

Happy Mother's Day, Dear Dragon

For the earliest reader

by Margaret Hillert

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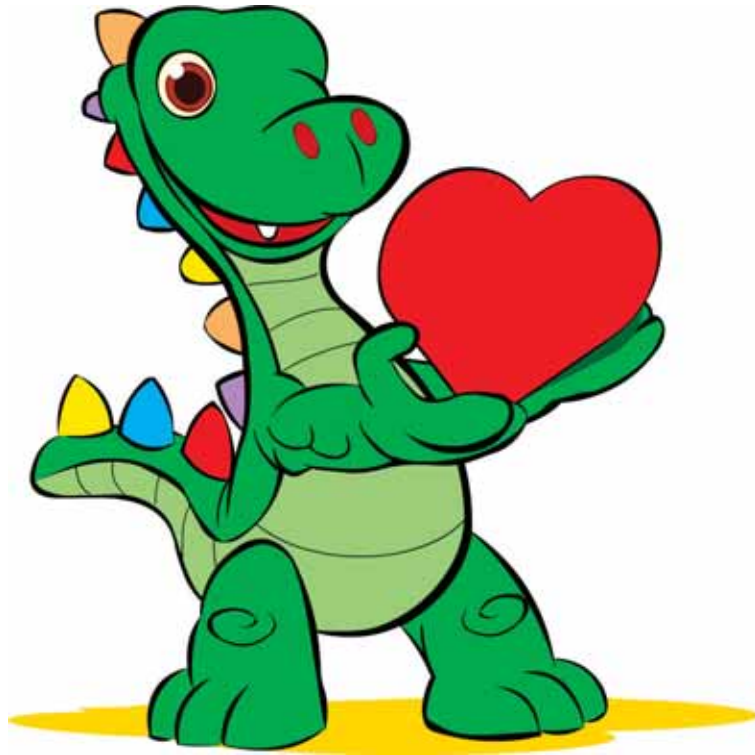
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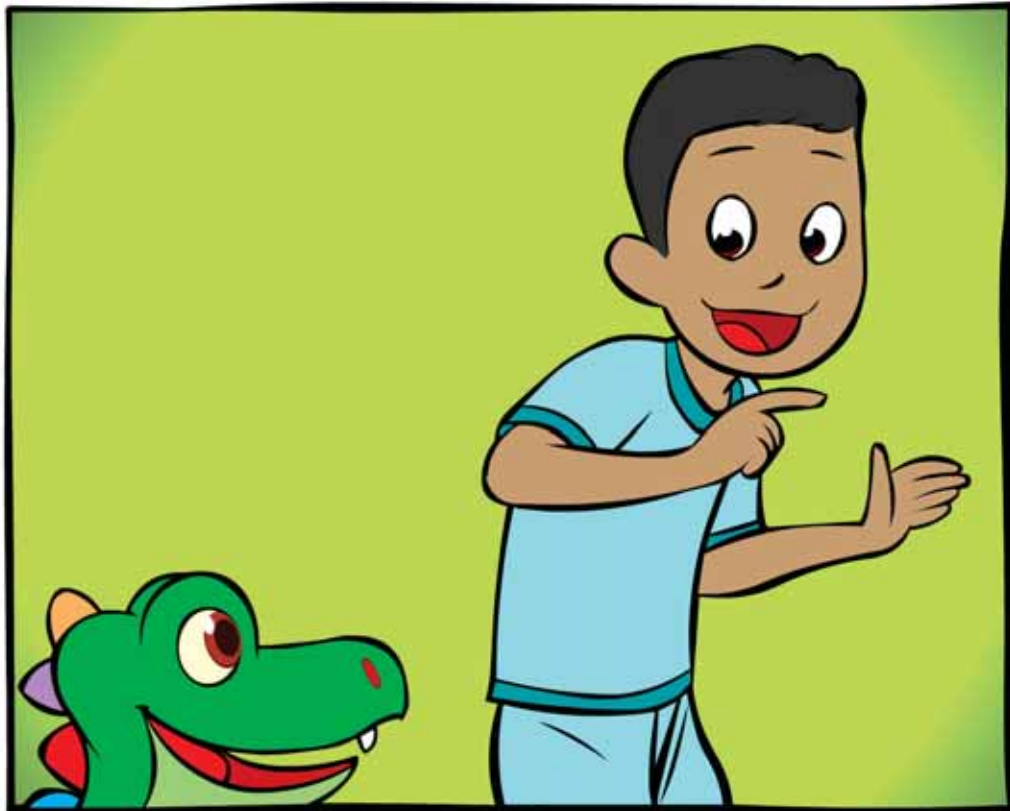


Come on.

Oh, come on now.

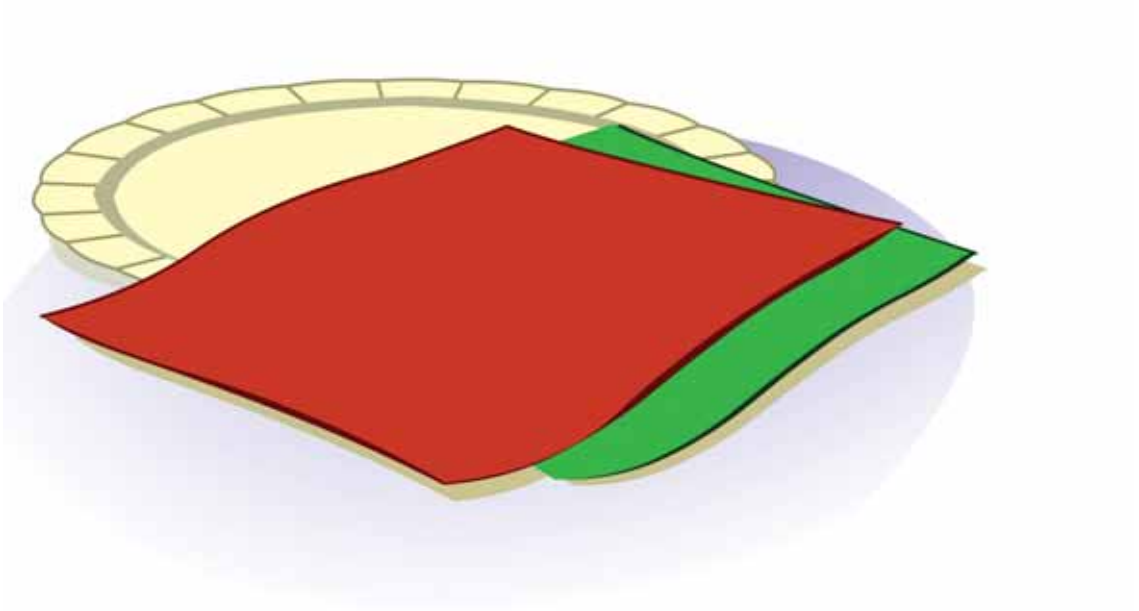
Get up. Get up.

I have to do something.



I have to make
something for Mother.
Can you help?

I want this –

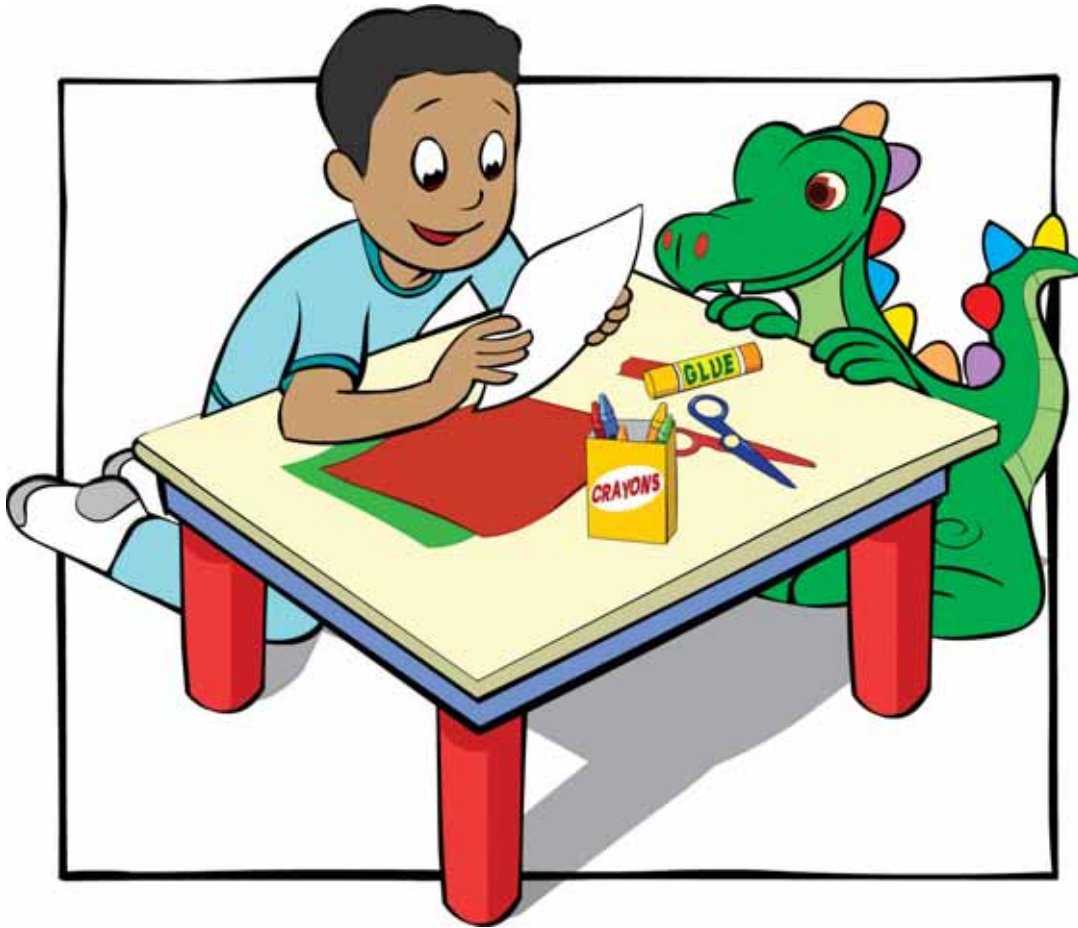


and this –



and this –





Now I will make
something pretty.
Red and yellow and blue.



Look at this.
Oh, this looks good.
Mother will like it.





Now come out here.
We have something to do here.



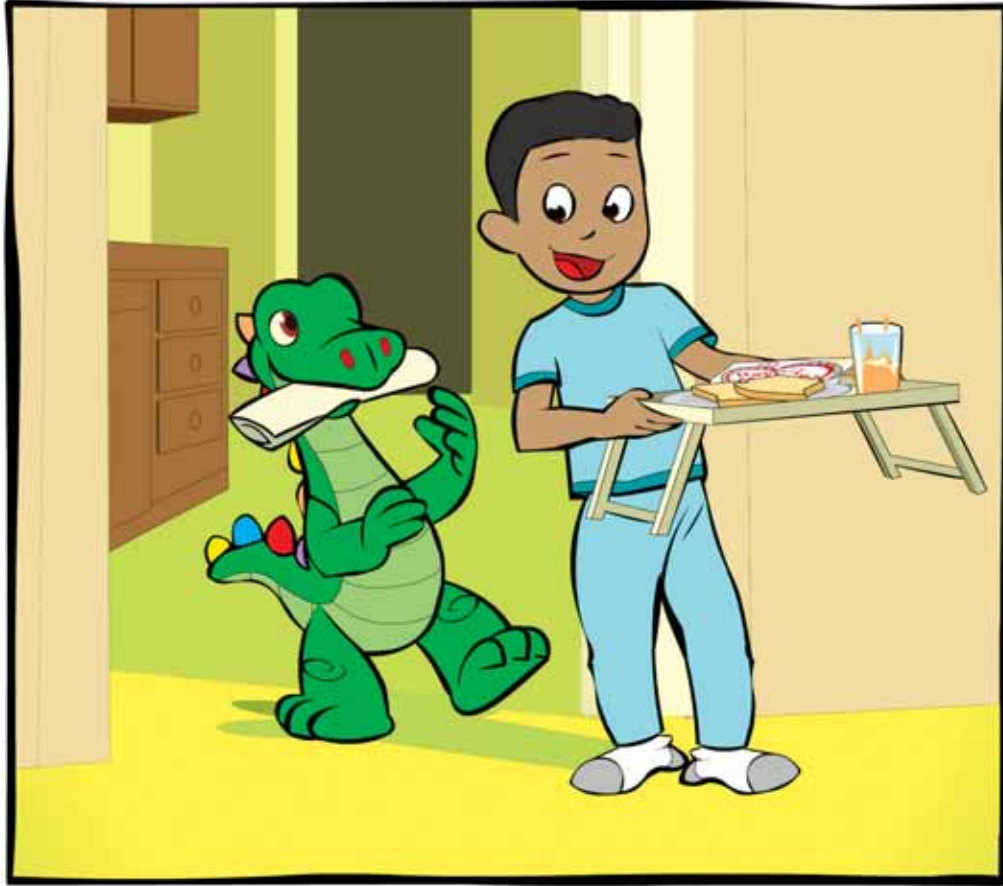
We will put this in here.
This is something good.



And we will make
something to eat.
This is good, too.



You can help.
Go out and get that.
Go, go, go.
Mother will want that.



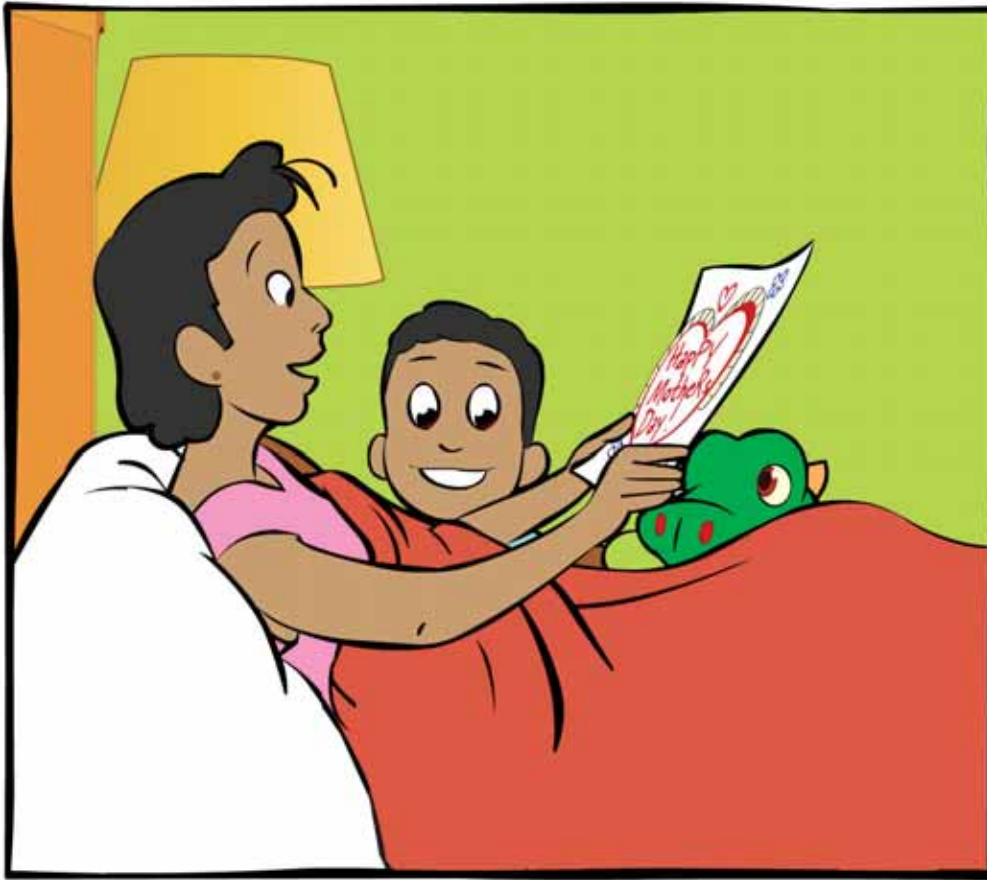
You are a good help.
Come with me.
We will go to Mother.



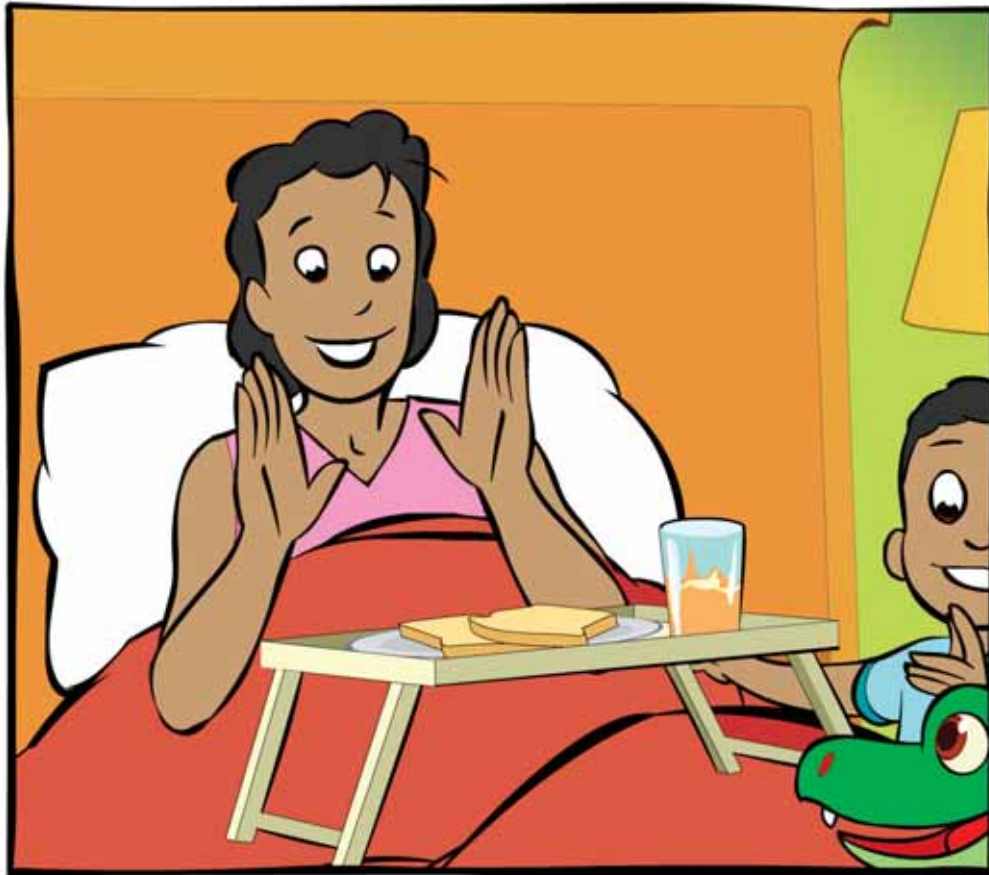
Here we go.
Up, up, up.
Up to see Mother.



Get up, Mother. Get up.
We have something for you.
Get up and see what we have.



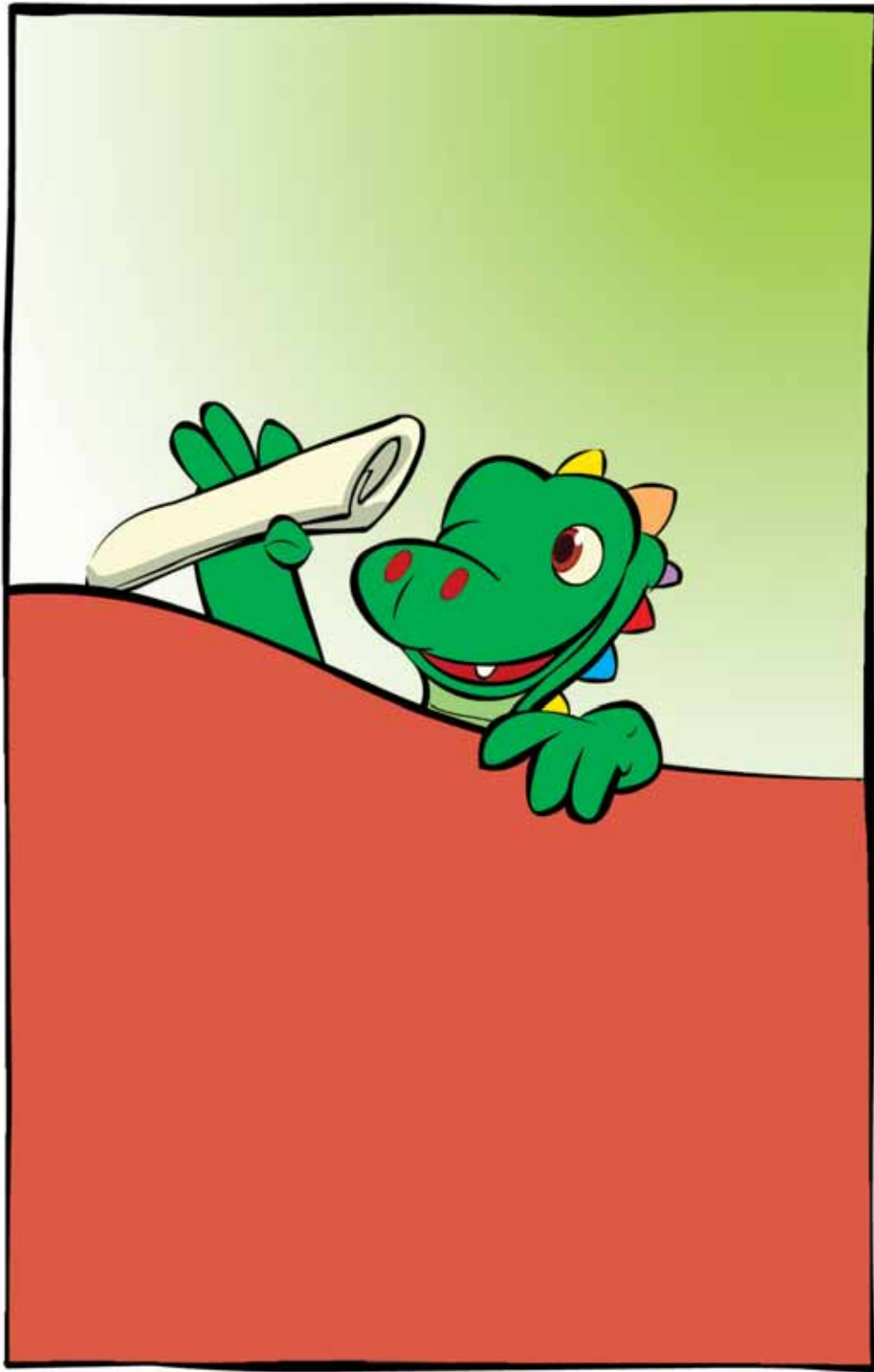
Oh, my. Oh, my.
What is this?
It is so pretty.
Did you make it?



And how good this looks.
I want to eat it.



Come here. Come here.
I want you to have something.
I love you.



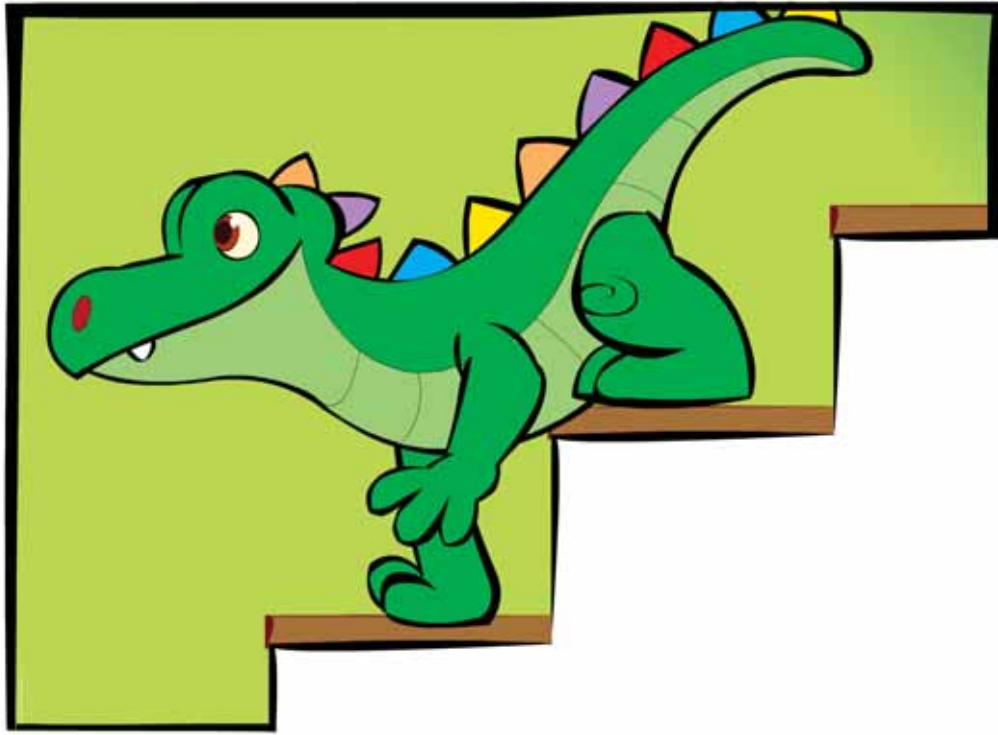


Father, Father.
Do you have something
for Mother, too?

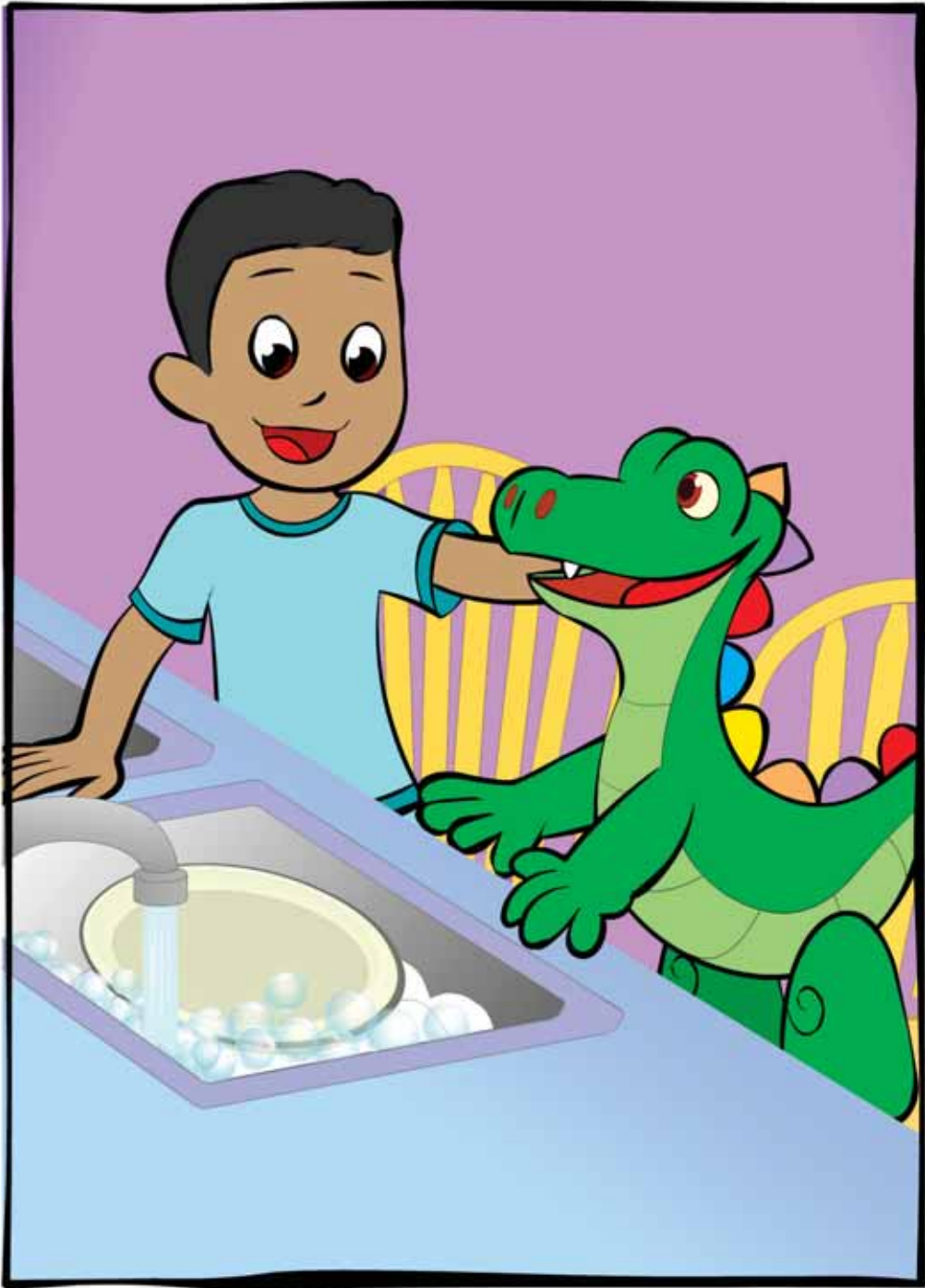


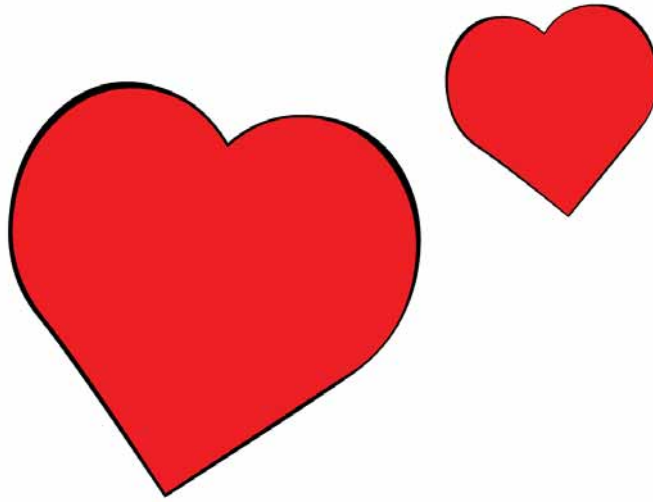
Yes, yes.
I do have something.
See what I have.
Red, yellow, and blue.



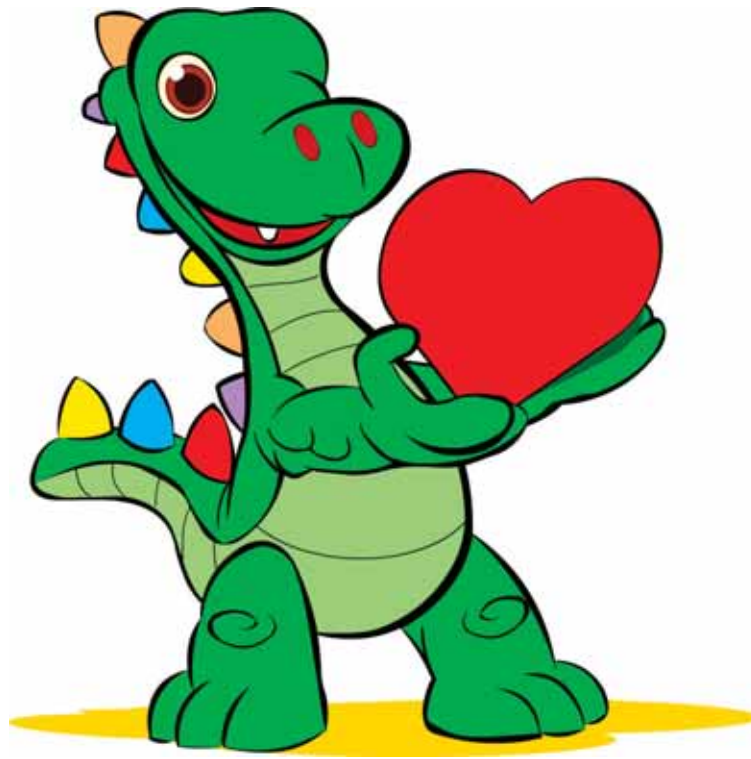


Come with me.
We will go down now.
Down, down, down.





Here you are with me.
And here I am with you.
Oh, what a happy Mother's Day,
Dear Dragon.



About the Author

Over a million children worldwide have learned to read and to love reading thanks to Margaret Hillert. She developed her knack for writing exciting books for beginning readers during her 34 years as a first-grade teacher. She continued writing into her '90s, and published over eighty books for children. Margaret's use of a controlled vocabulary of high-frequency words helps children gain confidence and reading fluency. Her wonderful stories spark their interest.

Margaret earned a teaching degree from Wayne State University in 1948, after completing a nursing degree in 1944 at the University of Michigan. In addition to writing children's books, Margaret authored a book of poetry for adults, wrote magazine articles, gave lectures, and always found time to read to children at her local library. In 1993, Margaret won a prestigious award from the Woman's National Book Association for her contribution to early reading, but believed her biggest reward to be the three generations of students whom she taught to read.

Margaret passed away in 2014.

Vocabulary - 59 Words

a	happy	pretty
am	have	put
and	help	red
are	here	see
at	how	so
blue	I	something
can	in	that
come	is	this
day	it	to
dear	like	too
did	look(s)	up
do	love	want
down	make	we
dragon	me	what
eat	Mother('s)	will
Father	my	with
for	now	yellow
get	oh	yes
go	on	you
good	out	



It is Mother's Day. What will the boy and his dragon do for mother to make her day special?

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