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When a new issue of *Highlights™ Genies* arrives, what do you and your child turn to first? If you start with the puzzles, you're in good company! Many parents tell us that's where their child likes to begin.

Making the puzzles simple enough for our youngest readers and challenging enough for our oldest readers is *our* puzzle. How do we solve it? Within the puzzle, we ask questions like "What silly things do you see?" Open-ended questions, those with more than one right answer, make it possible for all our readers to feel successful.

This month, in "Five Little Ducklings" (pages 16–17), the poem asks the reader to find and count the animals named in the poem. And then we ask, "What else do you notice?"

And our Look and Look Again puzzle, "Walking with India," that shows the parade on India Gate, asks how the pictures are the same *and* different. Younger children may have difficulty finding all the differences, but they can find many things that are the same.

Wherever you start, have fun sharing *Highlights™ Genies* with your child again and again.

Sincerely,



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- encouraging their natural sense of wonder about the world;
- 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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My Grandpa, the Author

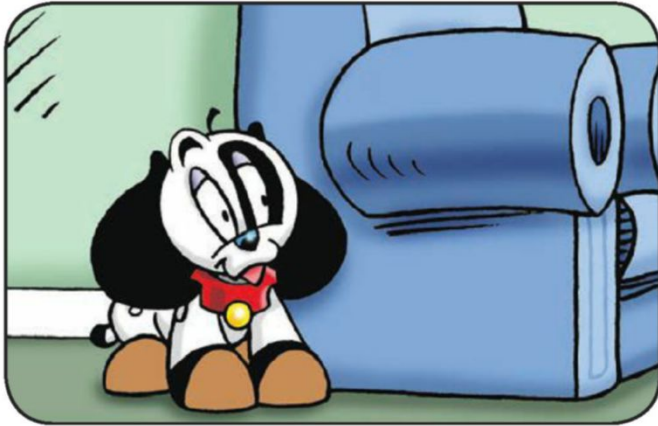
By Eileen Spinelli • Art by Stephanie Fizer Coleman

My grandpa scrubs the kitchen sink.
He says that scrubbing helps him think.
So does mixing cookie dough.
And mowing grass. And blowing snow.
What does he think when he works hard
in the kitchen or the yard?
He thinks up stories he can write
and read to me in bed at night.

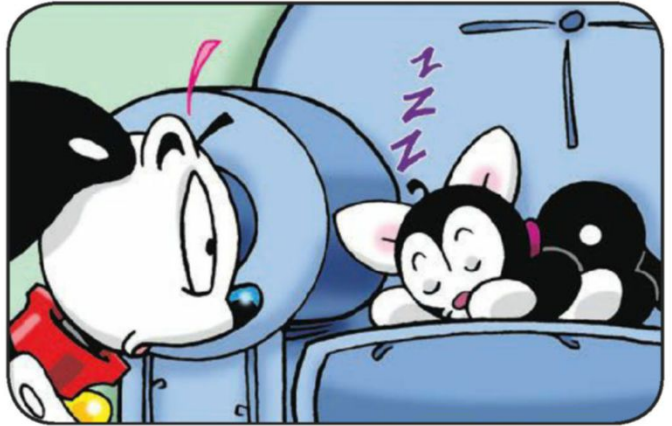


The Adventures of Spot

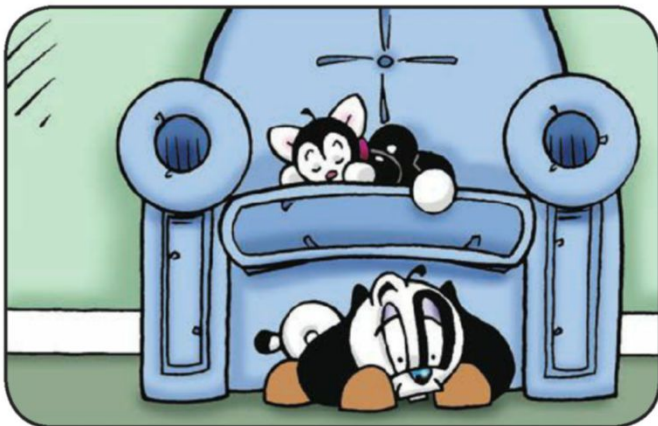
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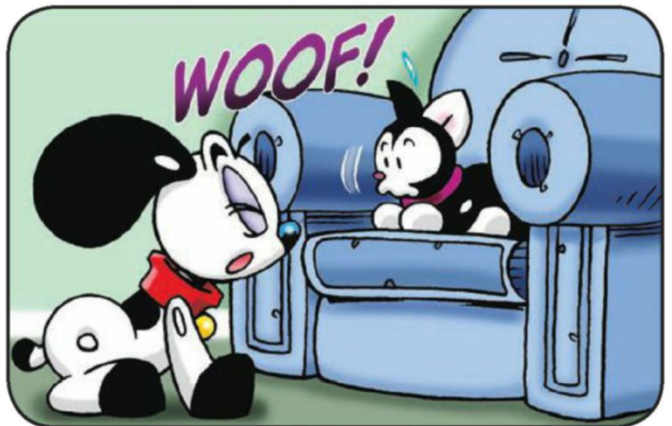
Spot wants to nap in a soft chair.



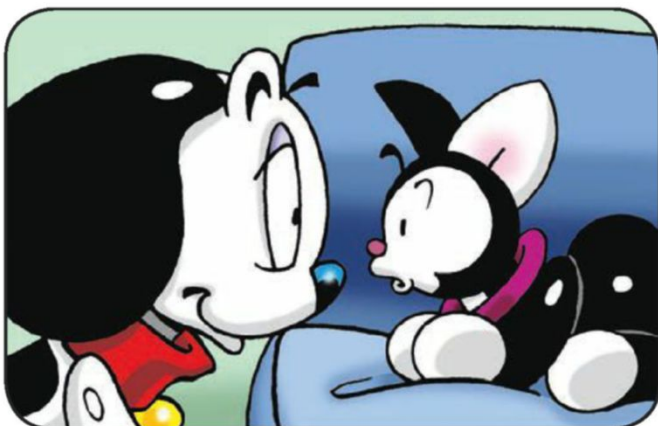
Splinter is already there.



Spot lies on the floor.



Maybe Splinter will share.



What's wrong?



There is room for two.

Where's Charlie?

By Lissa Rovetch • Art by Amy Wummer



Tex and Indi were worried. They couldn't find Charlie.

"Did you look in the broom closet?" asked their sister, Arizona. "Remember, that's where we found him last time."

Indi opened the broom closet and said, "No sneaky kitty hiding in here."

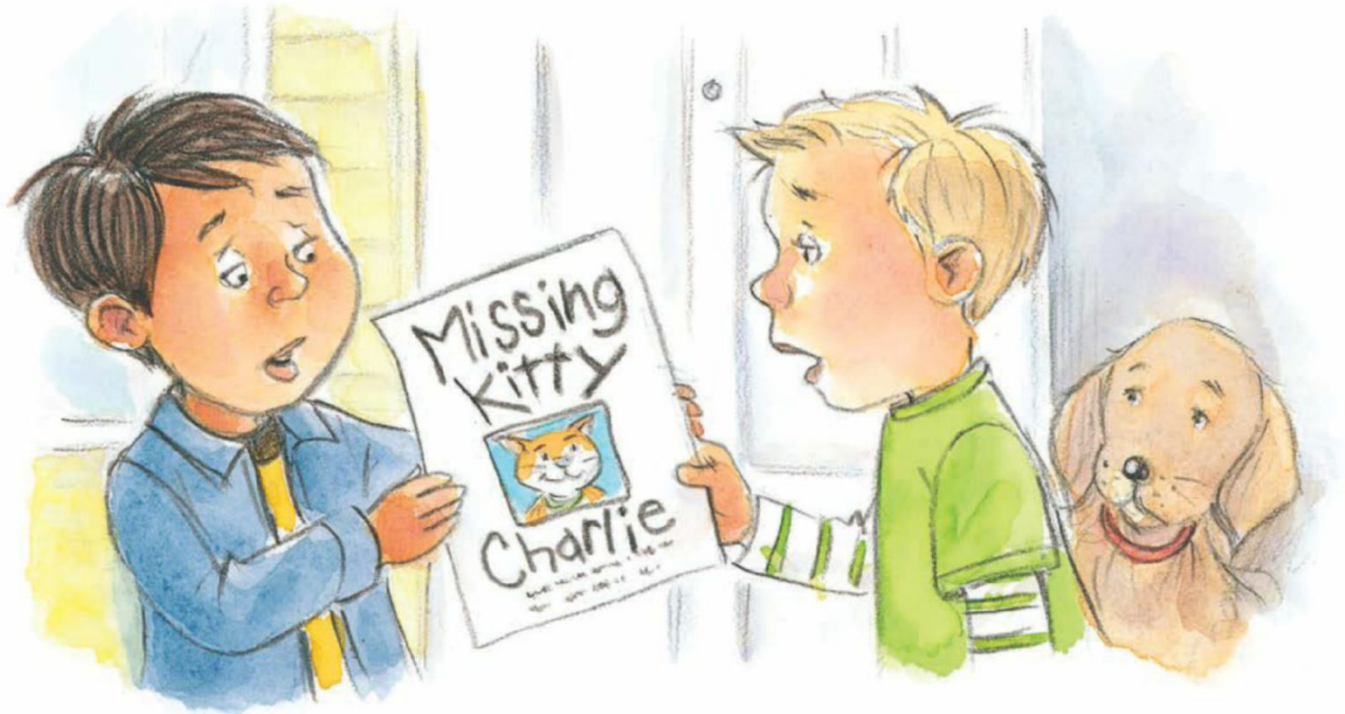
"He may have slipped out when I took out the recycling," said Dad.



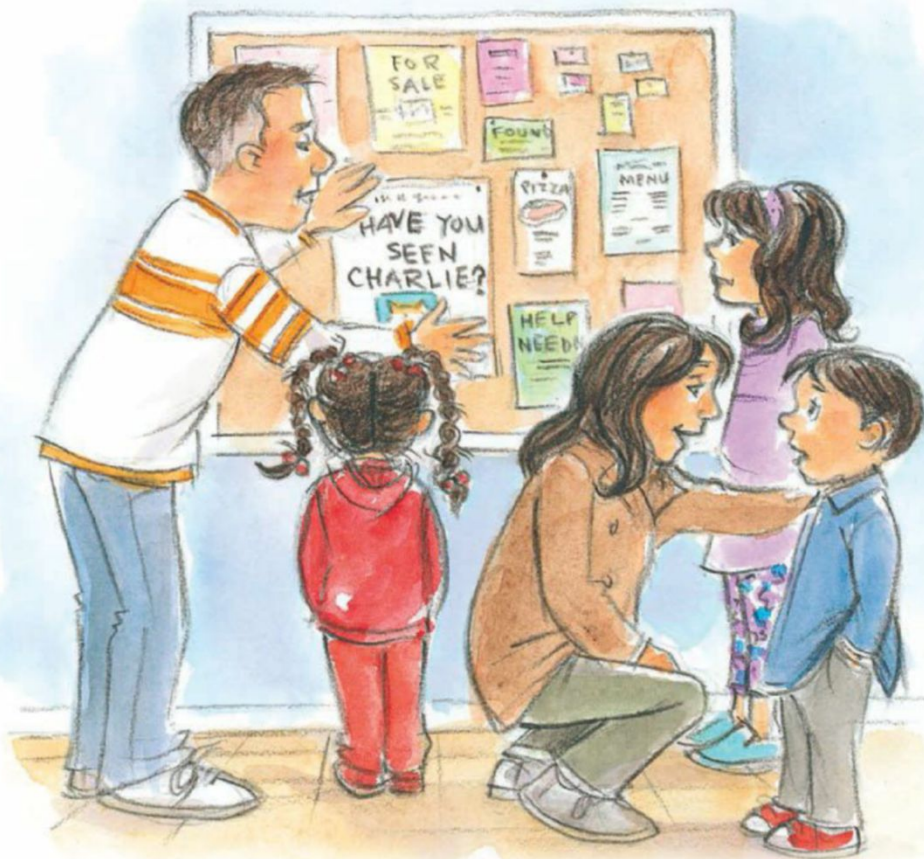
Tex and Indi searched the backyard while the rest of the family looked in every room. Finally, Mom called the animal shelter. “They said we should put up posters around the neighborhood.”



Everyone helped make Missing Kitty signs.



Tex gave one to his friend Niko.



Then they went to their grocery store and pinned one on the community bulletin board.

“Let’s put one on the bulletin board by the rest room at the park,” said Tex.

“Good idea,” said Mom.





When they reached the park, who do you think they saw, happily chasing birds?

“Charlie!” said Indi.

“We missed you!” said Tex.



And by the way Charlie was snuggling and purring, they could tell he had missed them, too. ©

My First Hidden Pictures™ Puzzle

Find these objects hidden in the big picture.



Glove



Moon



Butterfly



Bat



Spoon



Baseball Bat



Ruler



Carrot



Fish

Story Time

By Joy Shott

Books! Books! Come on in.
The library lady is reading again.
She's in her chair, we're on the floor,
Listening to stories of dragons and more.



Art by Paula J. Becker



The Kind Fairy

By Nandini Nayar • Art by Sonal

Meera and Kiran

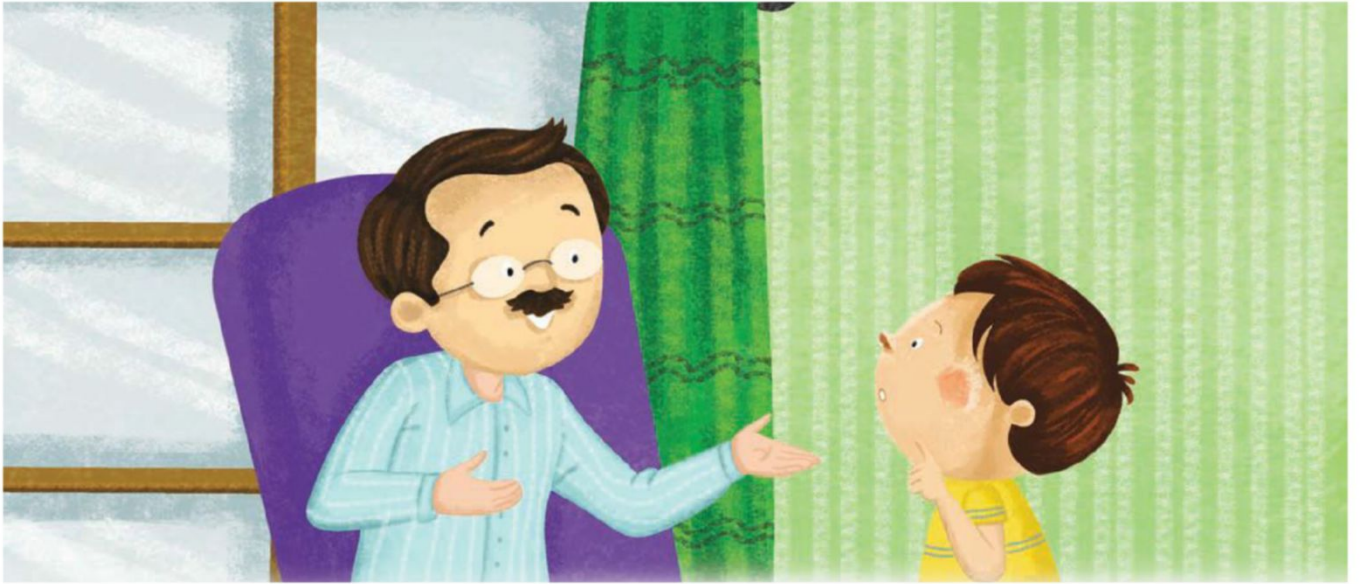


“Would you please get me a glass of water?” Pa asked Kiran. Kiran got him a glass and said, “Pa, what a kind boy I am!”

Then he helped Ma carry the dishes to the kitchen. “Ma, what a kind boy I am!” he said again.

“You are kind,” laughed Meera. “But also a boastful boy!”

“What does ‘boastful’ mean?” Kiran asked Pa.



Pa explained that when Kiran expected praise for being kind, he was boastful. “Kindness should be a secret.”

Like a secret fairy, Kiran thought to himself.



The next day Pa went to water the garden but found it was already done.

“Who watered the garden?” Pa asked.

“The Kind Fairy did it!” Kiran said.



When Ma went to put Kiran’s clothes away, she found them in the cupboard.

“Who put Kiran’s clothes in the cupboard?” Ma asked.

“The Kind Fairy did it!” Kiran said.



When Meera went to clean her shoes, she found them already shining. “Who cleaned my shoes?” she asked.

“The Kind Fairy did it,” Kiran said.



In the evening, when Kiran went to lay the table for dinner, he saw someone had already laid it. “Who laid the table?” Kiran asked.

“The Kind Fairy did it,” Meera smiled and said.



When Kiran went to fill Ginger’s dish with water, he saw the dish full. “Who filled Ginger’s dish with water?” he asked.


“The Kind Fairy did it,” said Pa, with a twinkle in his eyes.



At dinner Kiran found a bowl of his favourite sweets near his plate. “Who got these sweets?” he asked. “The Kind Fairy got them!” Ma smiled and said.

“I like the Kind Fairy,” Kiran said.

“So do we,” said Meera, Ma, and Pa together.

Ginger barked. He, too, liked the Kind Fairy. 

Five Little Ducklings

By María Álvarez • Art by Barbara Bakos

Five little ducklings
playing hide-and-seek.
Count their bills,
and count their feet.
How many worms
are on the ground?
How many frogs
are hopping around?





What else
do you
notice?

That's Silly!™



ART AND CRAFT FAIR TODAY



What
silly things
do you see?

Jonathan's Gift

By Maggie Murphy • Art by Spike Maguire



Jonathan loved to make gifts for Grandma. But this year, he didn't know what to make for her birthday. He thought about other gifts he'd made. Once, Jonathan had mailed Grandma a painting.

She'd sent him a thank-you card. It said:



Another time, Jonathan made a bookmark. Grandma sent him a thank-you card. It said:



What should I make now? thought Jonathan. Suddenly, he had an idea.



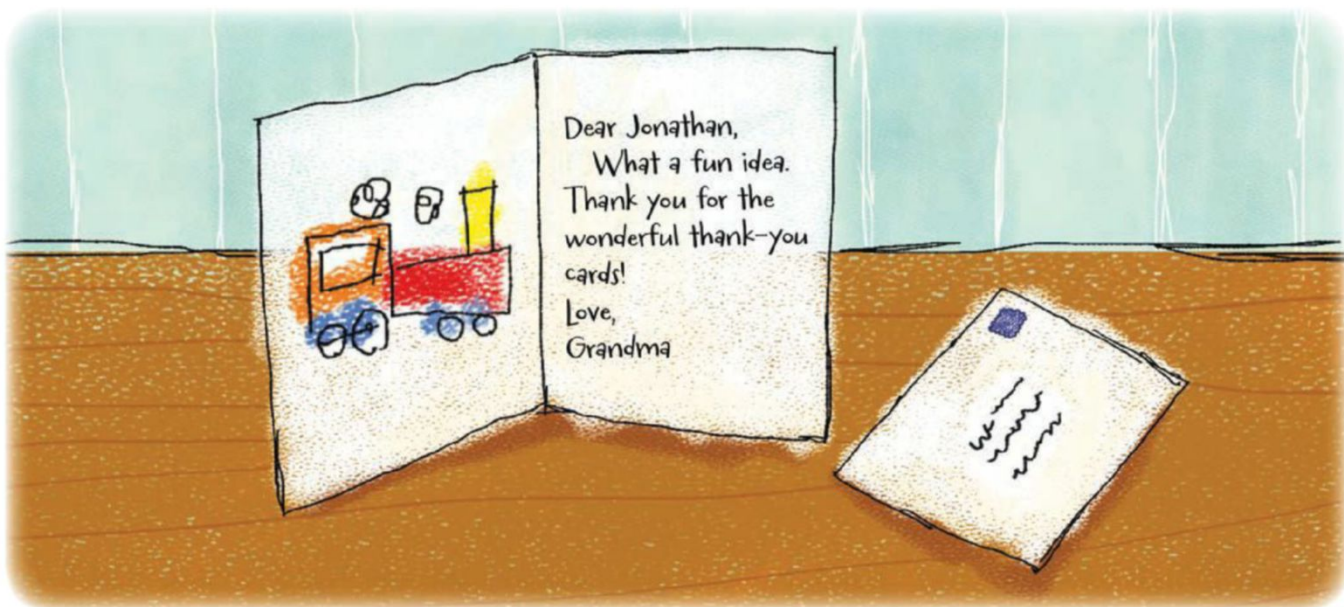
Jonathan folded paper to make 10 cards. He grabbed his crayons and drew pictures of boats, planes, and trains on the cards.



Then he and Mom walked to the post office and sent the colorful cards off to Grandma.

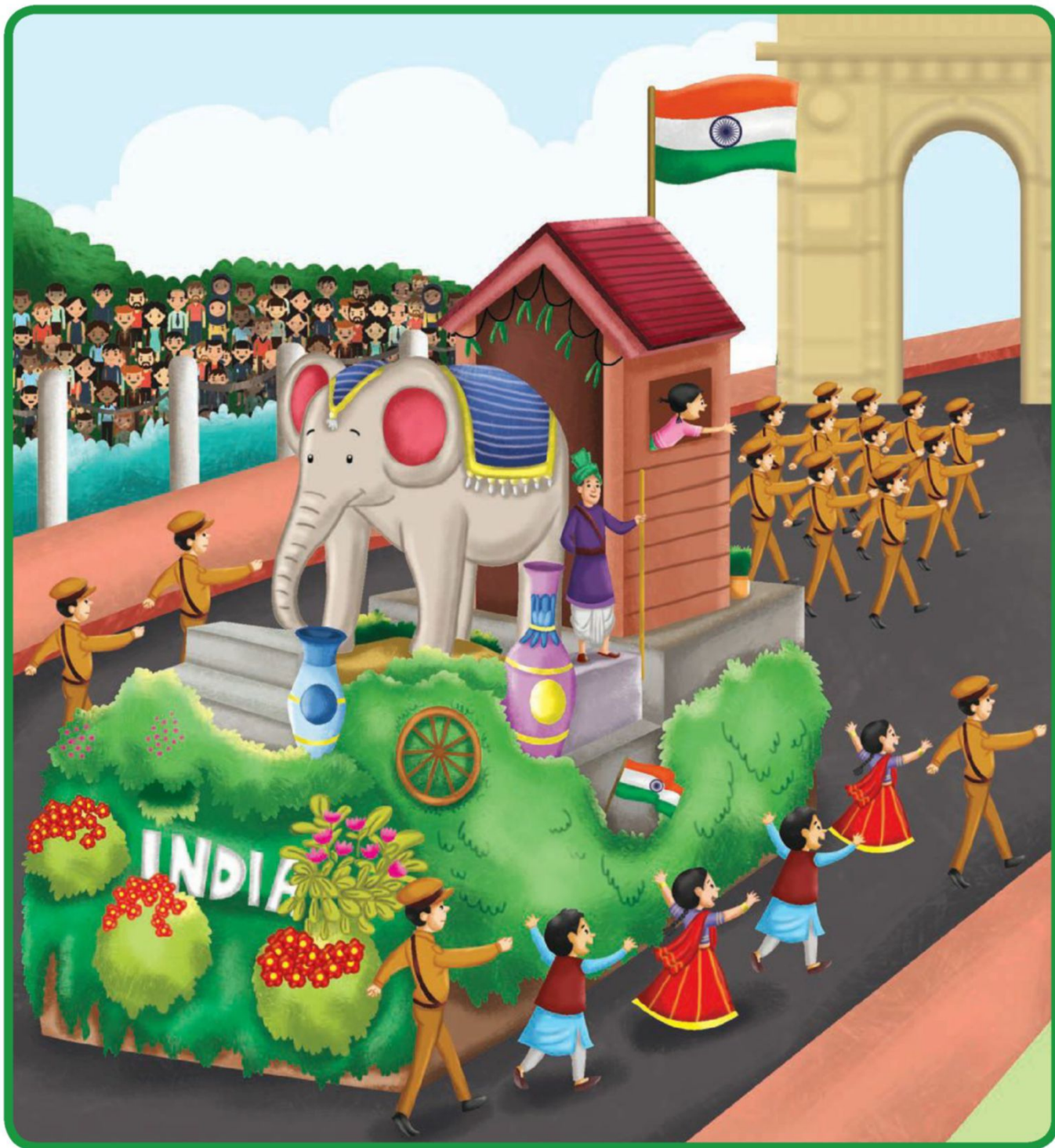


Soon, Grandma mailed one of the cards back to Jonathan. He smiled when he read her message:



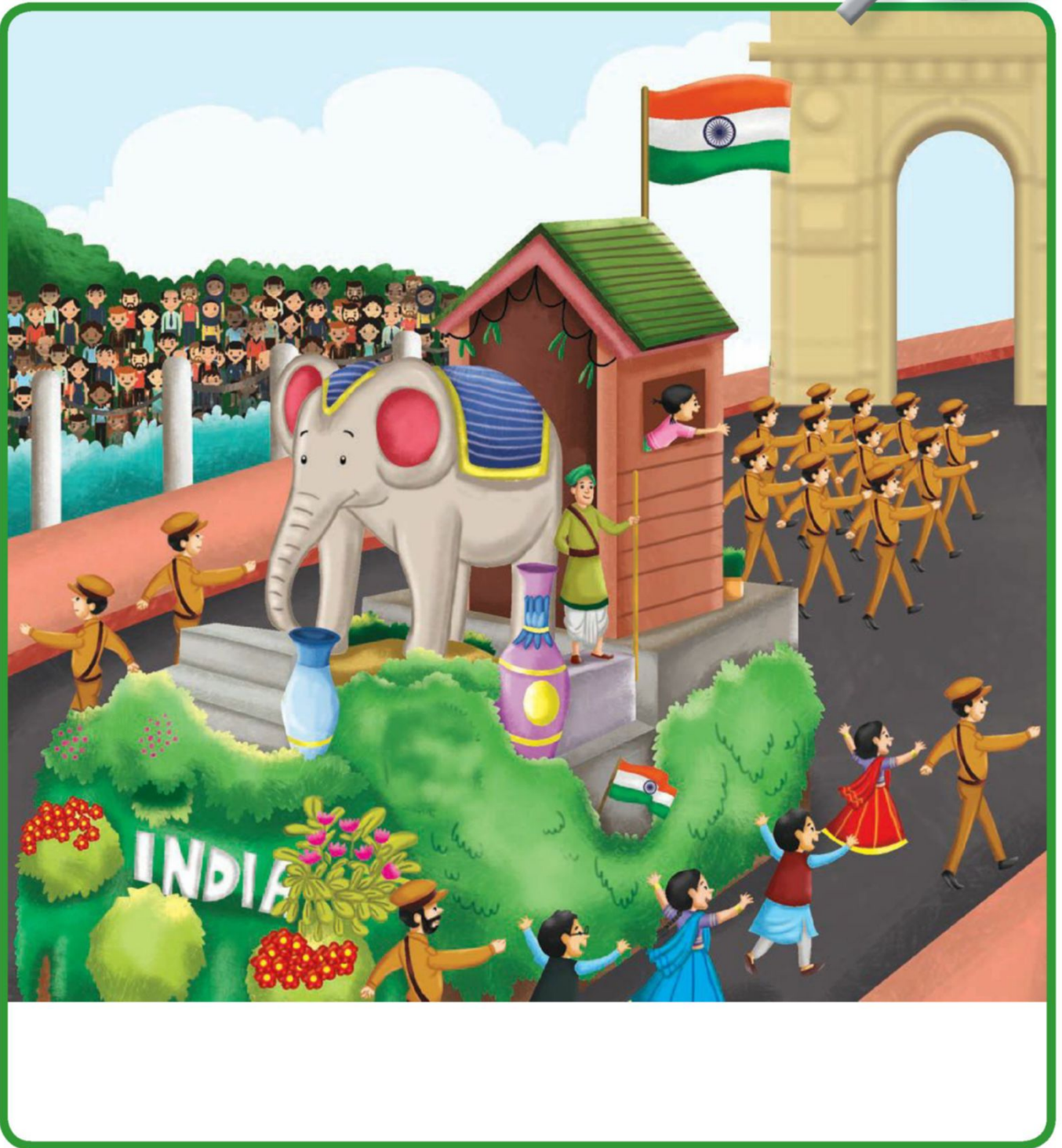
Walking with India

Art by Sonal



How are these pictures the same?





How are they different?

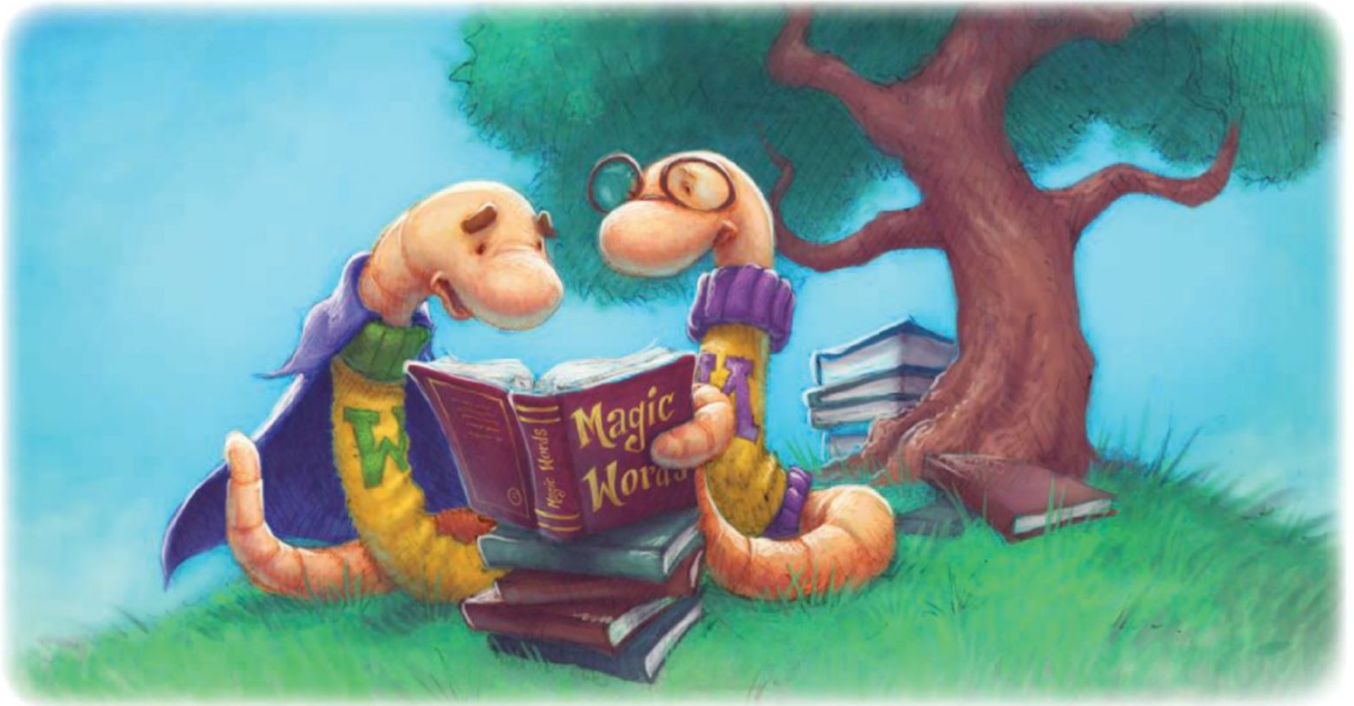
Magic Words

By David L. Roper • Art by Logan S. Kline



“What’s wrong, Wormy?” asked Mortimer.

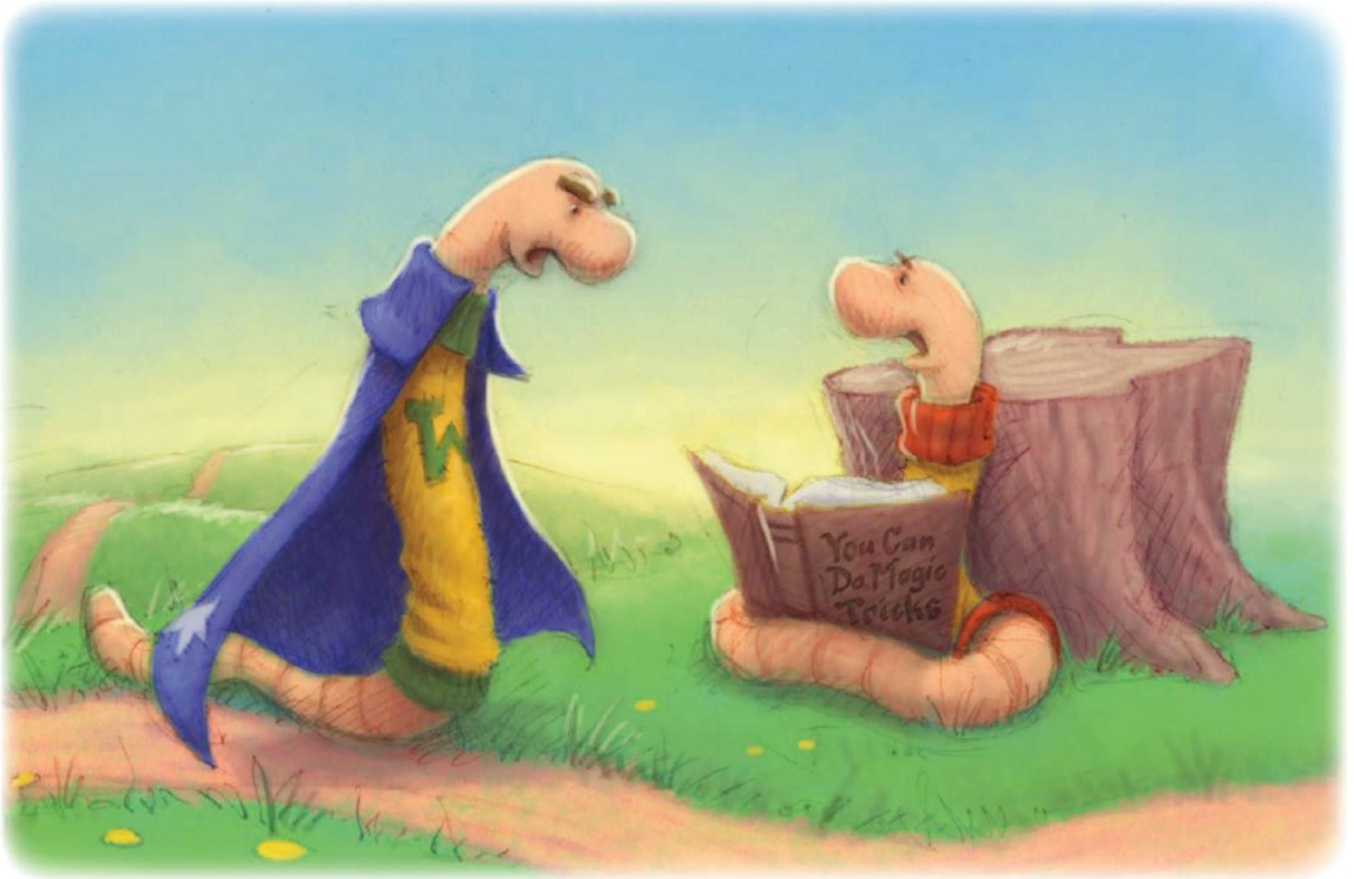
“I want to be a magician. But none of my magic words work. When I say *abracadoodle*, *hokey-pokey*, or *alakazebra*, nothing happens.”



Mortimer showed Wormy one of his library books. "Maybe this will help," he said.



The book was filled with words like *please*, *thank you*, and *I'm sorry*. They didn't sound like magic, but Wormy tried them anyway. Nothing happened.



The next day, Wormy saw Squirmy reading a book on magic tricks. “That’s what I need!” Wormy said. Squirmy shook his head. “I’m not done reading it.” “You’re selfish,” said Wormy.



Later, Wormy thought, *That wasn’t very nice of me.* He looked again at the book that Mortimer had given him.



He found Squirmy and said, "I'm sorry I called you *selfish*. When you finish your book, may I borrow it, please?"

"Sure," said Squirmy.

"Thanks," said Wormy.



The words *I'm sorry, please,* and *thank you* worked like . . . well, like magic.



After he finished Squirmy's book, Wormy put on a magic show for all his friends.

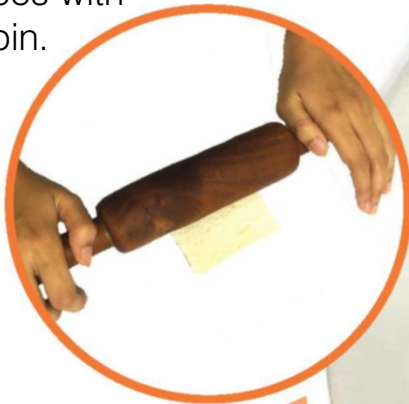
There was a lot of magic in both books! 

Tri-Colored Sandwich Rolls

You Need

- 6 bread slices
- 50 grams of butter
- 1 carrot
- 1 cucumber

1. Flatten the bread slices with a rolling pin.



2. Apply butter to one side of the bread.



3. Place the sliced carrots and cucumbers on the bread. Make sure that you don't cover more than $\frac{2}{3}$ of the slice.



4. Roll the bread slice.

Adult: Cut the bread roll into three pieces.



Before You Begin

Adult: Cut the carrot and cucumber into thin, long pieces. Cut the crust off the bread slices.



I Want to Move

By Rosi Hollinbeck



1.

I want to
jump, jump, jump
and touch the sky.



2.

I like to
pump, pump, pump
my arms up high.



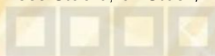
4.

And watch me
clap, clap, clap
as I make a sound.



5.

I can
tap, tap, tap
with my own two feet.





3.

Now see me
stomp, stomp, stomp
down on the ground.



6.

I love to
dance, dance, dance
to the happy beat!

A Kite to Fly

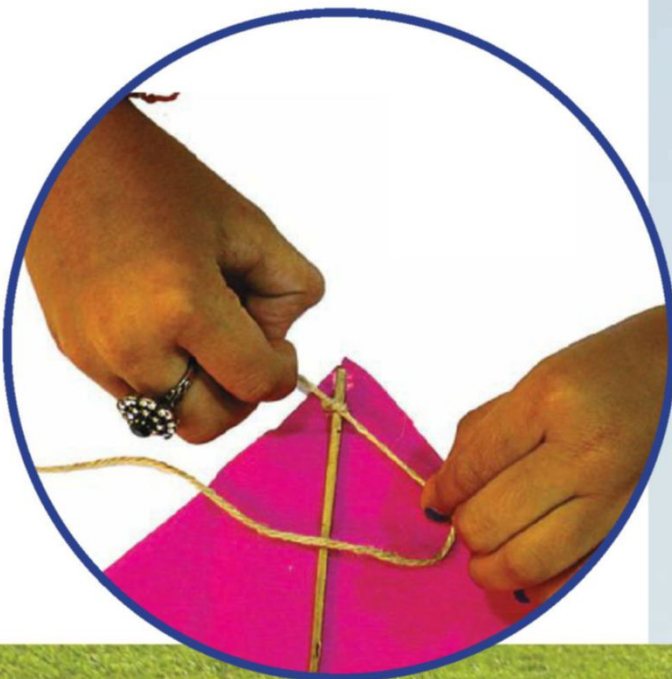
You Need

- Colored kite paper
- Sturdy twine
- Broomsticks
- Craft glue
- Scissors

Before You Begin

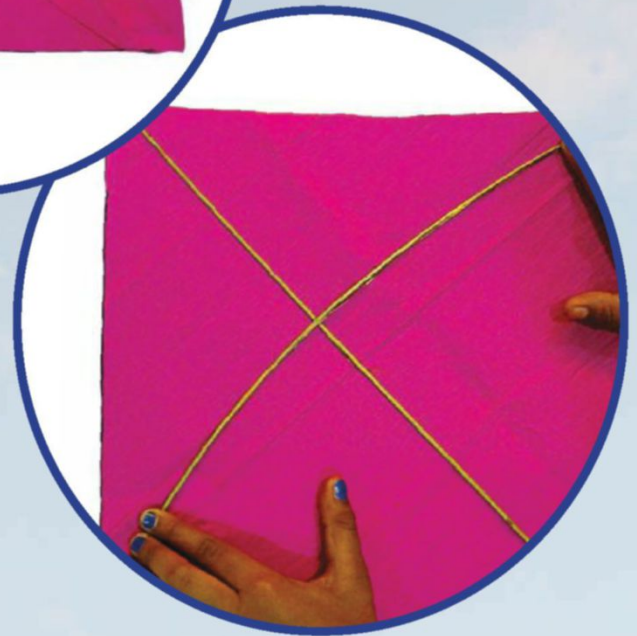
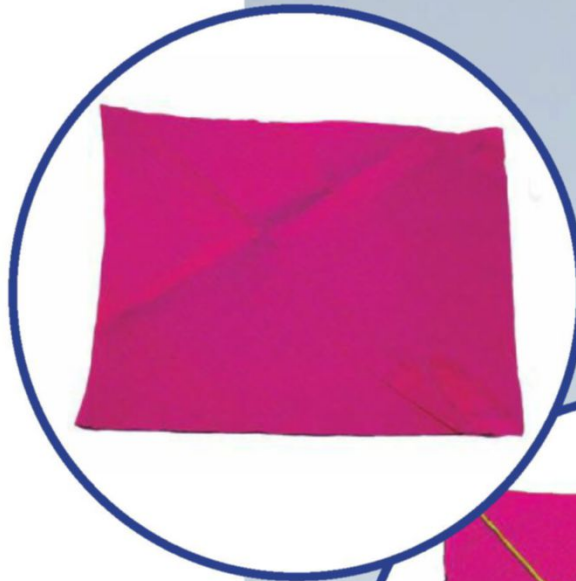
Adult: Use of the scissors and glue requires supervision at all times.

- 1.** Cut the colored kite paper into a square; each side should be 30 cm long.



- 2.** Glue two sticks on the kite like a plus sign, with one stick curving slightly upwards.

- 3.** Tie the string to the lower end of the straight stick.



Fly your kite with friends!



4. Attach ribbons, tassels, and decorations to your kite. You're now ready to fly!



Decorate It!

Prachi used sketch pens and googly eyes to decorate the kite. What will you use?

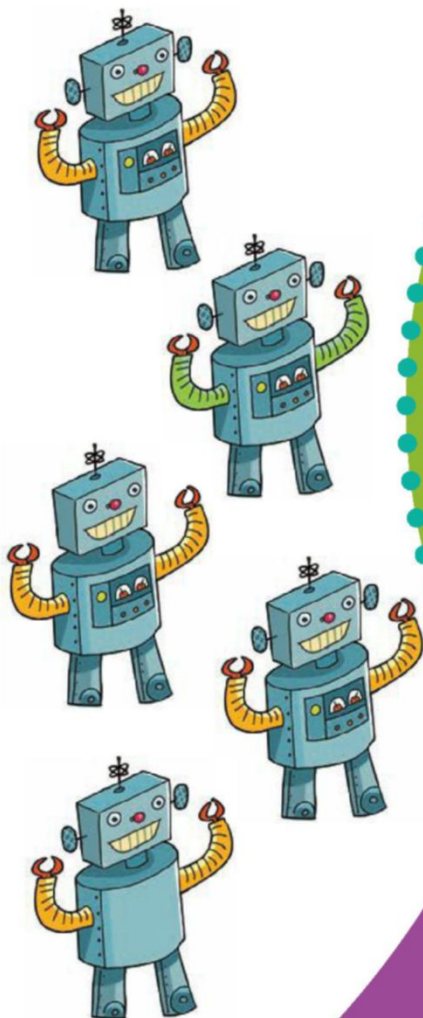
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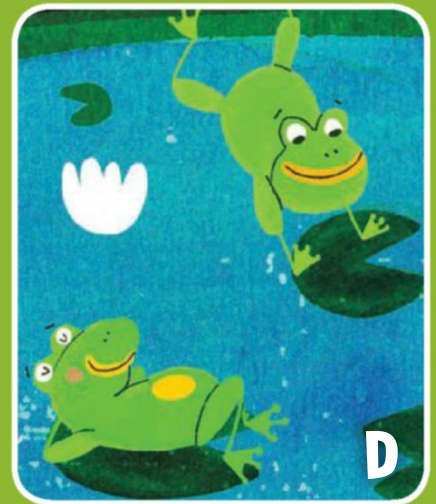


Meera and Kiran believe that no act of kindness is wasted. Don't you agree?

Which two robots are the same?



Art by Dave Klug



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