his home.

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**In the summer, the whooping crane lives near river flats.
Then it migrates south to nest near marshes in the winter.**

The Adventures of Spot

By Marileta Robinson • Art by Ron Zalme



Spot finds a stick. It's a perfect stick!



How will Spot get it home?



Not this way.



Not that way.



That's the way, Spot!

Working Together

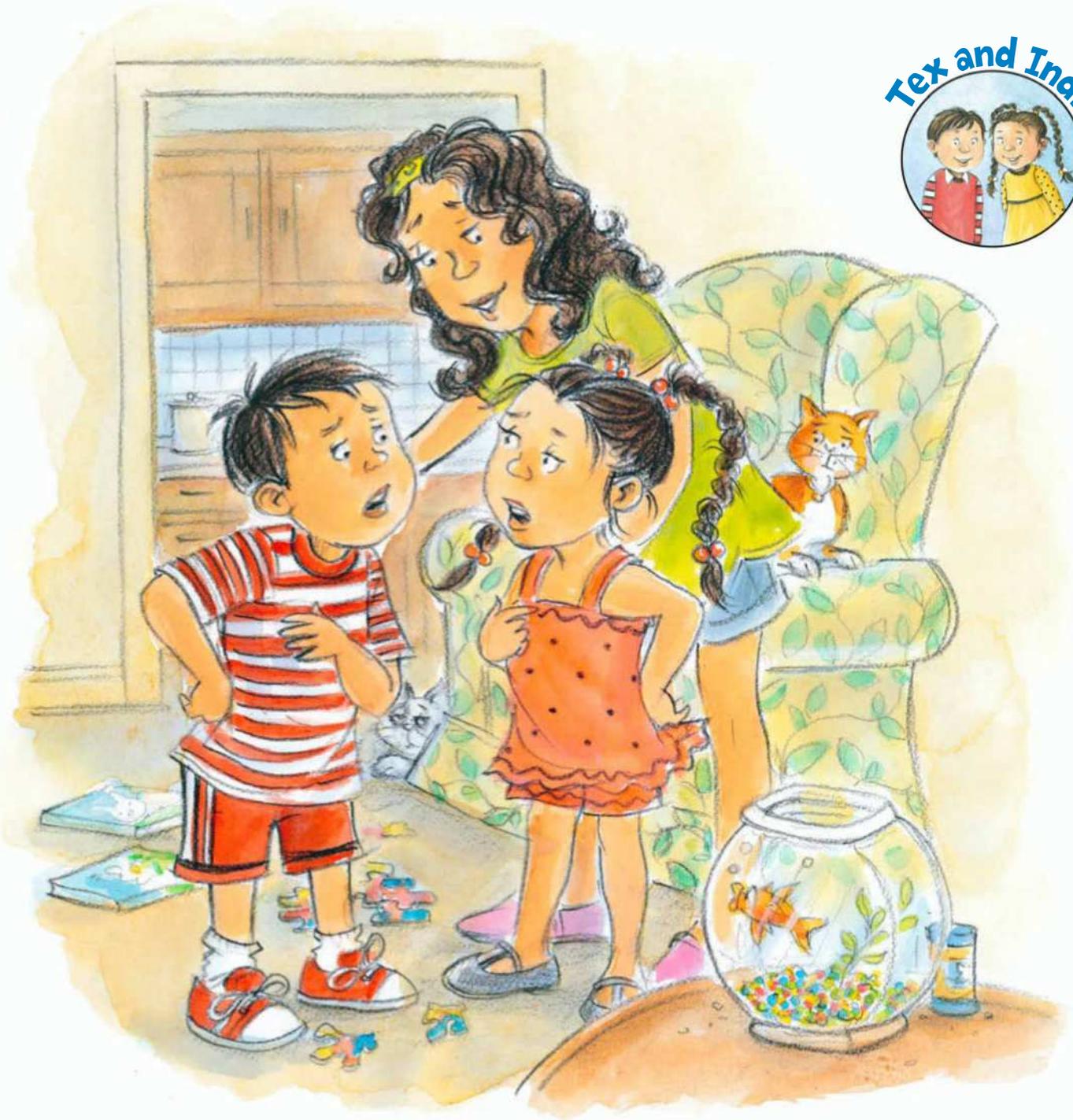
By Lissa Rovetch
Art by Amy Wummer



“Dad’s birthday is tomorrow,” said Tex and Indi’s big sister, Arizona. “Do you want to help me make him a super-special birthday card?”

“Or what if we make him a super-special birthday breakfast?” said Tex.

“No, let’s make up a super-special birthday song,” said Indi.

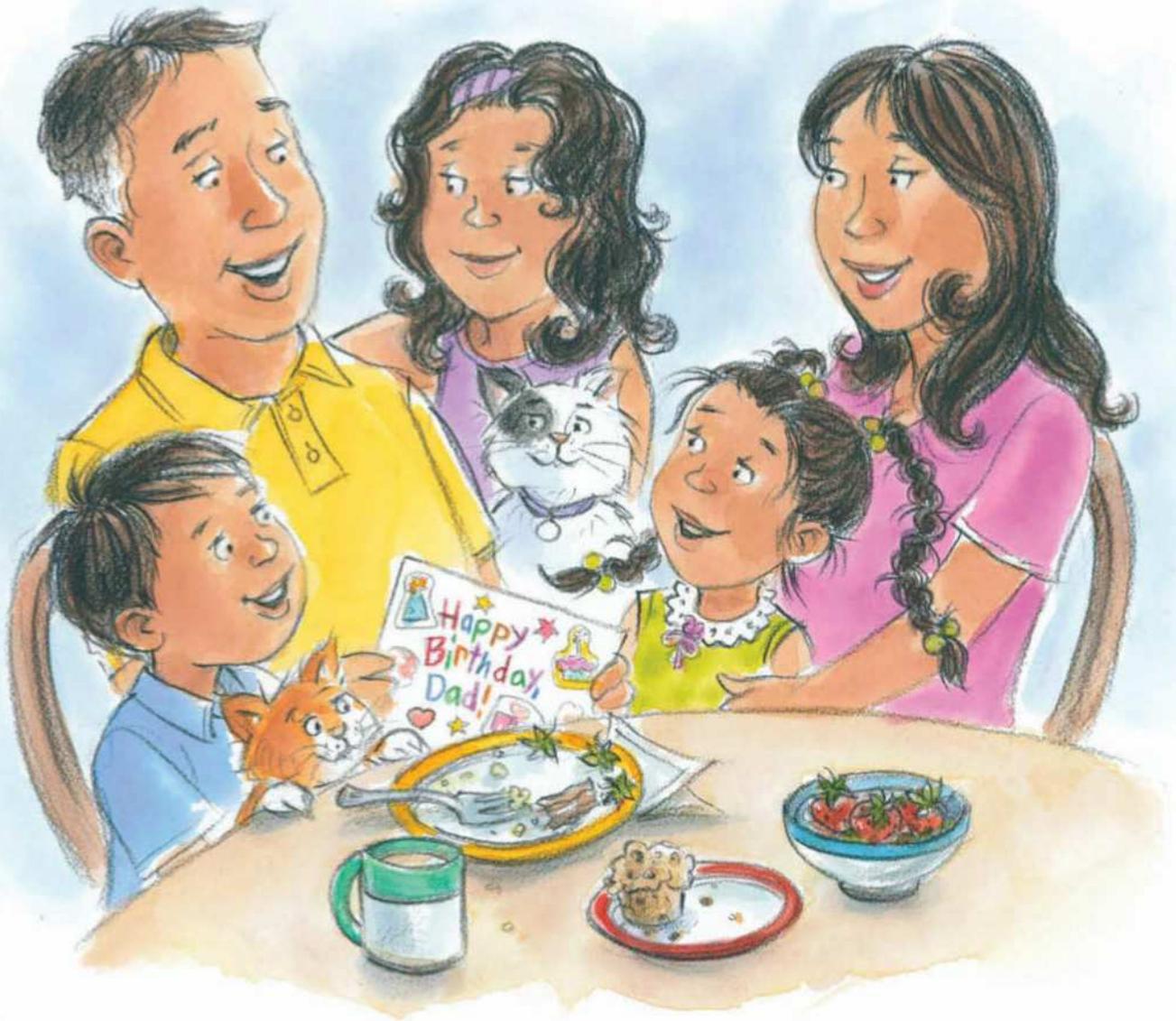


“We always do your ideas,” said Tex to Indi.
“We never do my ideas.”
“No, we always do your ideas,” said Indi.
“We never do my ideas.”
“You two are being silly gooses,” said Arizona.
“If we work together, we can do all of our ideas.”

The twins and Arizona gathered paper, markers, and stickers from the craft box and made a super-special birthday card.



Then they worked together to make up a super-special birthday song.



And the next morning, they worked together to make a super-special birthday breakfast.

“Wowie-zowie!” said Dad, grinning. “A yummy breakfast, a fantastic birthday card, and the best birthday song I’ve ever heard. How did you three do all of this?”

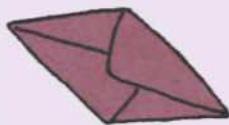
“Easy,” said Indi. “We just worked together!” 🍷

My First Hidden Pictures™ Puzzle

Find these objects hidden in the big picture.



Pencil



Envelope



Button



Worm



Hat



Paper Clip



Magic Wand



Boot

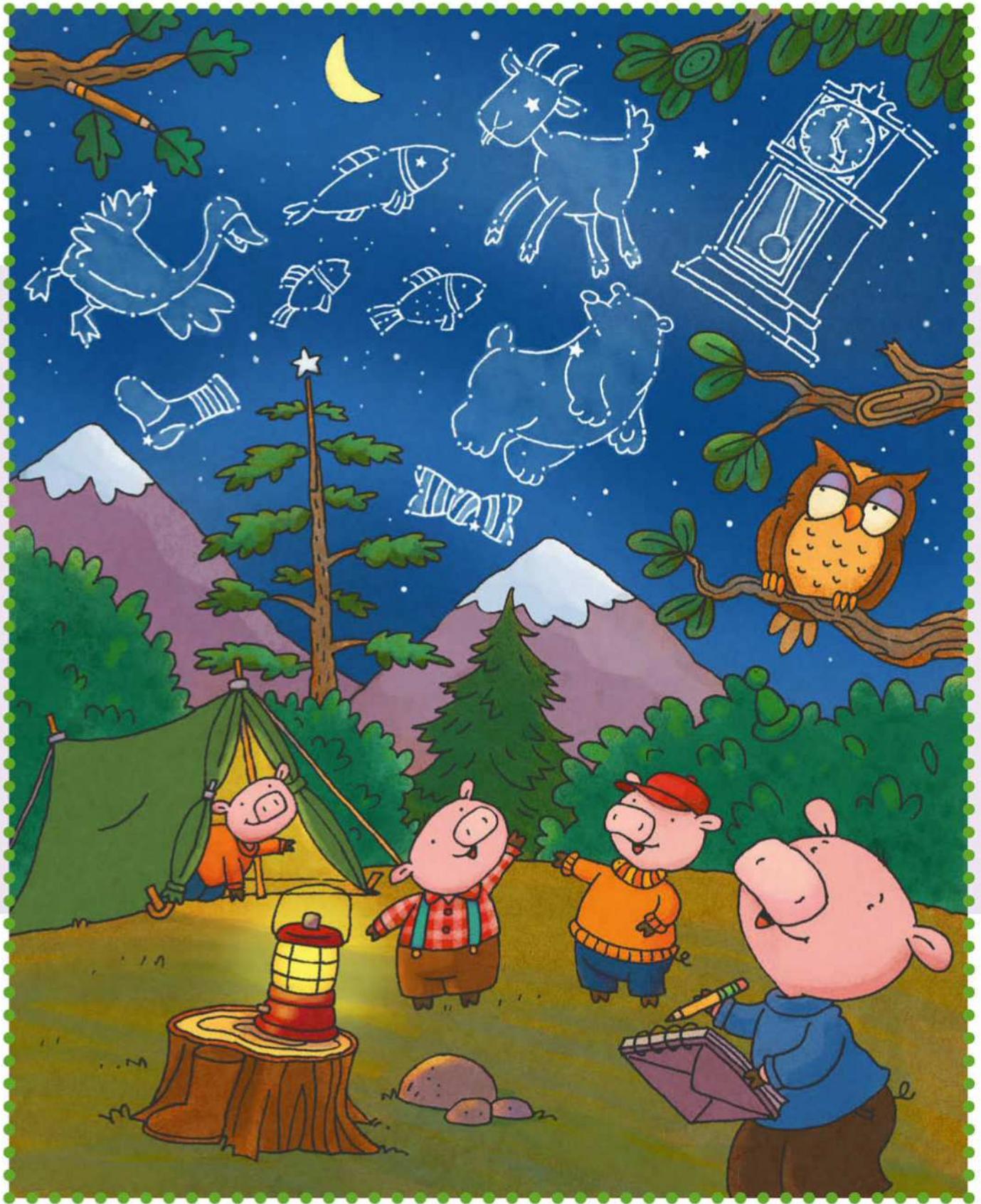


Umbrella

Starry Skies

Poem and Art by Patrick Girouard

I see three fish up in the sky,
a polar bear, and a striped bow tie.
Camping out on our vacation,
we create our constellations!

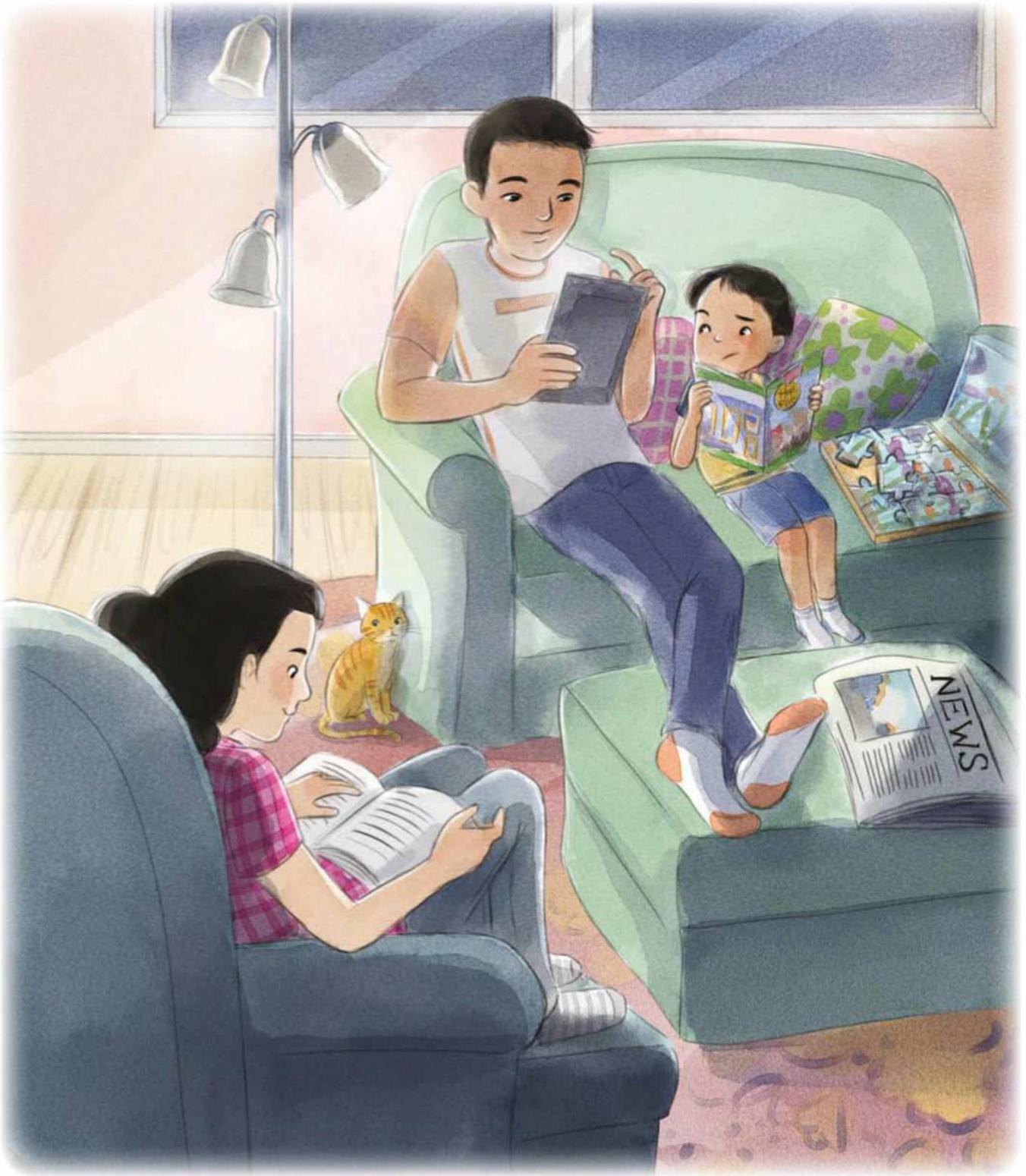


Past My Bedtime

By Eileen Spinelli • Art by Tracy Bishop



What's it like past bedtime?
I got my chance to see
when Mom said I could stay up late
with all the family.



My dad sat down to read the news.
My mom read in her chair.



My grandma knitted quietly.



My sister brushed her hair.

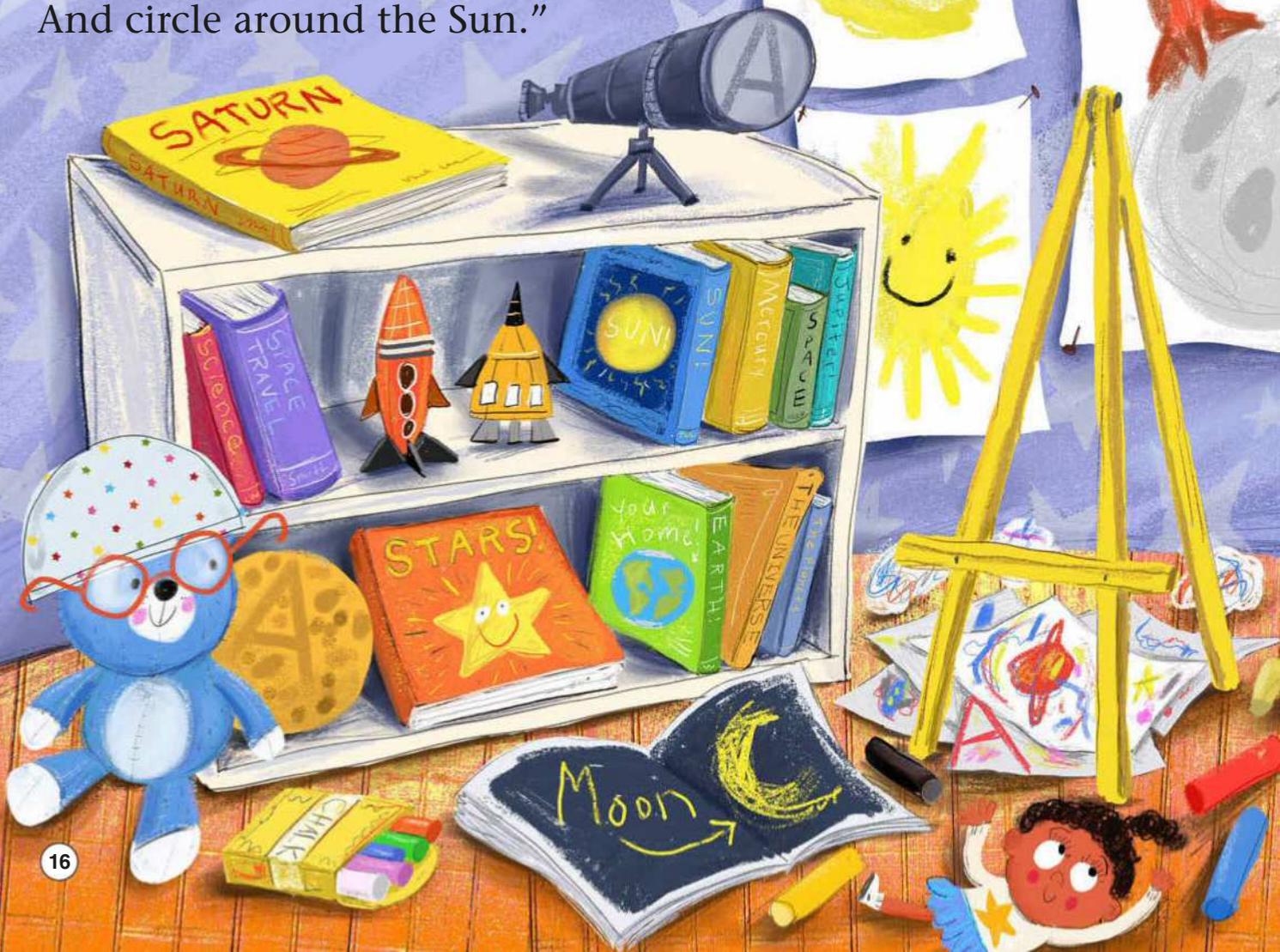


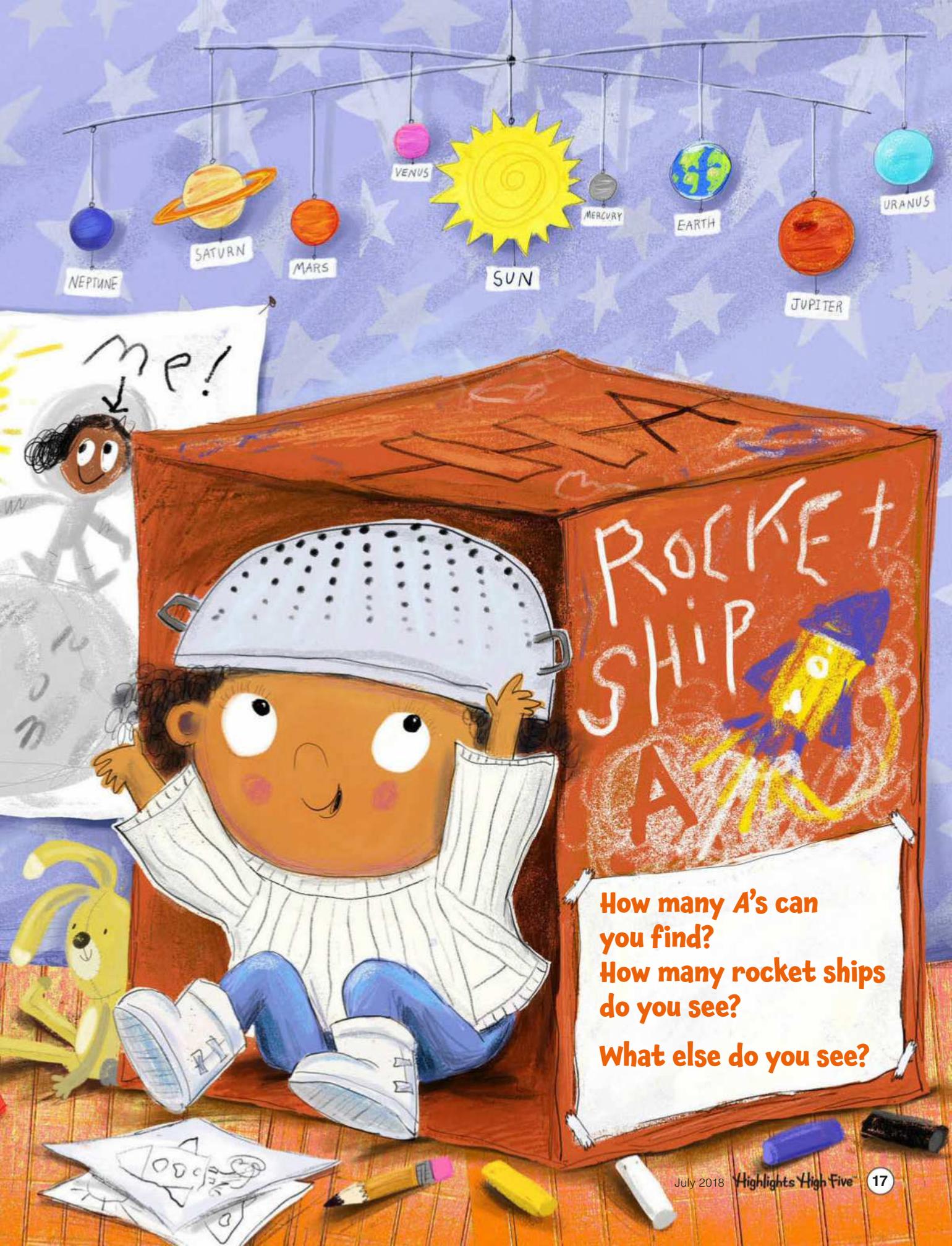
My grandpa snored—and I was bored.
The dog crawled in his crate.
There's nothing much exciting, friends,
that happens after eight. 🙄

Allison Is an Astronaut

By Barbara L. Scanlan • Art by Paula J. Becker

Allison is an astronaut.
She's going to take a trip.
She found a big brown cardboard box
And made a rocket ship.
"I'm off to see the planets, the Sun, Moon, and stars.
My first stop is Venus.
My second stop is Mars.
I'll visit the rings of Saturn
And before my trip is done,
I'll take a walk on the rocky Moon
And circle around the Sun."





NEPTUNE

SATURN

MARS

VENUS

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MERCURY

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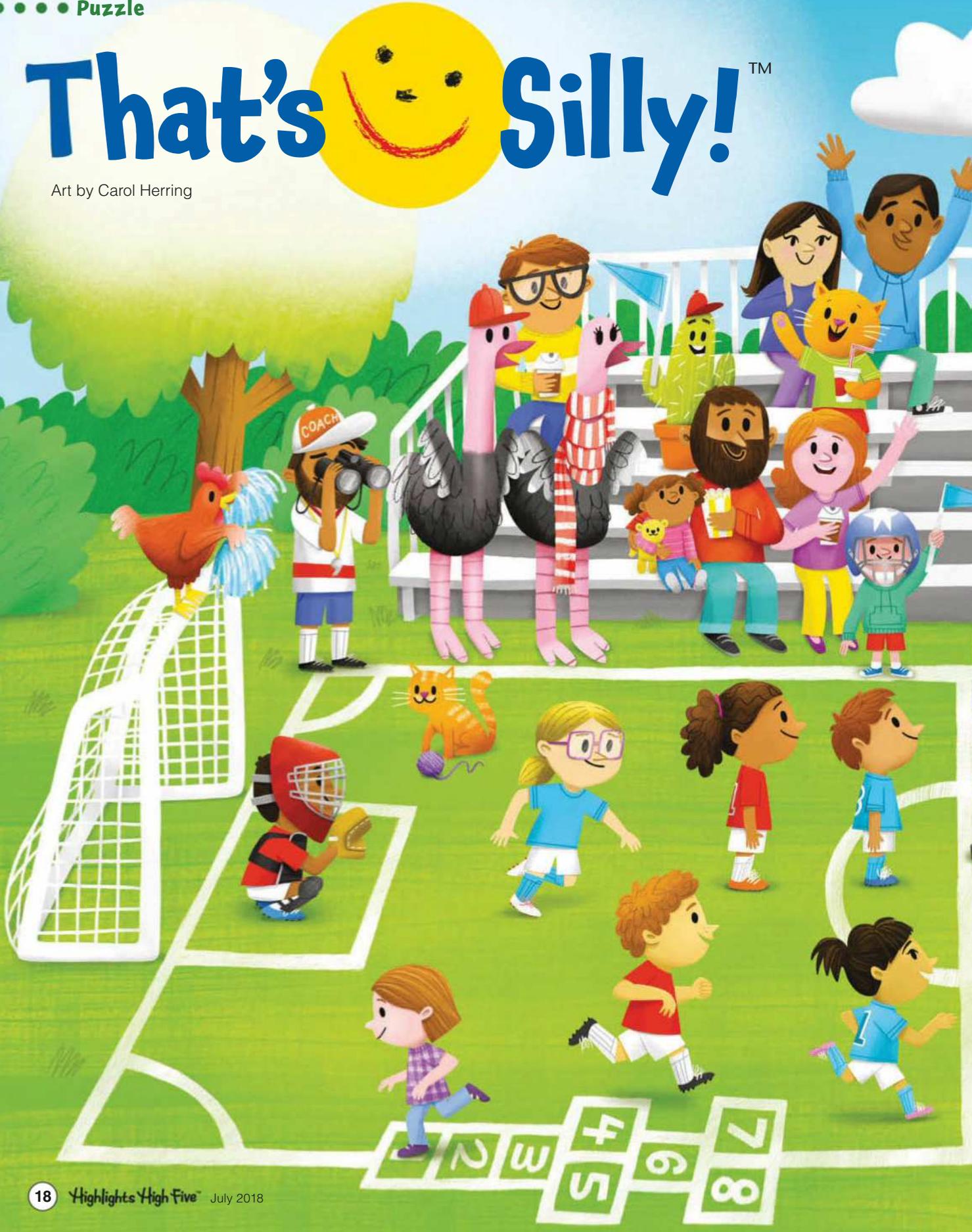
me!

ROCKET
SHIP
A

How many A's can you find?
How many rocket ships do you see?
What else do you see?

That's Silly!™

Art by Carol Herring





**What
silly things
do you see?**

Playing with Clay



By Ana Galán • Art by Francesca Assirelli

Grandma Hen and Chica-Chick live in a small farming town in California. Chica-Chick loves to help her grandma.



It was too hot to play outside, so Chica-Chick pulled out her modeling clay. “¿Quieres jugar?” she asked her grandma.

“Yes, I’d love to play,” said Grandma Hen, sitting next to her.



Chica-Chick rolled some yellow clay into a ball.
Then she added orange clay to make a beak.

“That’s so colorful,” said Grandma Hen.
“What is it?”

“**Es un pollito amarillo,**” said Chica-Chick proudly.

“I love your little chick!” said Grandma Hen.
“I’ll use this white clay and try to make one too.”

¿Quieres jugar?

key-YEH-rehs hoo-GAHR

Do you want to play?

Es un pollito amarillo.

EHS oon poh-YEE-toh ah-mah-REE-yoh

It is a yellow chick.

Spanish pronunciation by Linda Elman

Next, Chica-Chick used the red clay and made an animal with many legs.

“Hmm, is that a crab?” asked Grandma Hen.

“**Sí, es un cangrejo rojo,**” said Chica-Chick.



She set the crab next to the chick and started making something with the green clay.

“Is that an iguana?” said Grandma Hen.

“**No, es una rana verde,**” said Chica-Chick. She helped her frog jump on the table.



Sí, es un cangrejo rojo.

SEE EHS oon khan-GREH-hoh ROH-hoh

Yes, it is a red crab.

No, es una rana verde.

NO EHS OO-nah RAH-nah BEHR-deh

No, it is a green frog.

¡Es un monstruo!

EHS oon MOHN-stroo_oh

It is a monster!



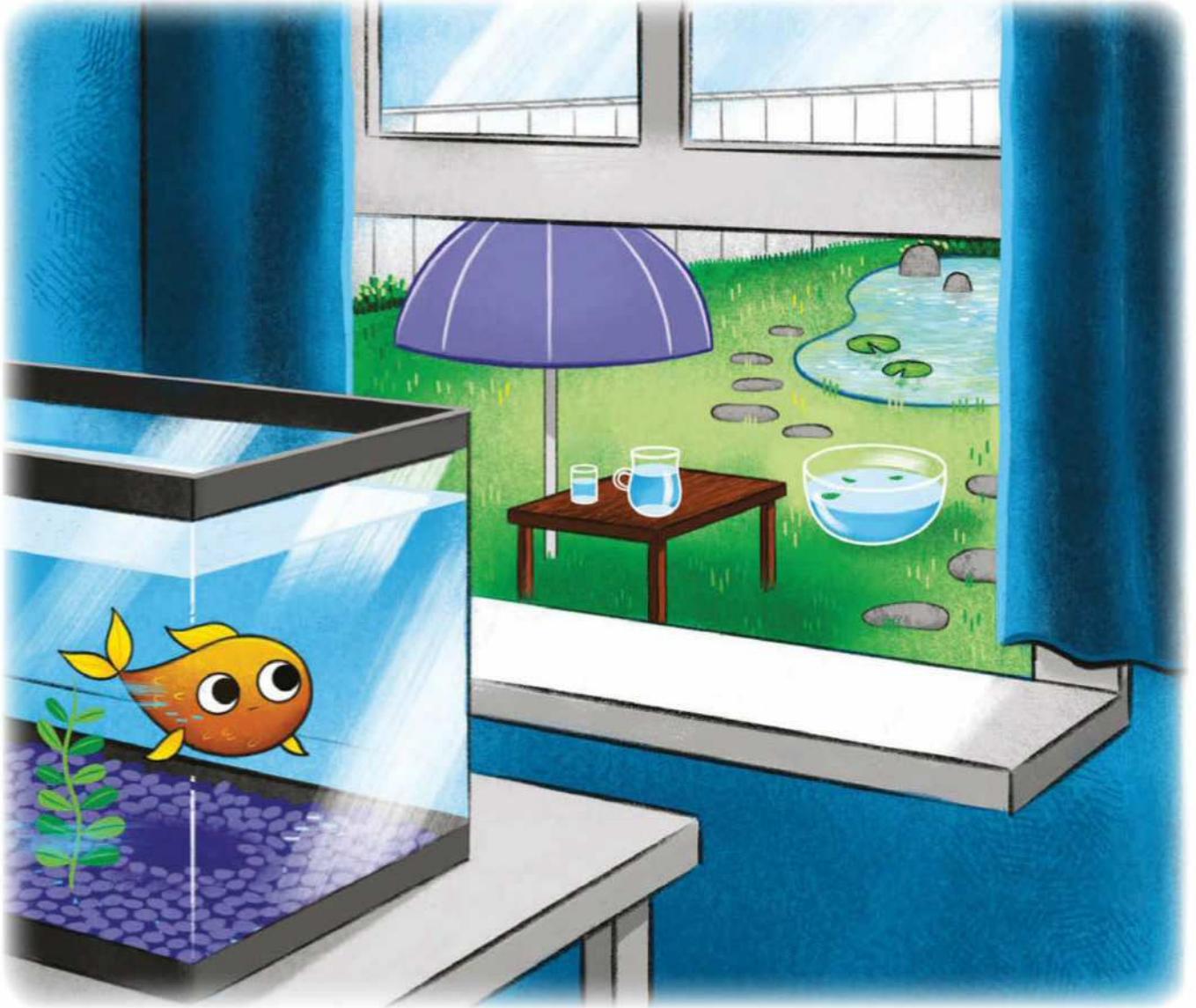
Then Chica-Chick grabbed little pieces of red, green, yellow, and orange clay. She mixed them together.

“What are you making?” said Grandma Hen.

“¡Es un monstruo!” said Chica-Chick. “GRRRR!” 🐔

Splish, Splash, Splosh!

By Christine Sutton • Art by Luke LaMarca



Eric the goldfish blew out his cheeks. The sun coming through the open window was making his water very hot.

Outside sat a water pitcher under a sun umbrella. It looked lovely and cool.

With a mighty push, Eric swam up and out of the bowl. Wheee!

He landed, *splish*, in the pitcher.



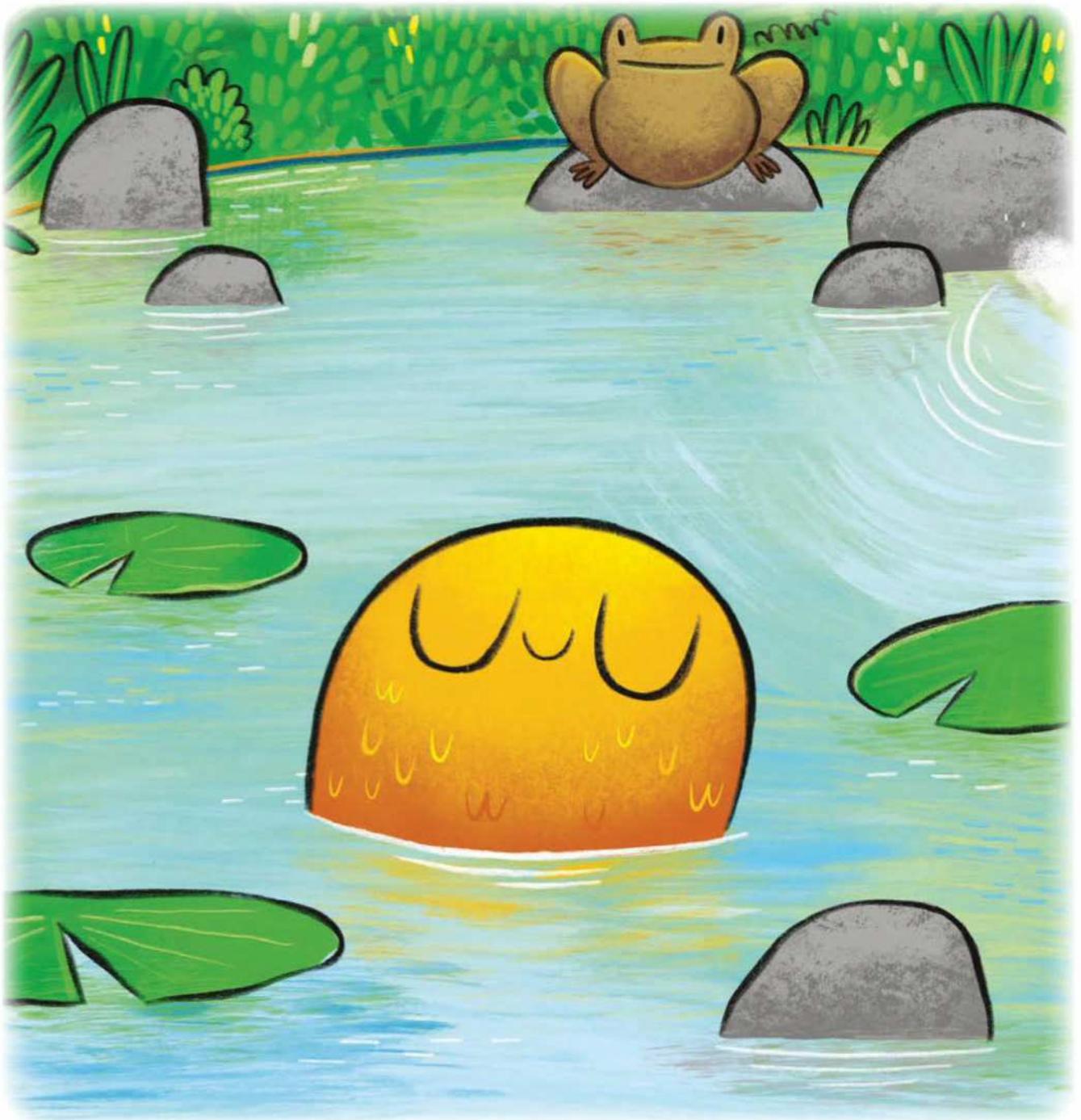
But, oh dear. No plants to swim around, no rocks to hide behind. It was very boring.

On the garden path was a bowlful of rainwater. It looked lovely and cool.



With a mighty push, Eric swam up and out of the pitcher. Wheee! He landed, *splash*, in the bowl.

But, oh dear. There were still no plants to swim around, still no rocks to hide behind. That's when Eric noticed the pond. It looked lovely and cool.



With a mighty push, he swam up and out of the bowl. Wheee! He landed, *splish*, in the pond.

At last! Plants to swim around, rocks to hide behind. He even had a frog statue for company. Eric the goldfish had found the perfect home. 🐸

Create Your Own

By Edna Harrington

You Need

- Rocks
- White and black paint
- Paintbrush
- Glow-in-the-dark paint



1. Wash and dry your rocks.

2. Paint white stars on the top of your rocks. Let dry. Paint the stars with glow-in-the-dark paint. Let dry.

Constellation

Photos by Guy Cali Associates, Inc.



3. Optional: Paint the area around the stars black. Let dry.

4. Place your rocks in a sunny spot, inside or outside, such as a windowsill or backyard. Arrange the rocks to make your constellation. The stars will soak up the light during the day and glow at night.

Red, White, and Blue

By Pat Tanumihardja

Celebrate the Fourth of July

You Need

- 16-ounce can of refrigerated buttermilk biscuit dough
- Flour
- 2 tablespoons of butter, melted
- Sugar for sprinkling
- 2 cups raspberries
- 2 cups blueberries
- 1 to 2 tablespoons of honey
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup plain Greek yogurt

Before You Begin

Adult: Preheat the oven to 350°F. Place a mixing bowl in the refrigerator.



1. Separate the dough and place each piece on a clean surface dusted with flour. Flatten each biscuit with your palm and cut out star shapes using a 3-inch cookie cutter.



2. Arrange the stars on an ungreased baking sheet. Brush lightly with the butter and sprinkle with sugar.
Adult: Bake according to package directions. Transfer to a rack and let cool.



3. Mix the berries in a bowl with 1 tablespoon of honey. Taste and add more honey if desired. Set aside.



4. Add the whipping cream and 1 tablespoon of sugar to the chilled mixing bowl.
Adult: Mix with a hand mixer until thick.



5. Gently fold in the yogurt. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Berry Shortcakes

July with these festive treats.

6. Place one star on each plate. Add heaping spoonfuls of the berries onto the star shortcake. Then add a spoonful of yogurt-cream to each plate.



Animal Antics

An Action Rhyme

By Heidi Bee Roemer



I can jump on both my feet
like a bouncy kangaroo.



I can creep on hands and knees
like hungry lions do.



I can stand on one leg
like a stork beside its nest.



I can walk like myself—
that's what I do best!

Track the Moon

Look in the sky and see how the Moon appears to change.

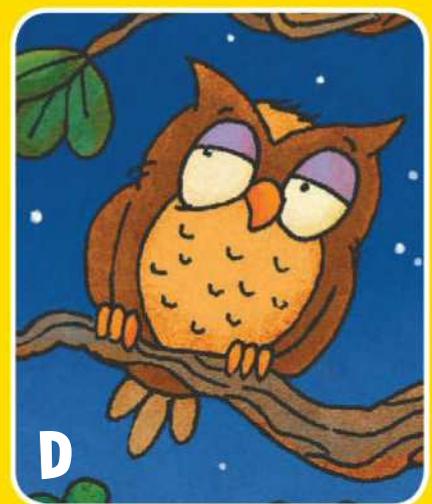
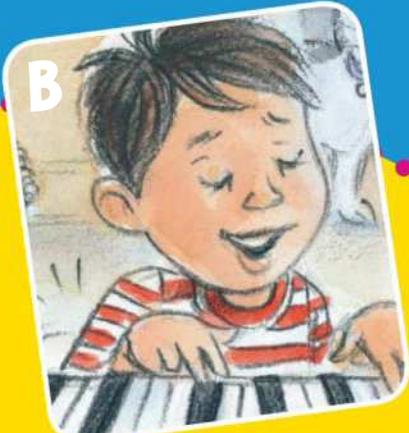


1. When you go outside, look up to the sky. During the day, you may see clouds, the Sun, and the Moon. At night, you may see stars and the Moon.

Each time you see the Moon, it may be in a different part of the sky. When the Moon looks like a round circle, it is called a full moon. What does the Moon look like in the night sky? Does it look the same in the day?

2. Tonight, go outside to look at the Moon. Draw a picture of what it looks like. You can also ask an adult to write what you notice about the Moon. Repeat this for a few days, then look back at your drawings. What do you notice about the Moon?

Vacation time! Which suitcase does not have a match?



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