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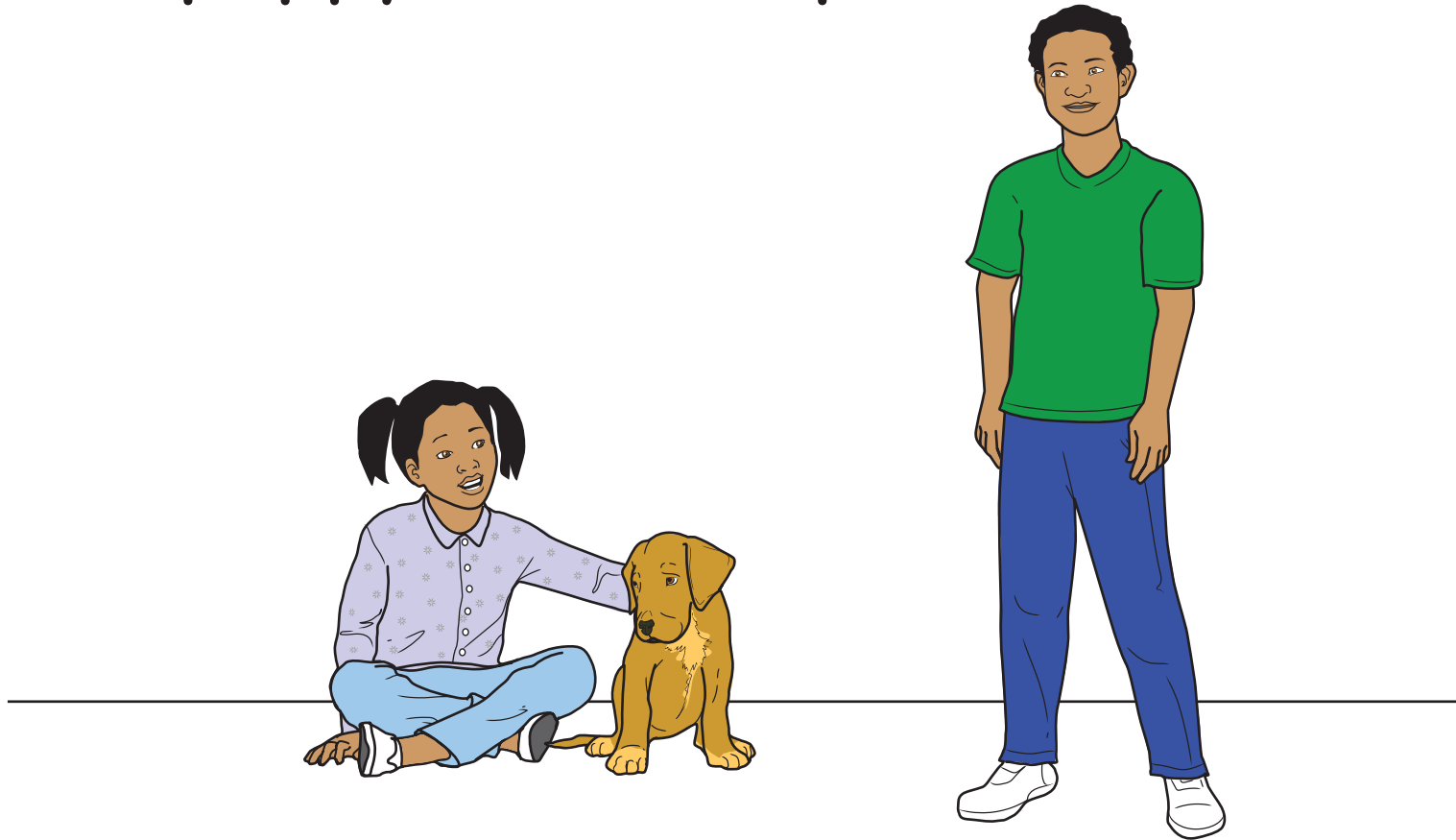
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Welcome to the Family

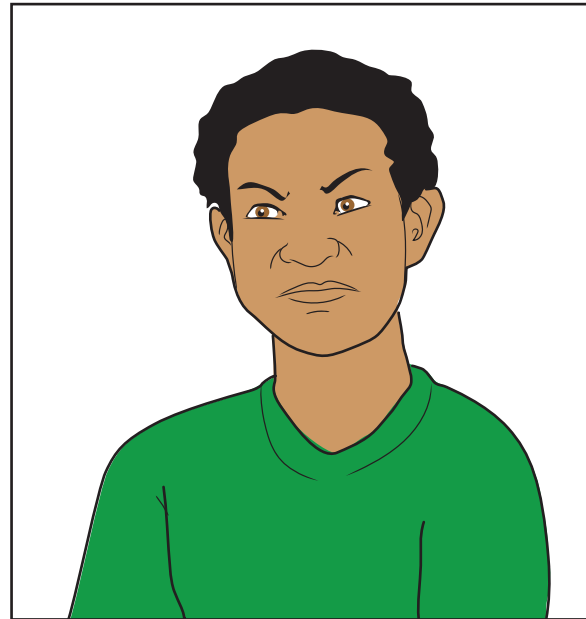
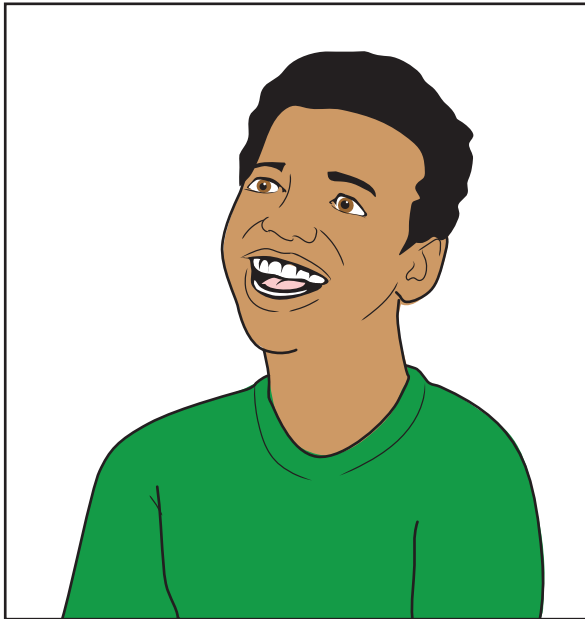
Jared and his little sister Tracy had a new puppy named Sparkles.



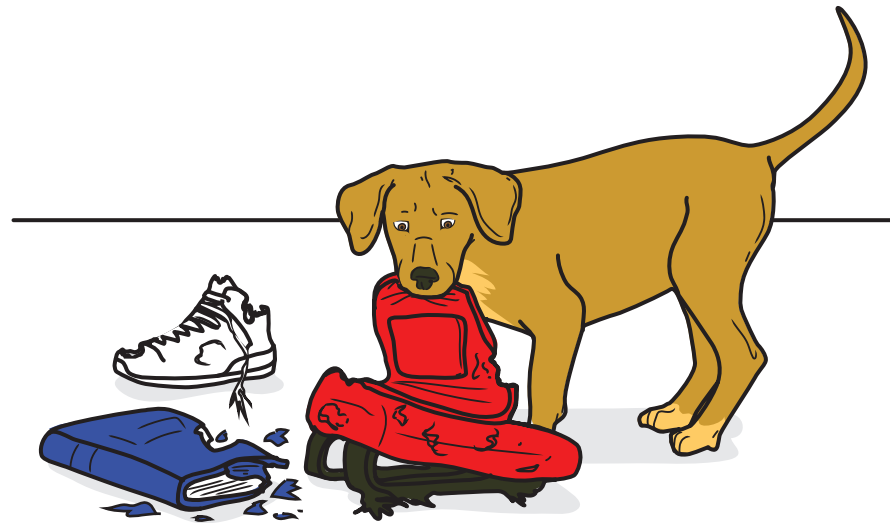


Jared was mad when he called for Tracy and Mom to come to his room and see what Sparkles had done. His pillow was torn, and the fluff from the inside of the pillow was floating in the air. Tracy and Mom laughed when they saw the tiny pieces of cotton in Sparkles's dark fur.

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Sparkles had made many big messes since Jared brought her home from the farm a few weeks ago. The puppy had chewed up Tracy's backpack and library book. Sparkles had chewed a hole in Jared's soccer uniform and in one of his basketball shoes.



Nothing in the house was safe from Sparkles. She chewed on table legs, chair cushions, and even the bottom step of the stairs.

"This is enough!" Jared said as he cleaned up the mess in his room. "I am taking Sparkles back to the farm."

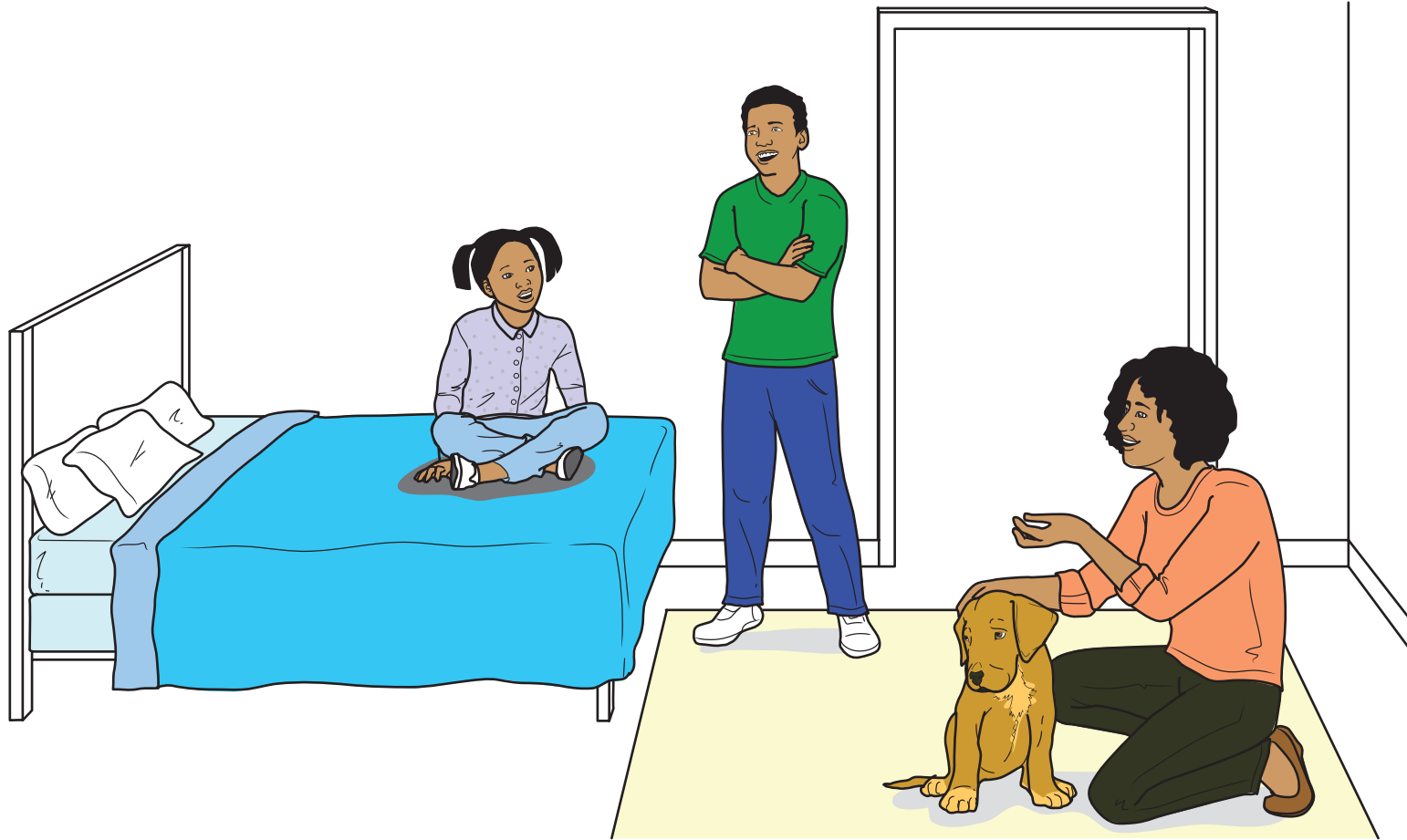
Mom bent down to pet Sparkles. "Maybe the farm is a better place for a lively little puppy like Sparkles."

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But Tracy wanted to keep their new puppy. "Please give me a chance to work with her," Tracy begged. "Maybe I can take Sparkles to a puppy training school. She can take lessons on how to behave." Mom agreed that training Sparkles was a good idea.

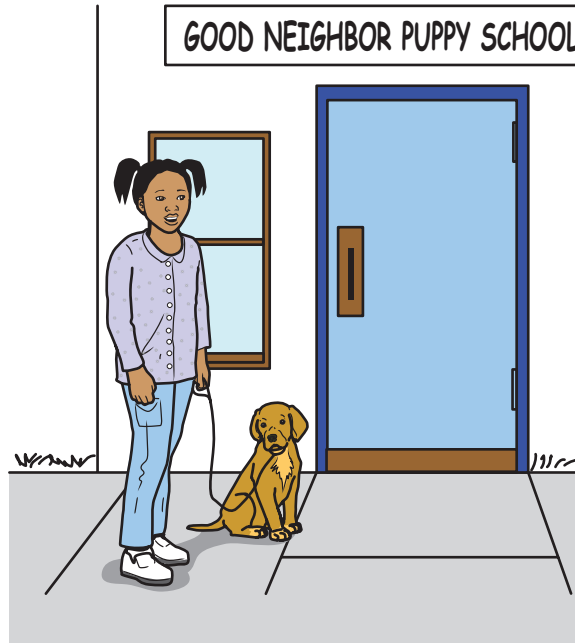
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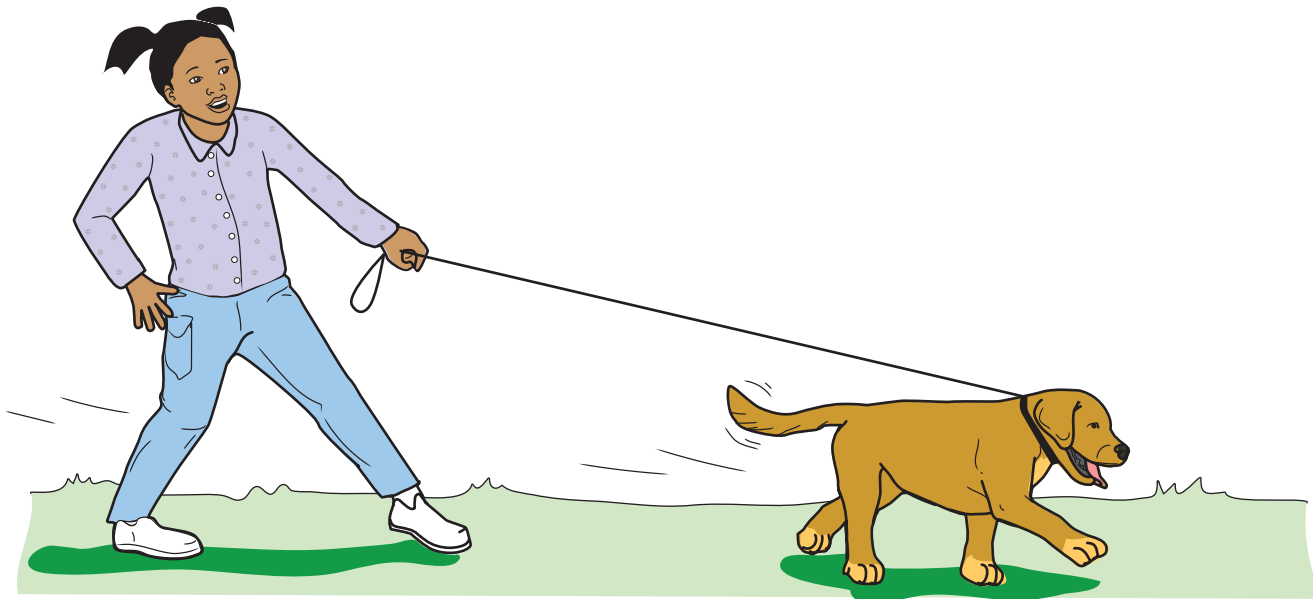
work on a farm

clean up her mess

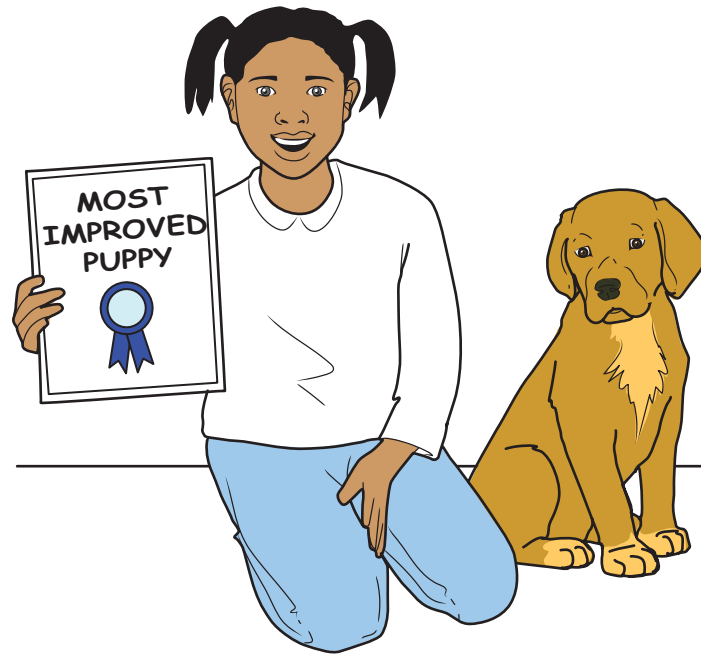


Every Saturday morning Tracy took Sparkles to the Good Neighbor Puppy School. At first Sparkles tried to wiggle out of her collar. She chewed on chairs while people sat and watched.

At puppy school Tracy learned that puppies chew on things because they are young and have a lot of energy. Tracy learned ways to help Sparkles use up some of that energy.



At home Tracy played games with Sparkles to keep her from chewing up shoes and clothes. She took Sparkles on walks for exercise and gave Sparkles bones to chew on instead of the furniture. After six weeks the owners of the puppy school gave Sparkles the Most Improved Puppy award.



Tracy's mother was so proud of Tracy. "Without you, we would not have a well-trained pet. Welcome to the family, Sparkles!"

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The Real Smokey Bear



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Smokey Bear, sometimes called Smokey the Bear, reminds people to help prevent forest fires.



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Forest fires have burned down thousands of trees because people are not careful. The National Forest Service chose Smokey Bear to teach people about the danger of forest fires.

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A young girl named Karen Signell and her family were visiting the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., more than 70 years ago. "Look! It's Smokey Bear!" the girl called out when she saw a cute little bear cub splashing and playing in a pool. Someday I'm going to write about you, Smokey, little Karen thought.

Smokey was a new cub at the zoo. The bear cub had been burned during a big forest fire in New Mexico. Some firefighters rescued Smokey from the fire. Pictures of the baby bear with bandages on his paws were in the newspapers. People everywhere fell in love with the little cub. The Forest Service named him Smokey Bear.

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Harold D. Walters for the U.S. Forest Service

saved

scared

searched



Karen Signell kept her promise, and 64 years after she and her family first saw Smokey Bear at the National Zoo, she wrote a book called *Smokey Bear: The Cub Who Left His Pawprints on History*.

For 26 years, the real Smokey Bear lived at the zoo. He died in 1976, but his symbol lives on.

Today, Smokey still helps teach kids about fire safety and reminds people to be safe with their outdoor fires. People see Smokey on TV, signs, and posters, and they remember his message: "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"

Karen Signell wrote the book to
tell readers about —

her family's trip to the zoo

Smokey Bear's life

Smokey Bear's job today

Sea Otters



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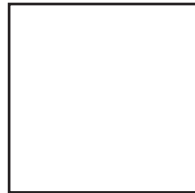
Sea otters are the smallest mammals in the ocean.

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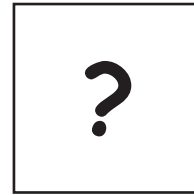
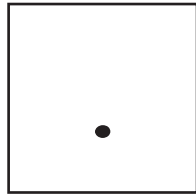


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A group of sea otters floating together is called a raft



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Sea otters hold hand when they sleep.

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Sea otters live in cold ocean water. They are the only mammals living in the ocean that do not have a layer of blubber, or fat. They have fur coats.

Sea otters are ocean animals that have fur coats.

Sea otters live in cold ocean water and have fur coats.

Sea otters have thick fur coats that keep them warm.

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