PRAY PALS



Praise

Repent

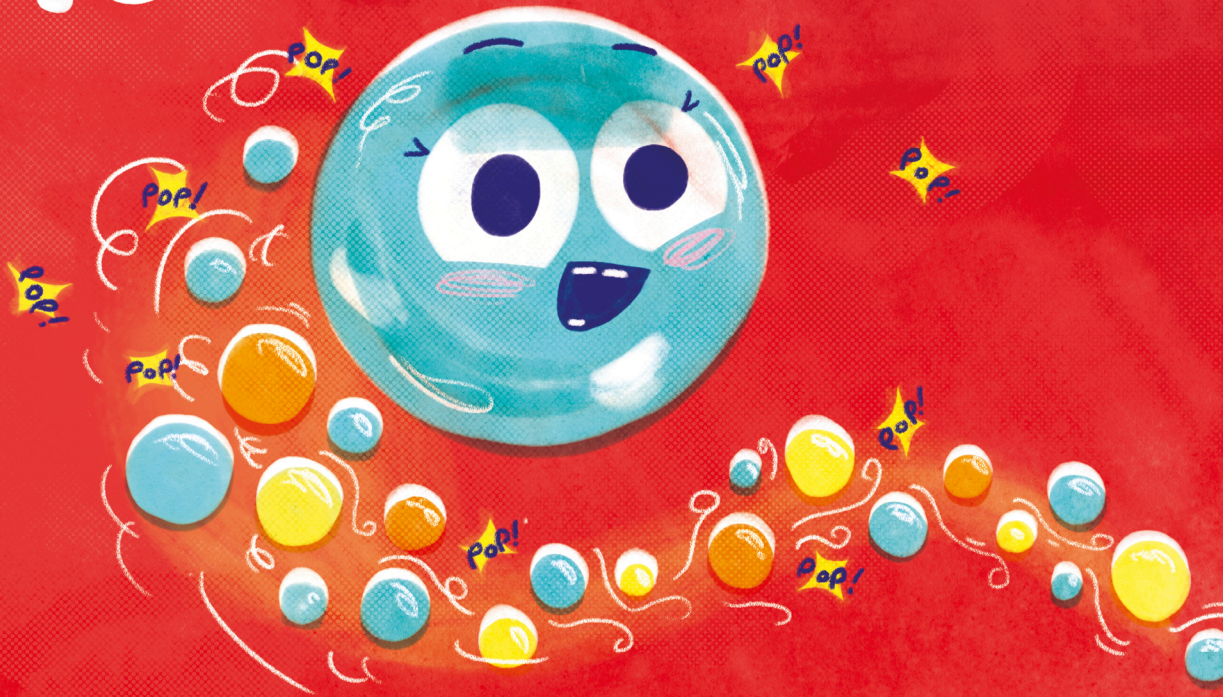
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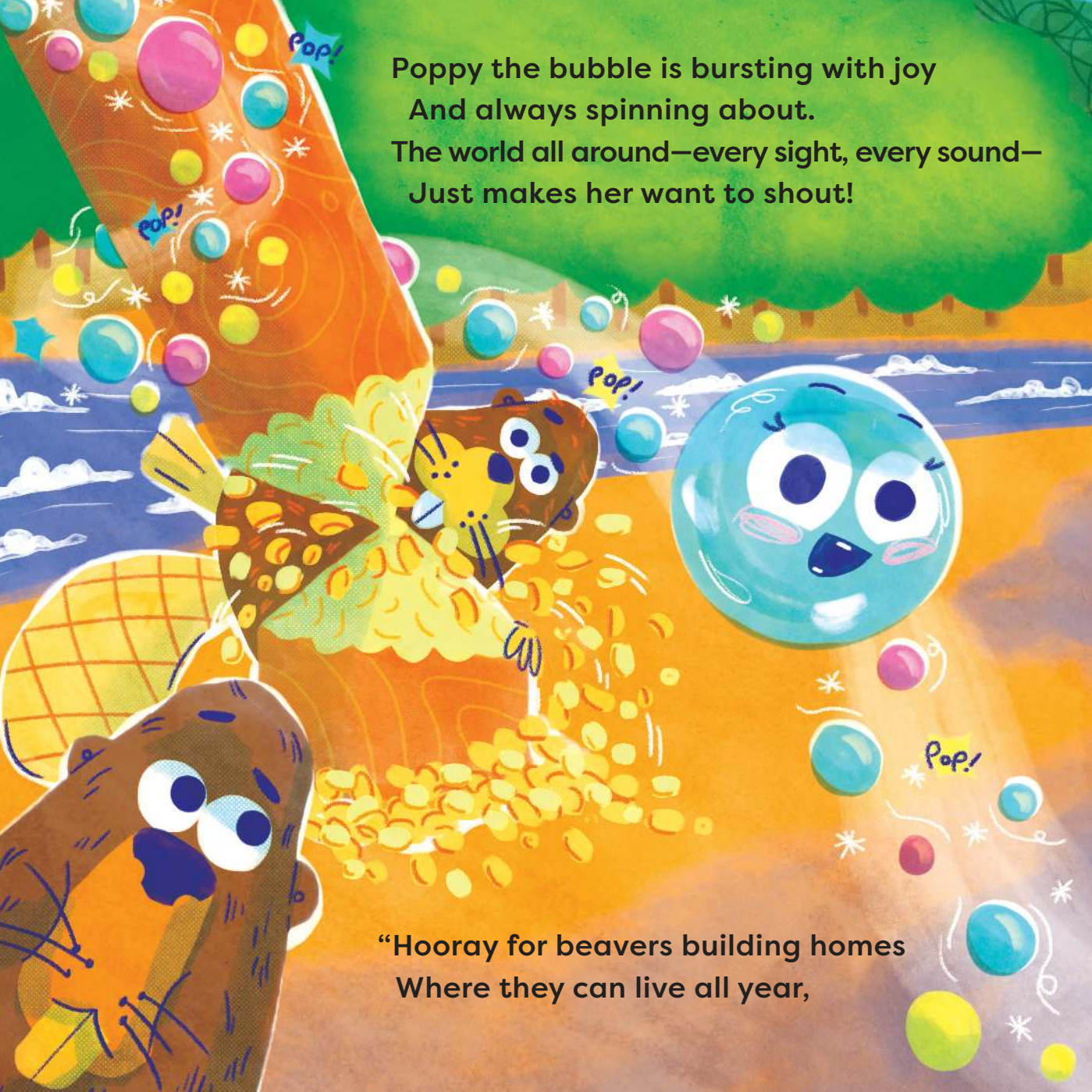
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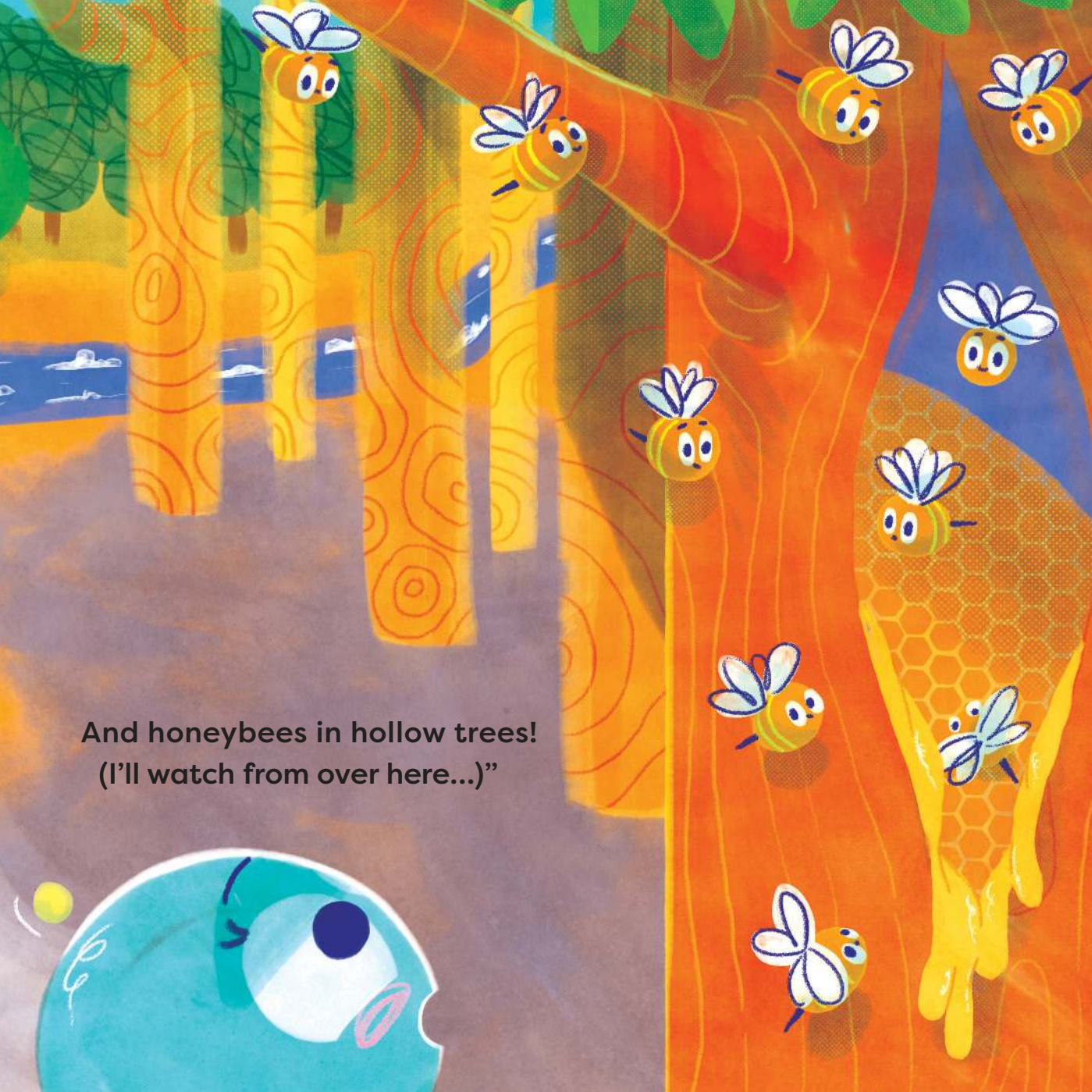


Poppy Learns to Praise

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Pop!
Pop!
Pop!
Pop!
Poppy the bubble is bursting with joy
And always spinning about.
The world all around—every sight, every sound—
Just makes her want to shout!
"Hooray for beavers building homes
Where they can live all year,



And honeybees in hollow trees!
(I'll watch from over here...)"


"And yay for geese who love to snack
On grass that's always growing,
And thirsty deer who sip the clear
Fresh water always flowing!"
Pop!
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HOW AMAZING!
POP!

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Rainy Learns to Repent

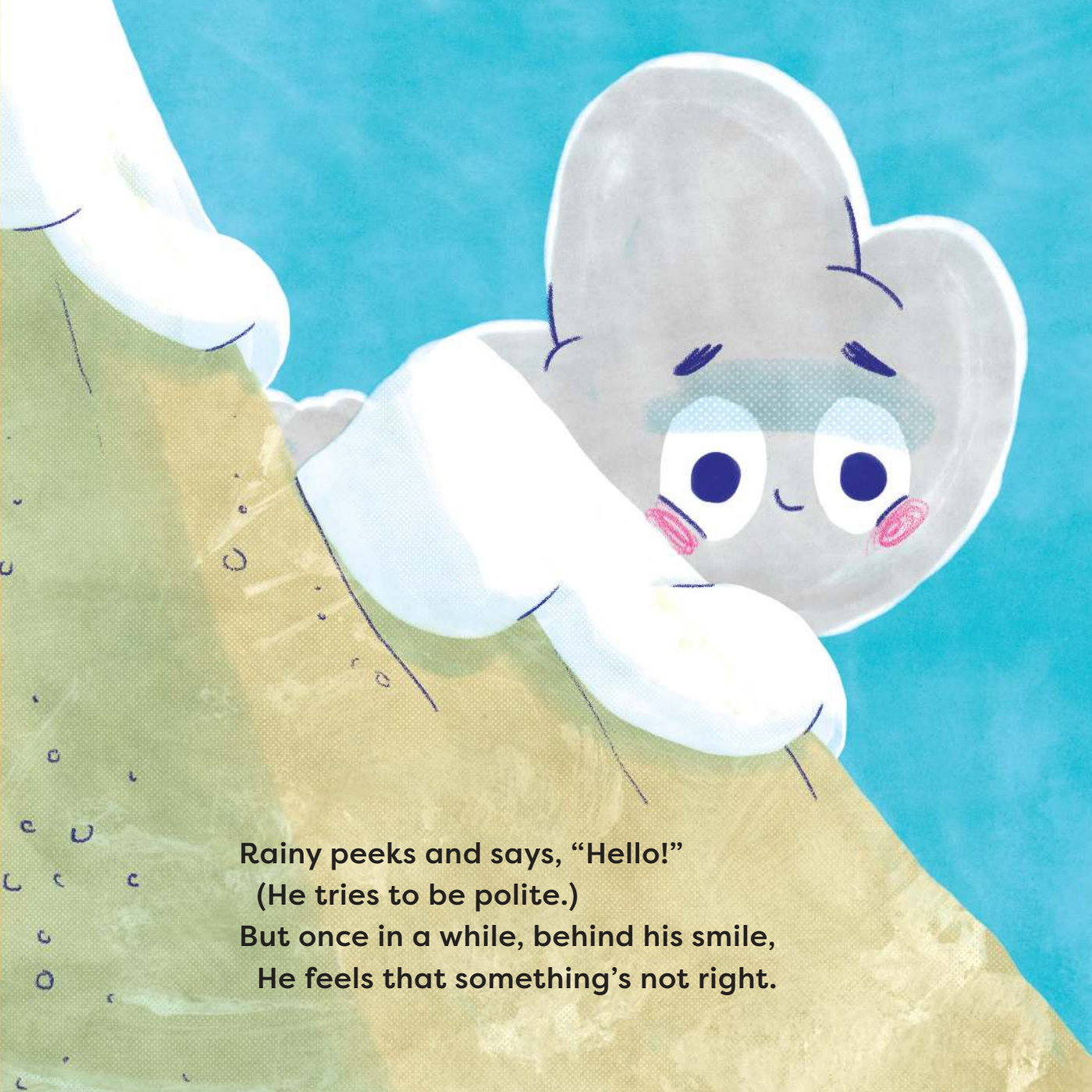
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Rainy the cloud is soft and sweet.
Let's see if he wants to say hi!

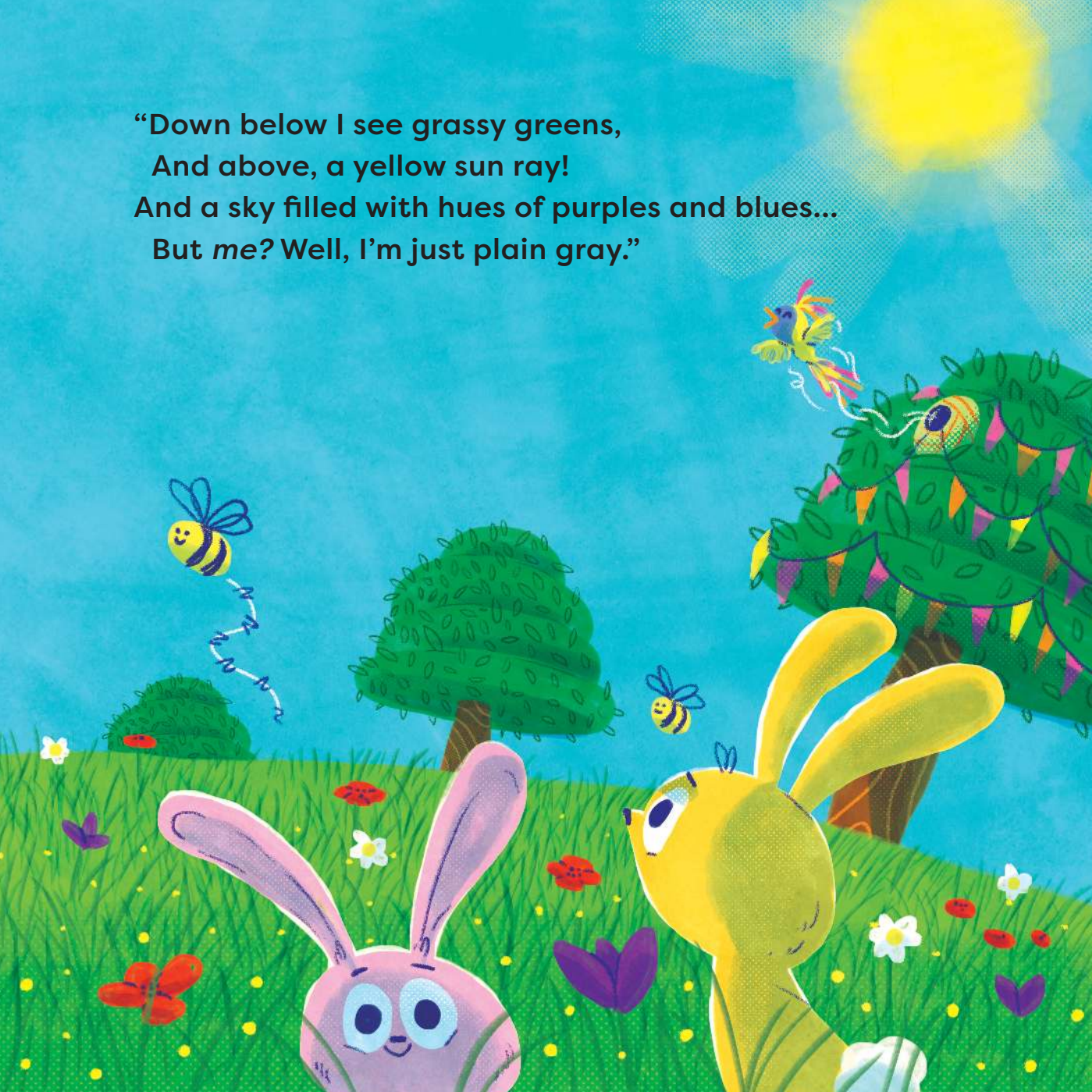


Oh Rainy? Hello? Where'd ya go?
(He's also a little bit shy.)



Rainy peeks and says, “Hello!”
(He tries to be polite.)
But once in a while, behind his smile,
He feels that something’s not right.

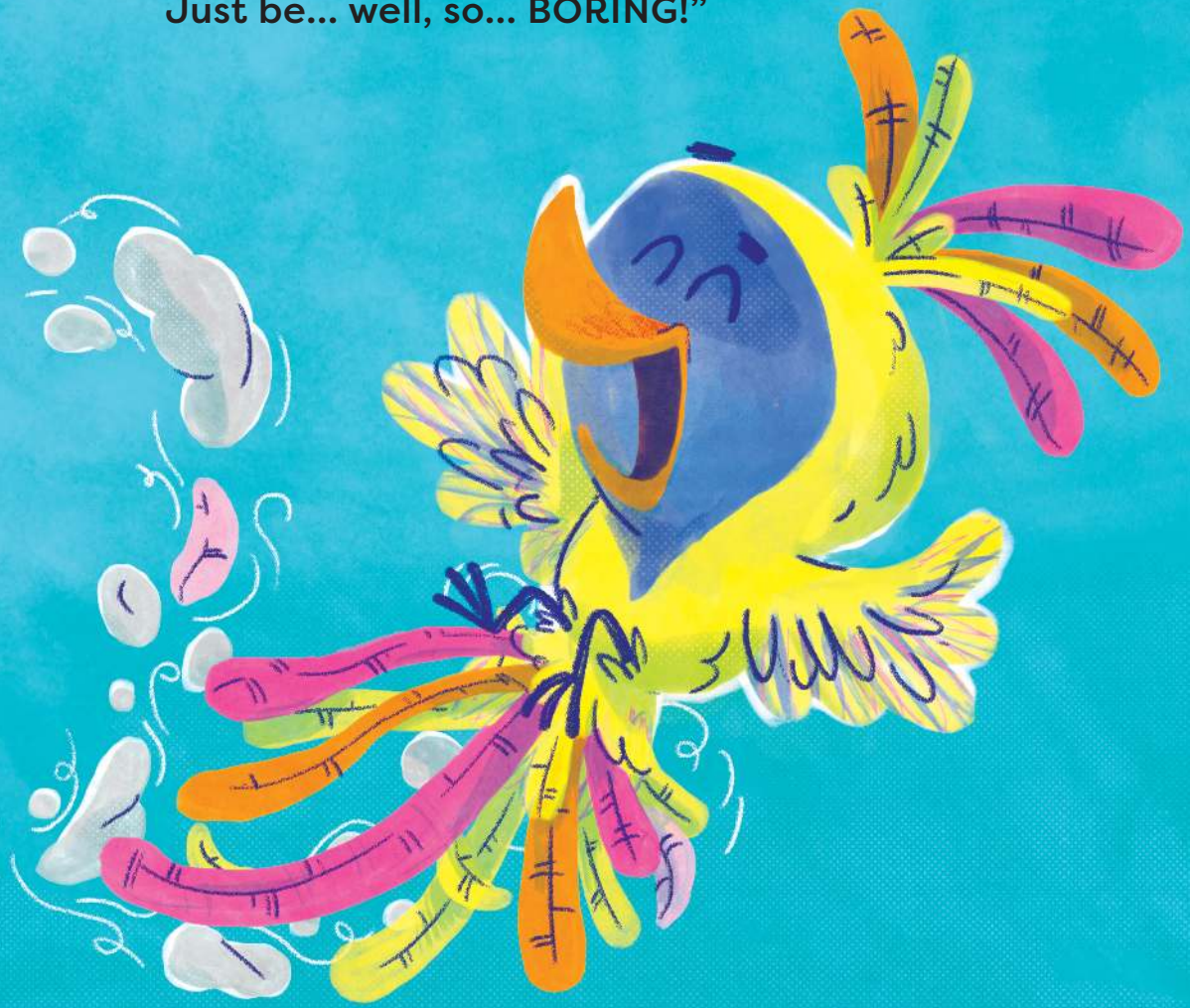




"Down below I see grassy greens,
And above, a yellow sun ray!
And a sky filled with hues of purples and blues...
But *me?* Well, I'm just plain gray."



“Plain gray? How sad!” chirps a colorful bird
While looping and swooping and soaring.
“Not like beautiful ME! Oh, gray would just be...
Just be... well, so... BORING!”





“Me... boring?” whispers Rainy,
feeling heavy in his heart.

But that’s when he
remembers something
Jesus said:

“My peace I give you ...
Do not let your hearts be troubled.”
(John 14:27)

“Jesus gives me peace? A piece of what?”



No, this peace means an extra-special kind of calm! That’s what Jesus gives us when we trust him. Even when we feel heavy or hurt, we know Jesus understands and wants to help.

So Rainy decides to pray:



"Someone hurt my feelings, God—
She said I'm plain and gray.
I pray you might just make things right
And give me peace today.

In Jesus' name, amen."

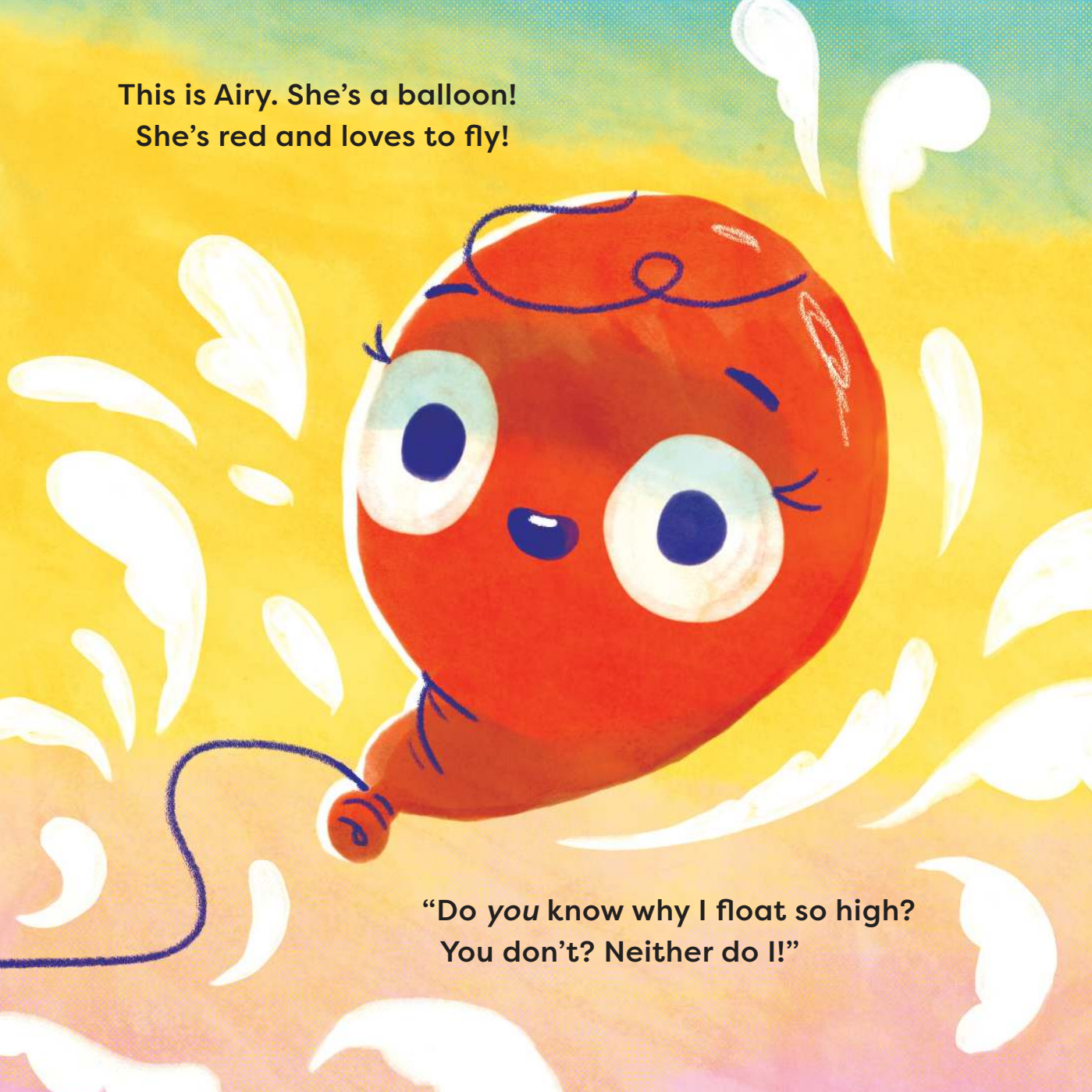
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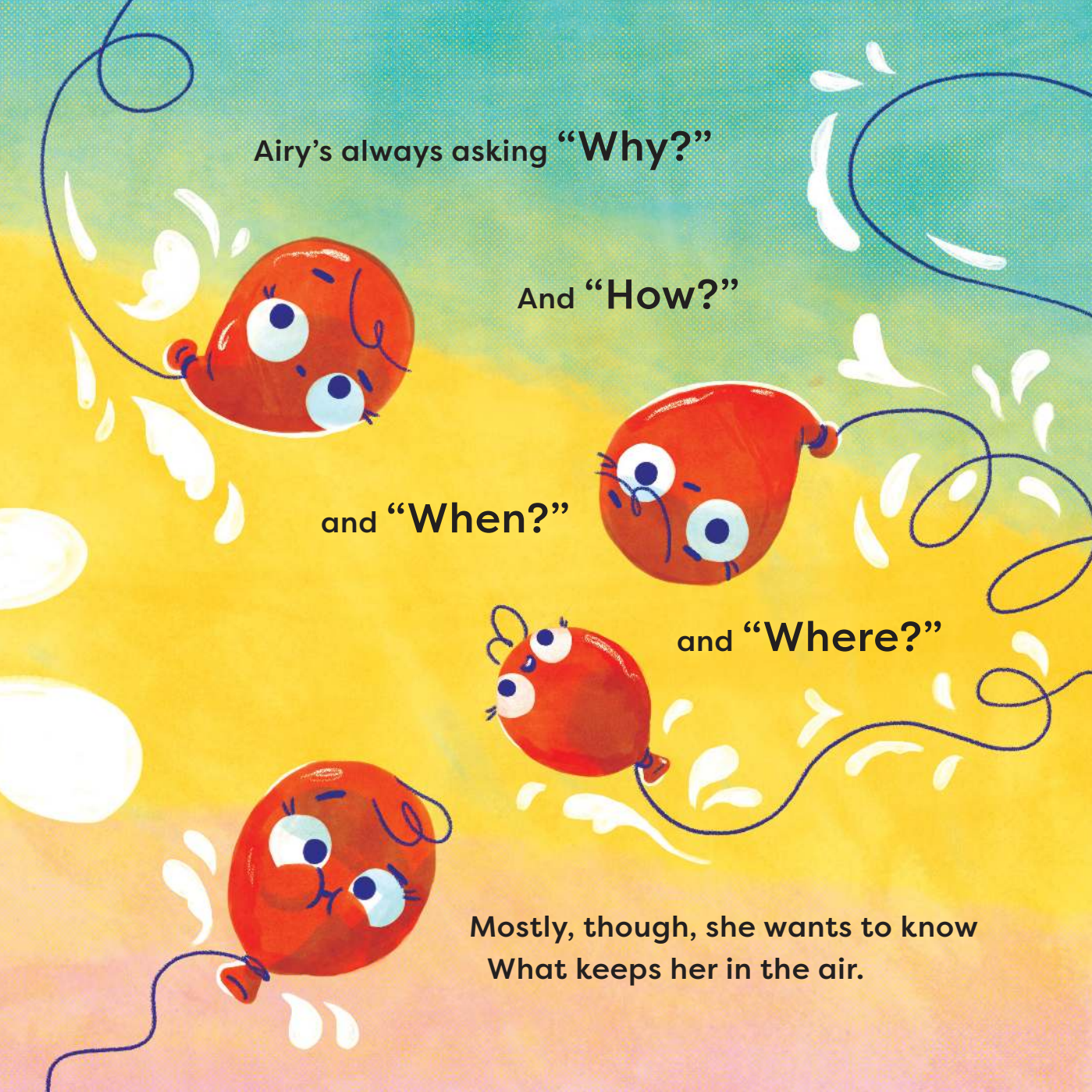


Airy Learns to Ask

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This is Airy. She's a balloon!
She's red and loves to fly!
"Do *you* know why I float so high?
You don't? Neither do I!"

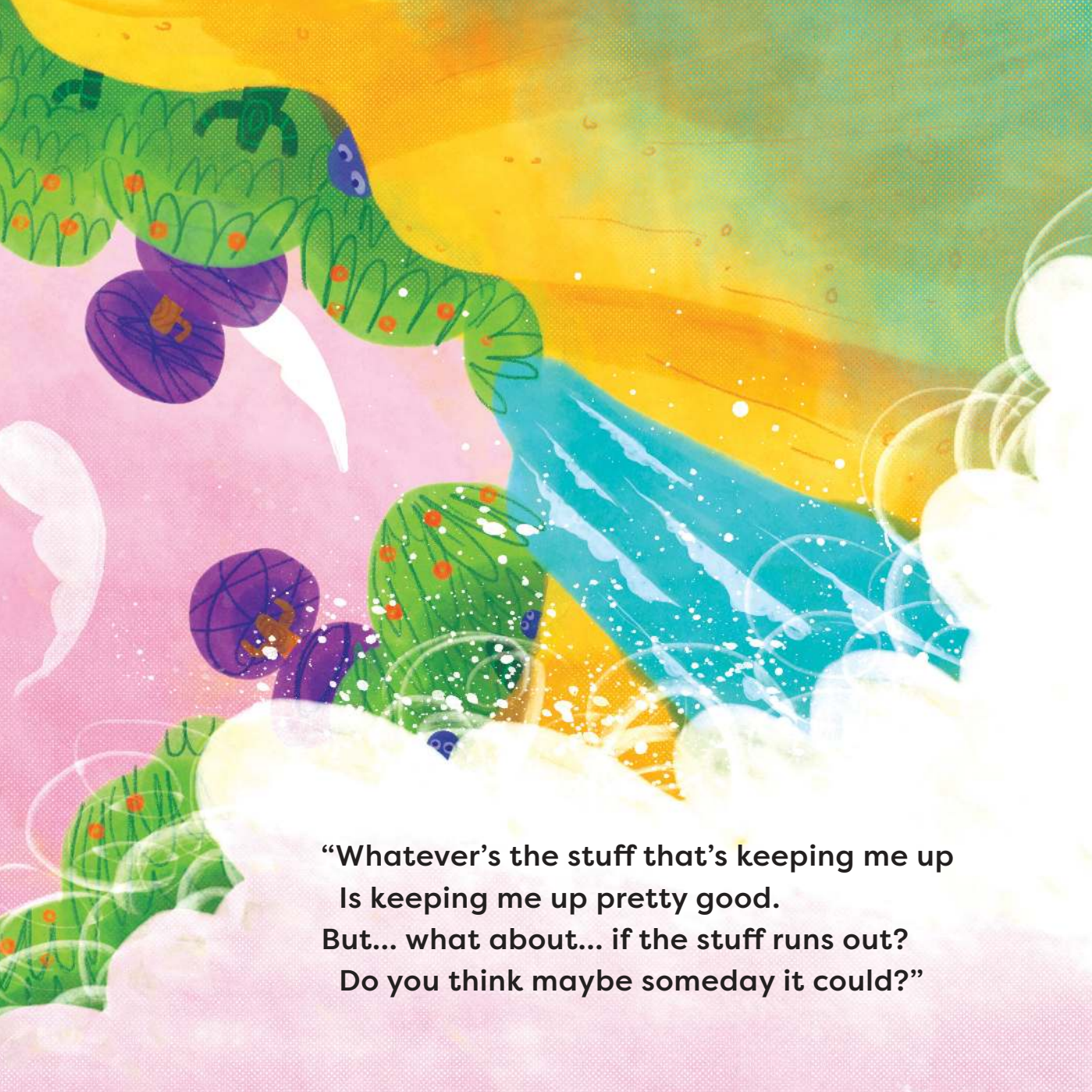

Airy's always asking "Why?"
And "How?"
and "When?"
and "Where?"
Mostly, though, she wants to know
What keeps her in the air.


“Today I’m floating way up here,
But what if tomorrow...
... what if tomorrow I sink down *there?*”



The rivers, cliffs, and trees below
Are kind of a little bit scary.
“Balloons can’t sink! At least, I don’t think...
I’m pretty sure,” says Airy.





"Whatever's the stuff that's keeping me up
Is keeping me up pretty good.
But... what about... if the stuff runs out?
Do you think maybe someday it could?"

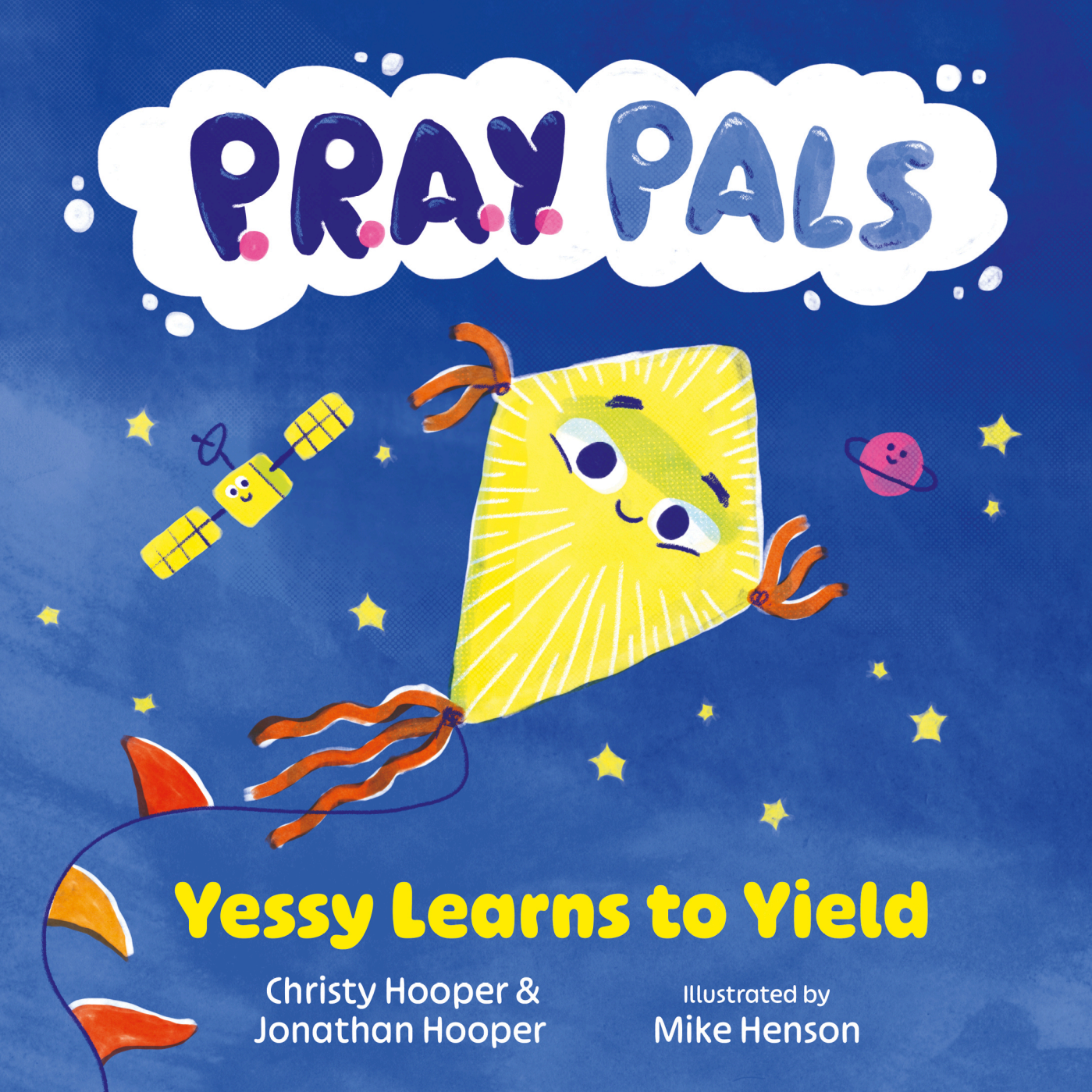
Filled with questions, Airy begins to feel smaller and not quite as light as before.

That's when she remembers something Jesus said:



"Ask, and it will be given to you."
(Matthew 7:7)

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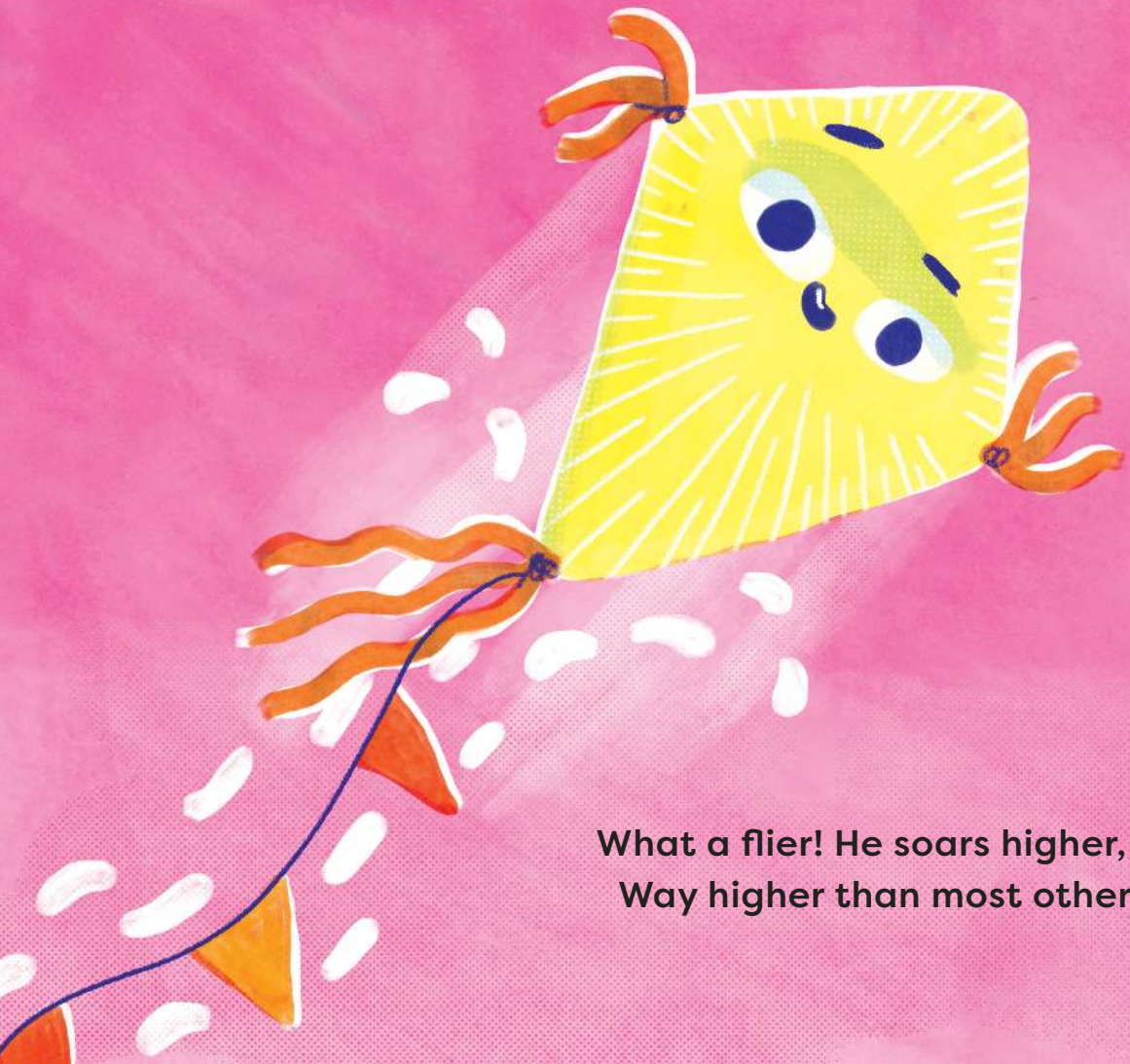


Yessy Learns to Yield

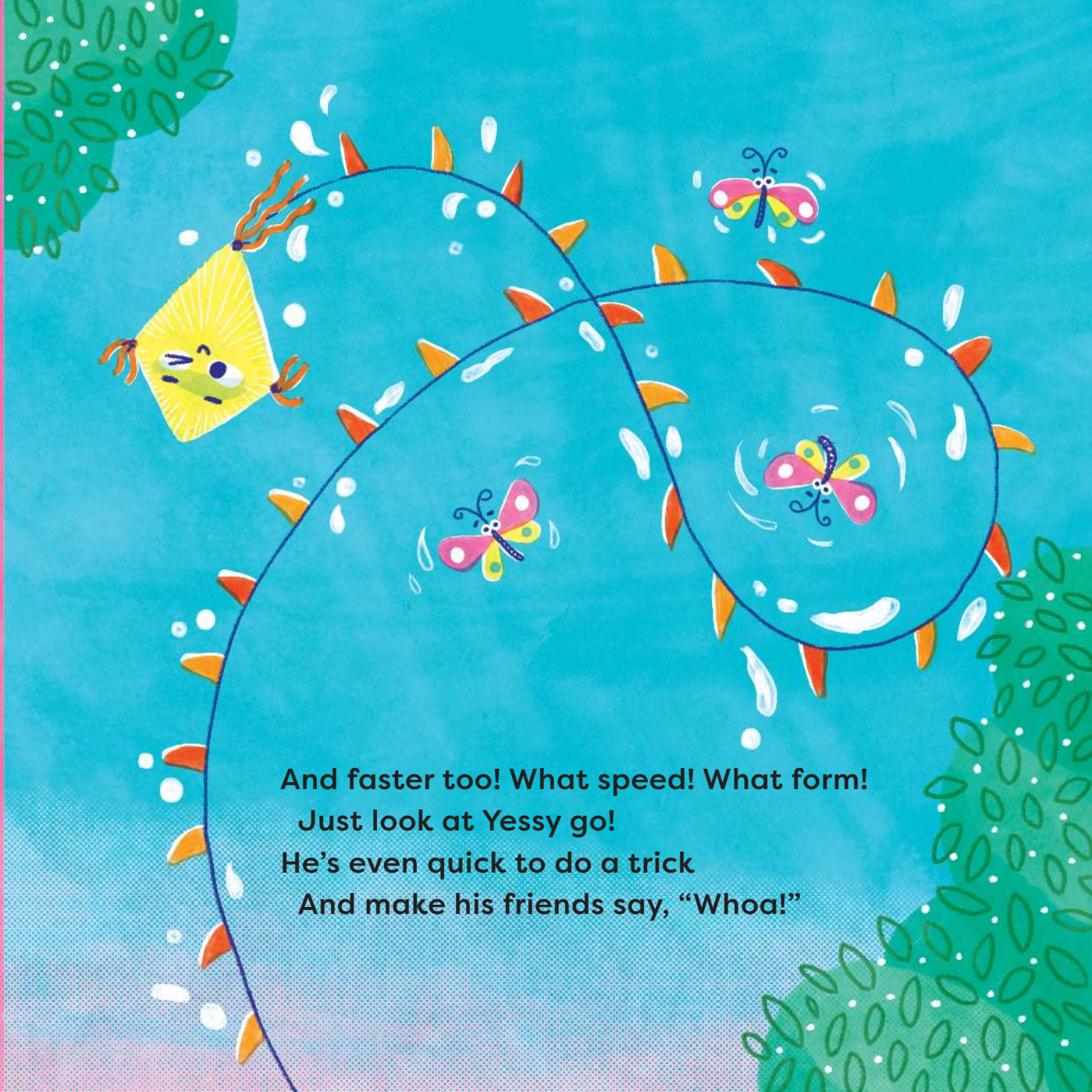
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There goes Yessy, the quickest kite
You've ever seen in the skies!



What a flier! He soars higher,
Way higher than most other guys.



And faster too! What speed! What form!
Just look at Yessy go!
He's even quick to do a trick
And make his friends say, "Whoa!"

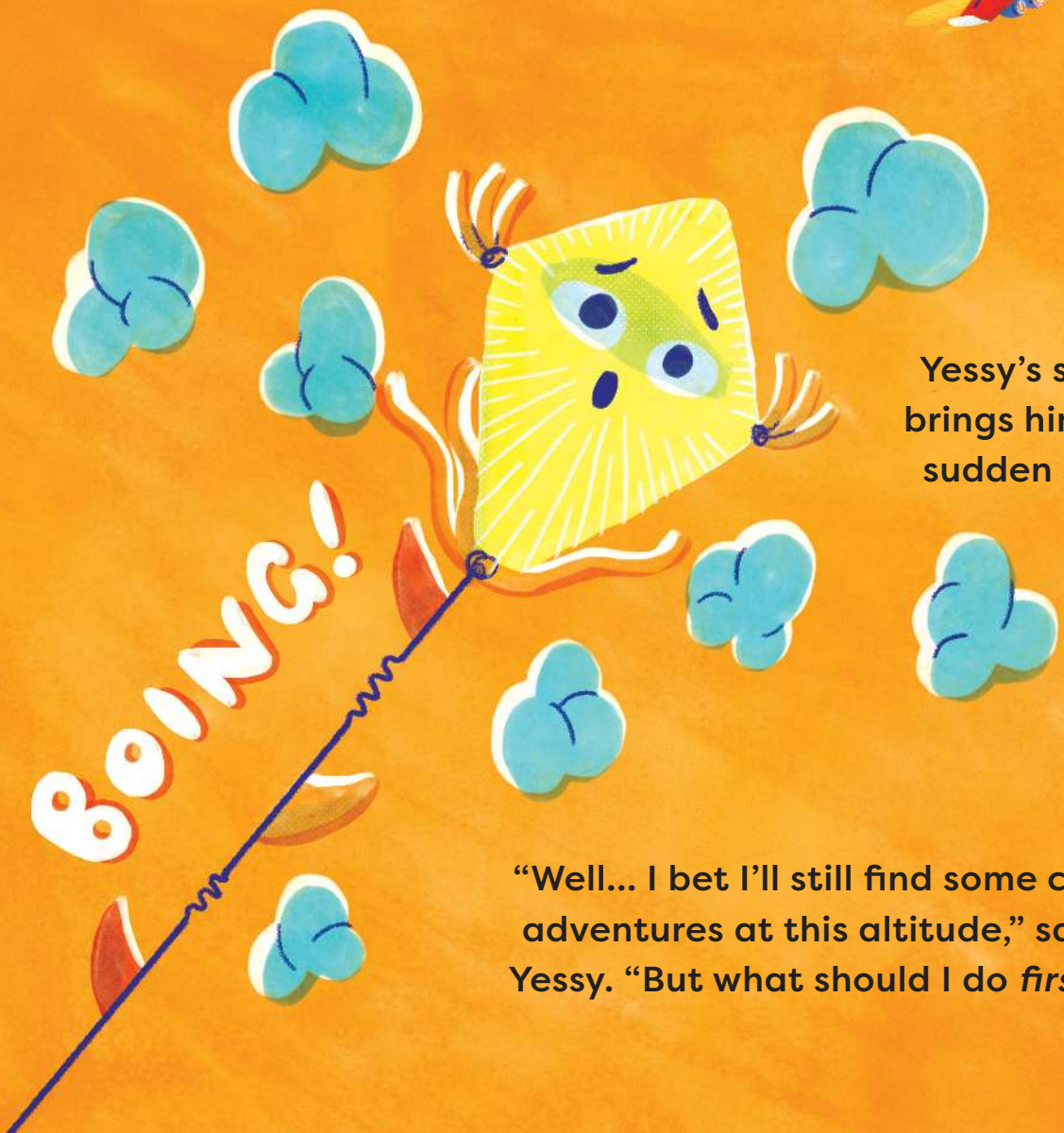

His kite string always
holds him tight
And keeps him
out of trees.


"But maybe I
could fly *extra* high
POP!
TWANG!!
If I were a little
more free..."


"I dream of going surfing
On an airplane's wing! Just think!
And zipping by, I'd catch his eye
And I'd just smile and wink!
And—"

BOIIINNNG!





Yessy's string brings him to a sudden stop.

"Well... I bet I'll still find some cool adventures at this altitude," says Yessy. "But what should I do *first?*"


That's when he remembers something Jesus said:
"Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness."
(Matthew 6:33)
"The kingdom of God? Where's that?"

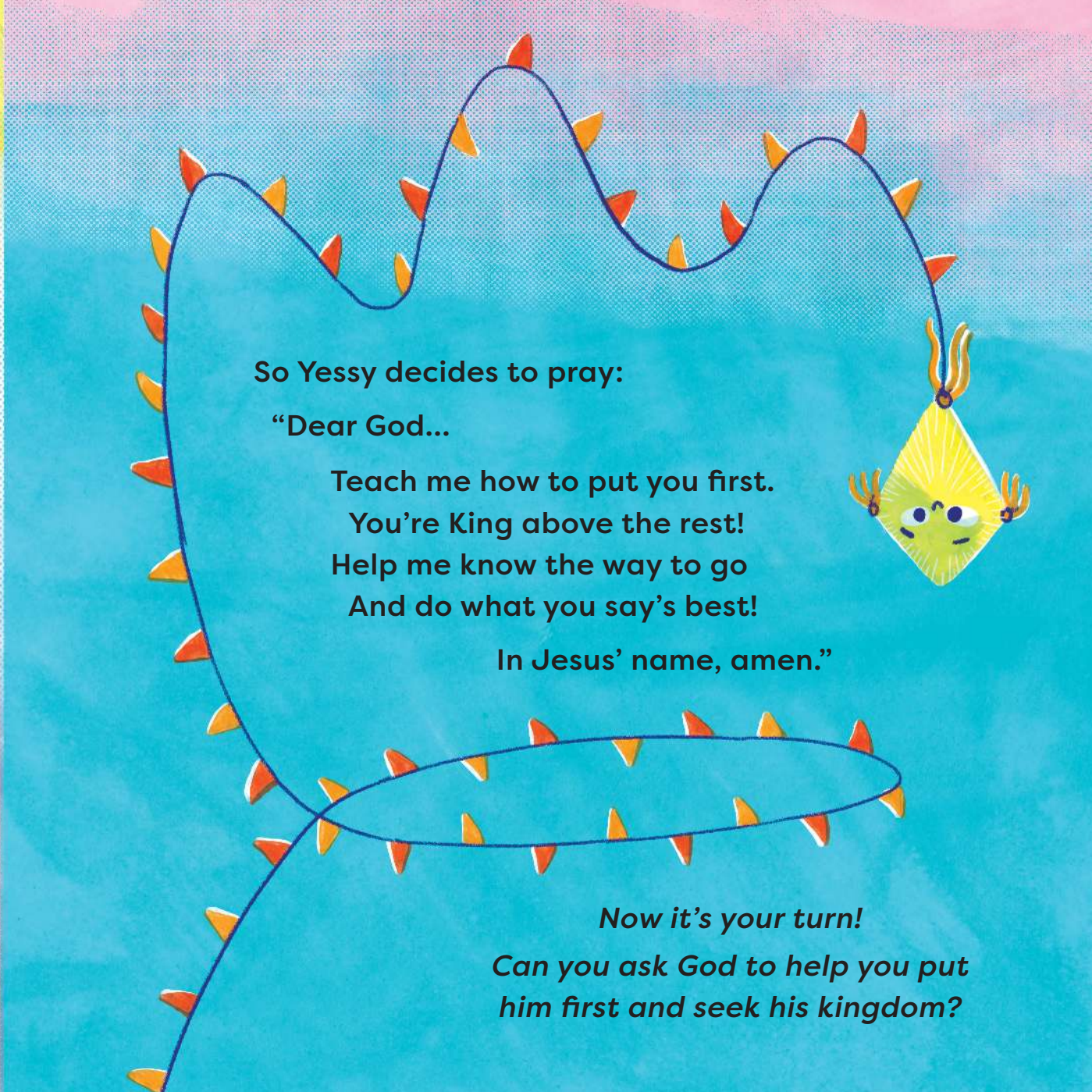


It isn't a place exactly.

Seeking God's kingdom means trusting that God is our good King and putting him first in our lives.

Before we do anything, we always think about what God says!




So Yessy decides to pray:
"Dear God...
Teach me how to put you first.
You're King above the rest!
Help me know the way to go
And do what you say's best!
In Jesus' name, amen."
Now it's your turn!
Can you ask God to help you put
him first and seek his kingdom?