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Early Childhood Themes —All About Me Kit

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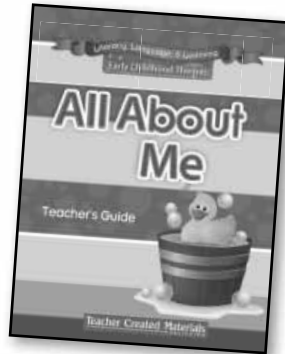
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Introduction

Welcome to the world of early childhood education. Young children love to play, get dirty, and discover. As a teacher, you have the task of introducing them to the world of school. You will need to plan meaningful activities for the children in your classroom. These experiences allow them to discover new things in a safe, nonjudgmental environment and feel successful. The lessons and materials in this kit support the importance of play and meaningful experiences.

The components of this kit can create a captivating unit around the theme. The main resource for the teacher is the *All About Me Teacher's Guide*. In it, teachers can find quick and easy lessons in the following areas: literacy, phonemic awareness and phonics, math,



social studies, science, music and movement, and art. Within each section are five lesson plans. The Menu of Lesson Choices on pages 36–37 provides a quick overview of the contents of the lessons. Each lesson provides details on the materials needed and procedures of the lesson.

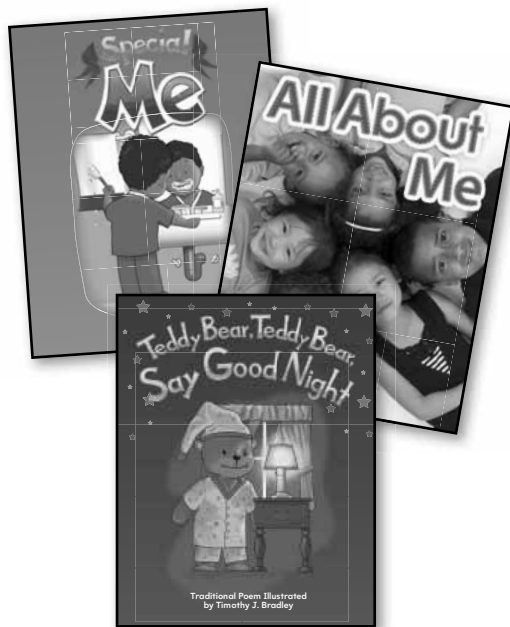
The eight vocabulary concept cards are core to many of the lessons. These cards provide clear and detailed photographs depicting people, places, and activities that define “me” for each child. They are bright and colorful and give the children images to which they can relate concepts about “me” as they are being discussed throughout the unit. The backs of the cards include activities that teachers can use for activating prior knowledge, developing phonemic awareness, and building knowledge and comprehension.



Introduction *(cont.)*

The three books included in this kit provide the literature foundation for the theme. The concept book, *Special Me*, is used to introduce the unit and provide pictorial support for the children's understanding of "me." A wordless photo book, *All About Me*, helps develop the children's oral language as they discuss and create a story that shows the typical places and activities that are part of a young child's day. A book created around the traditional nursery rhyme "Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear" provides a beautifully illustrated way for the children to access and read print.

Each of these books is also provided as an enlarged "lap size" book for teacher read-aloud as children gather around for storytime and other learning activities.



The Audio CD included in the kit provides audio of the theme-related songs (pages 76–81), both as instrumentals and with vocals, and audio of the concept book *Special Me* and the traditional rhyme book *Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, Say Good Night*.

The Teacher Resource CD included in the back of this Teacher's Guide provides a variety of features to supplement the lessons: all patterns from this Teacher's Guide (pages 82–104) in both color and black-and-white; the vocabulary flash cards from this Teacher's Guide (pages 105–106) in both color and black-and-white; each of the books in this kit in electronic format with page-turning capabilities; each of the books in this kit in pdf format; additional resources from this Teacher's Guide; video clips to support the kit content and vocabulary; and interactive whiteboard activities to support the lessons. Complete descriptions of the contents of the CDs, as well as instructions for their use, can be found on pages 109–122.



Eating Healthy



- “Healthy Bodies” song (p. 77)
- *eat* vocabulary concept card
- Healthy Food Choices Cards (pp. 98–99)
- magazines
- paper plates
- scissors
- glue



Procedure:

- 1 Review the magazines for appropriate content prior to the lesson.
- 2 Gather children together on the rug or in their chairs.
- 3 Teach children the song “Healthy Bodies.” Draw the children’s attention to the verse that tells about eating healthy foods.
- 4 Display and discuss the *eat* vocabulary concept card.
 - Ask children what they ate for breakfast this morning.
 - Allow time for each child to name what he or she ate.
- 5 Tell children that eating healthy foods is a way to get more energy and to keep their bodies healthy.
- 6 Show children the Healthy Food Choices Cards.
 - Hold up the cards, one at a time.
 - Discuss the food items on the cards and why they are healthy choices for a meal.
- 7 Discuss some food choices that are not healthy. Ask children to name foods that they eat as treats. Point out that some foods are treats for special occasions, but these foods should not be eaten regularly.
- 8 Have children look at the magazines to find pictures of healthy foods they would like to eat for a meal.
 - Provide children with paper plates, magazines, glue, and scissors.
 - Have children cut out and then glue their pictures onto the paper plate.



Refer to the Audio CD track #2.



You may wish to use the Science interactive whiteboard activity. See the Teacher Resource CD.



You may wish to show children the *eat* video clip to support this lesson. See the Teacher Resource CD file eat.mp4.

Extension

Have children work with their parents to make a list of all the foods they eat in one day. Provide children with stickers. Have them place stickers next to foods that are healthy choices.





eat

I eat to be strong and healthy.

eat



Connecting Pieces: Activating Prior Knowledge

Ask children what they ate for breakfast this morning. Allow each child the opportunity to talk about what he or she ate. Display the front of the card for children to see. Ask children what they see in the picture. Read the word *eat* at the top of the card. What is the child in the photograph eating? What meal is it? Where is he eating his food? Is he at school, home, or some other place?



Building Blocks: Phonemic Awareness

Show children the front of the card. Point at the word *eat* at the top of the card. Tell children that many new words can be made by adding sounds to the beginning of the word *eat*. Tell children you will say a sound. Their job is to add that sound to the beginning of the word *eat* to make a new word.

- /s/ (seat) /wh/ (wheat)
- /f/ (feet) /b/ (beat)
- /p/ (Pete) /n/ (neat)
- /m/ (meat) /tr/ (treat)
- /h/ (heat)



New Ideas: Building Knowledge and Comprehension

Display the card again for children to see. Tell children that we eat several times a day. Ask children to name what those times of day are called. Answers will vary depending on where you live, but answers may include breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks. Write the name of each meal on an index card and post it for children to see. Name some foods and have children decide at which meal each food would most likely be eaten. Note that some foods could be eaten at more than one or at all of the various meals.

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|----------|----------|---------|
| cereal | pizza | cookies |
| sandwich | rice | salad |
| apple | crackers | chicken |

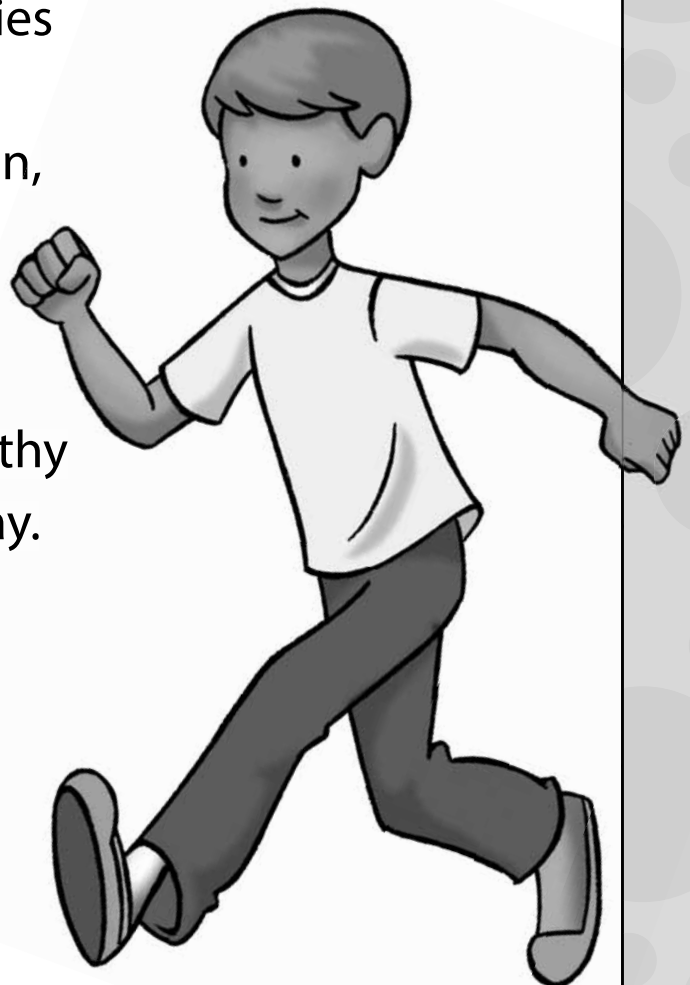
All About Me Songs (cont.)

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Healthy Bodies

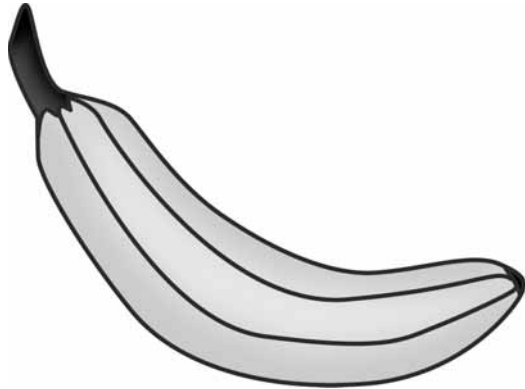
(sung to the tune of "The Itsy-Bitsy Spider")

Our healthy, happy bodies
Can do so many things,
Like jump, laugh, and run,
And play on the swings.
We eat good food
And exercise each day,
To keep our bodies healthy
And happy when we play.

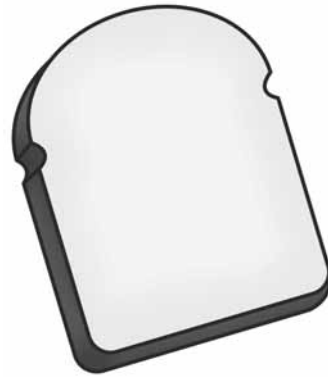


Healthy Food Choices Cards

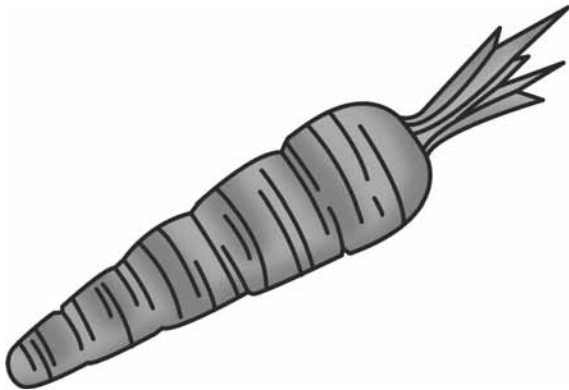
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banana



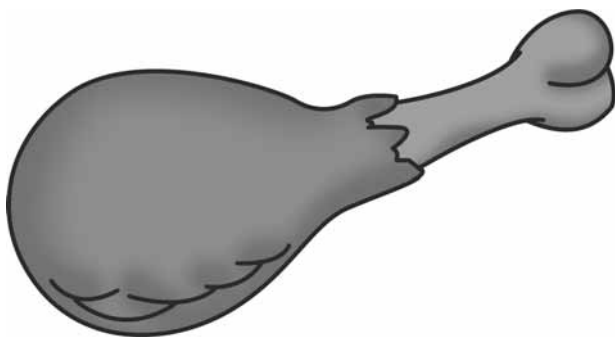
bread



carrot



yogurt



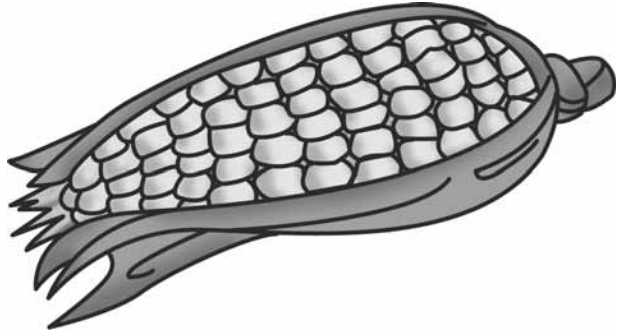
chicken



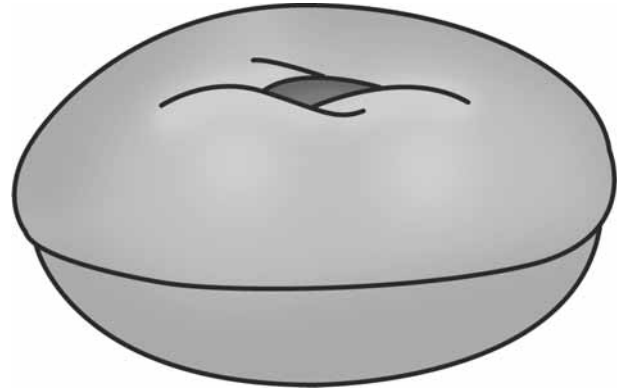
apple

Healthy Food Choices Cards (cont.)

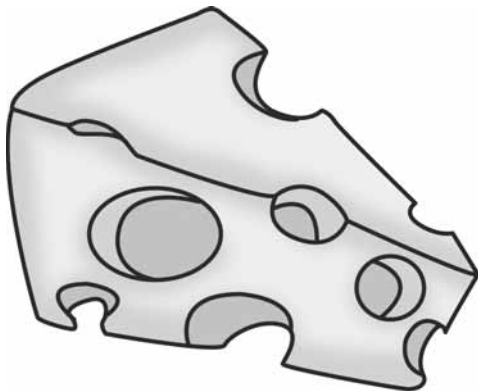
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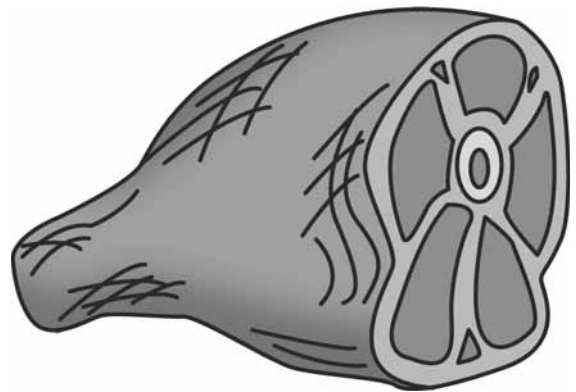
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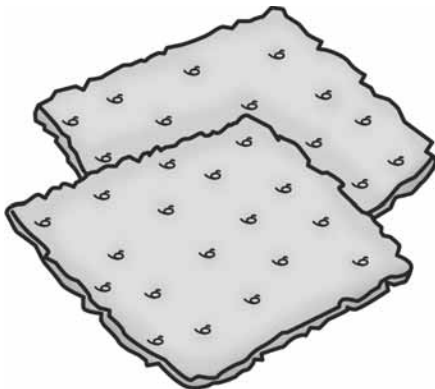
bagel



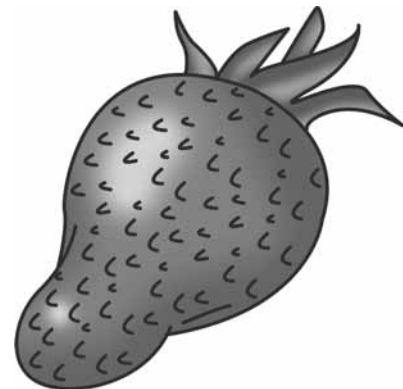
cheese



ham



crackers



strawberry

Special Me

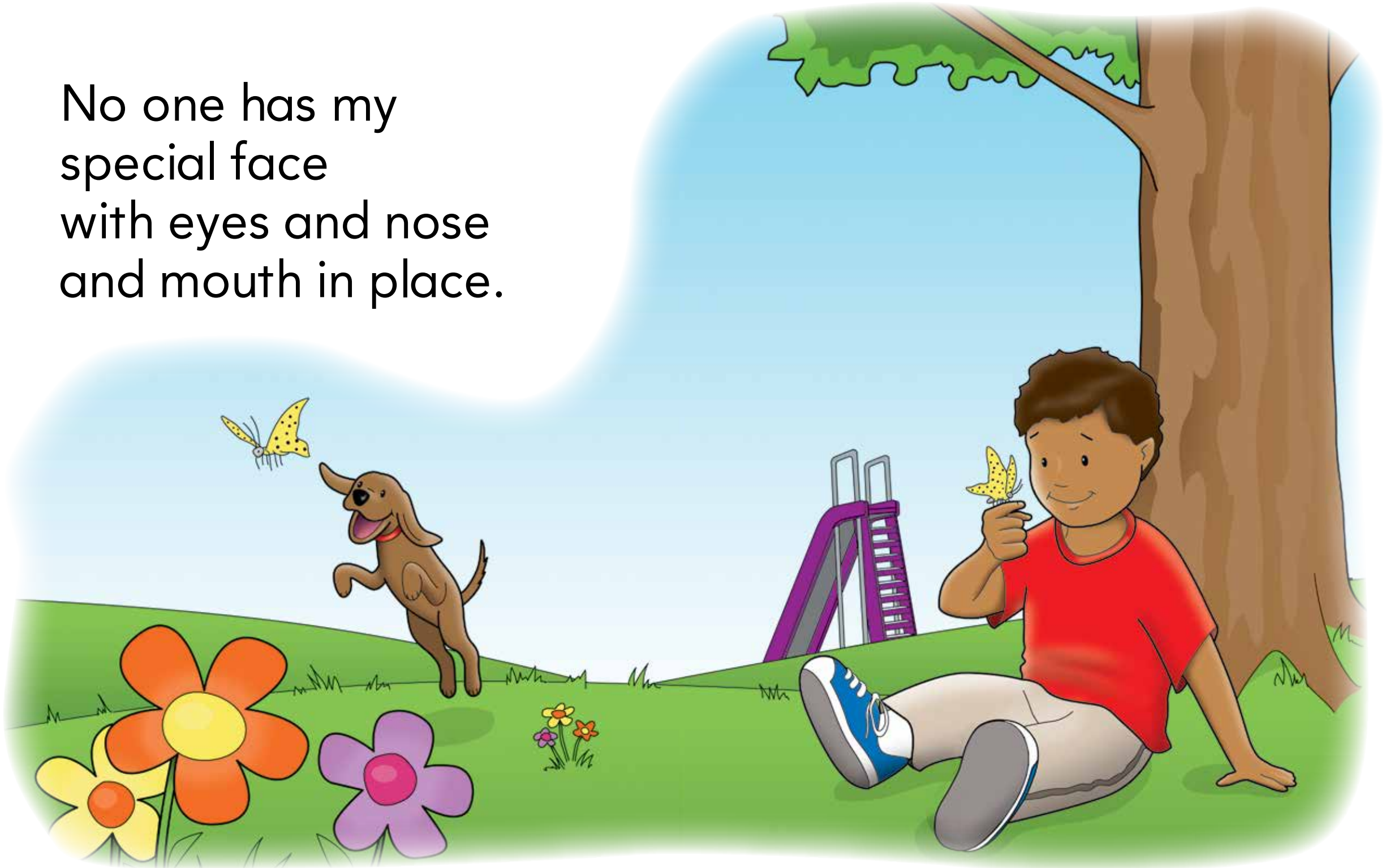


Sharon Coan

No one else is just like me.
I am special, you can see.



No one has my
special face
with eyes and nose
and mouth in place.



No one has my
special skin.
Only I can make
this grin.



No one else can move
like me
to clap or jump
or climb a tree.



I have a special place
to live.
My family has love
to give.



I am special. I can learn.
I can share and take
my turn.



I am special. I am me.
I help my friends when
they need me.



I am special! It is so true.
I am special, and so are you!

