

# **Down African Roads**

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To the many dedicated and committed  
preschool teachers who pour their hearts  
into teaching preschoolers, thank you for caring.  
Thank you for sharing.  
Preschoolers are worth it!





Where I grew up  
In a land far away,  
My missionary parents  
Had adventures every day.







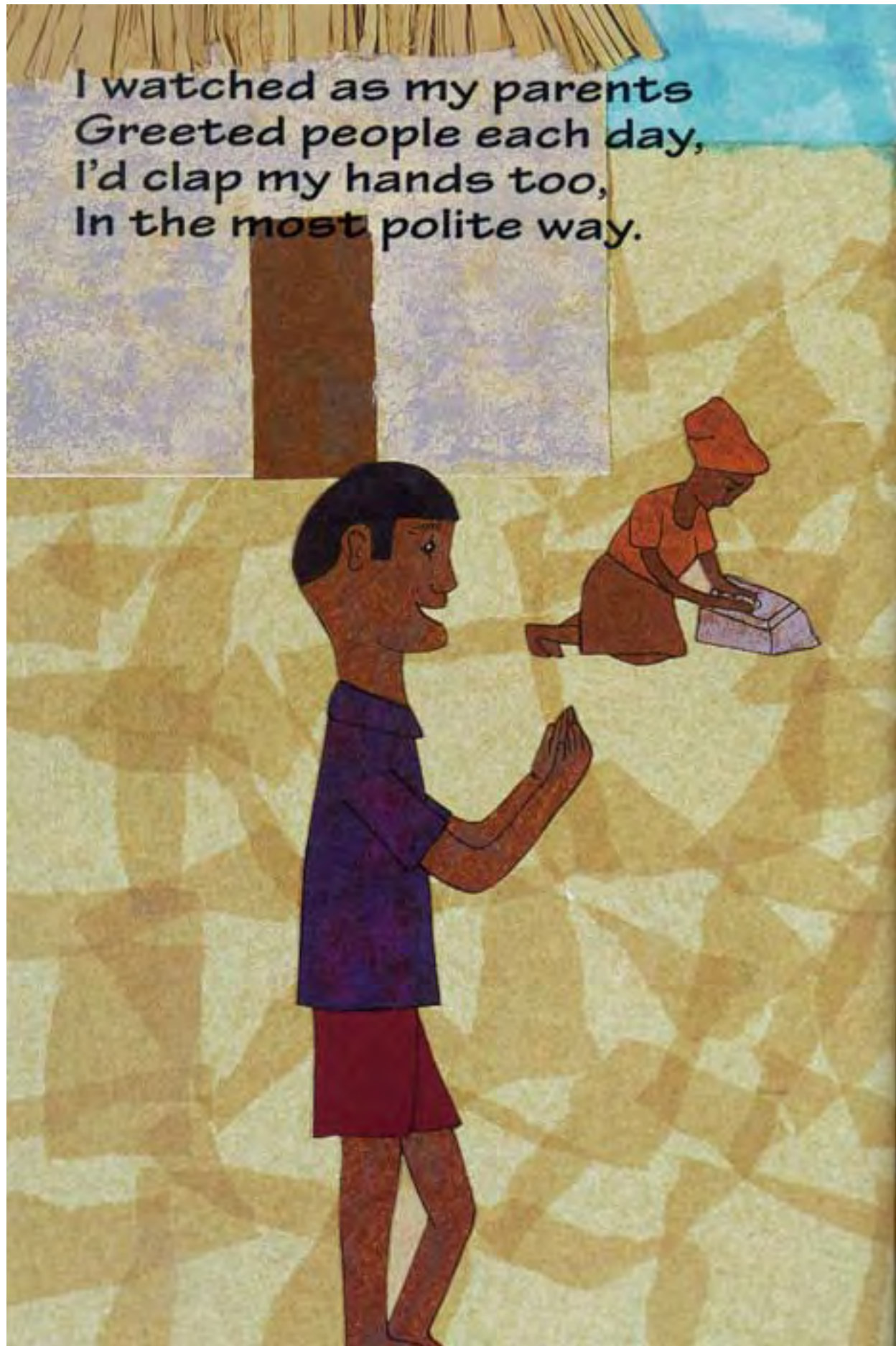
In our dusty old truck  
All dented and gray,  
I bounced on the bumpy  
Rough roads on our way.



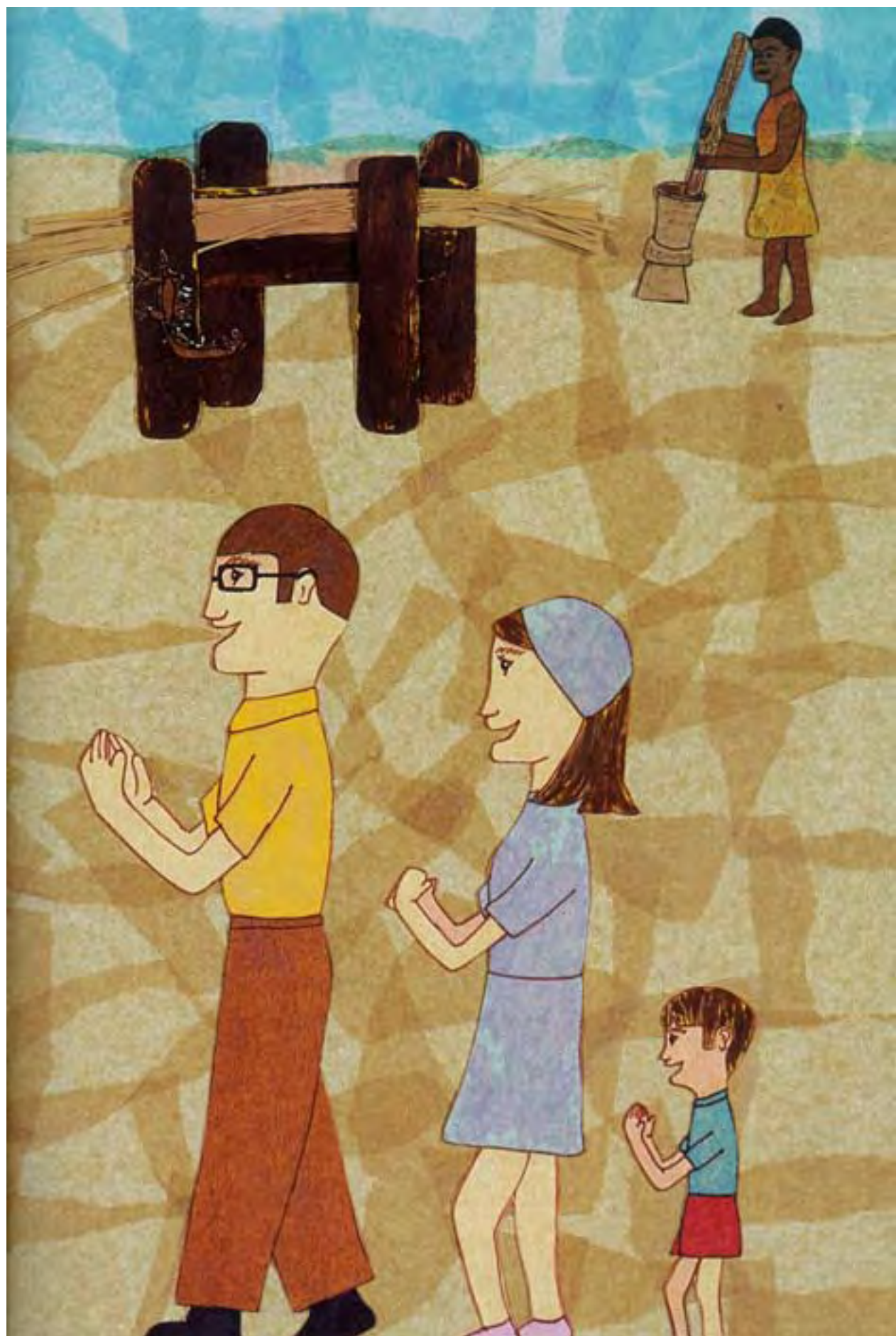




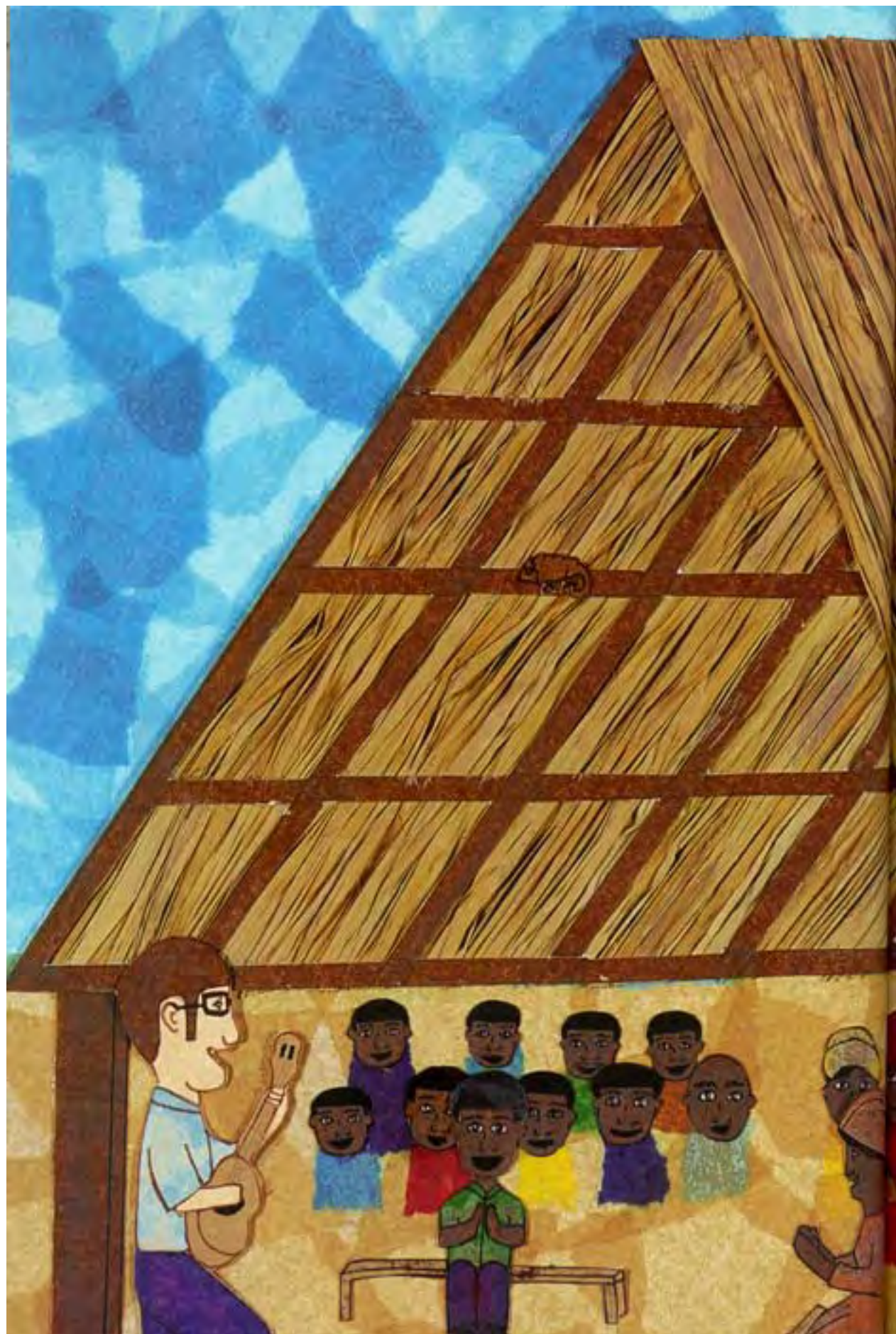
I watched as my parents  
Greeted people each day,  
I'd clap my hands too,  
In the most polite way.













There was preaching each Sunday  
In all different places,  
'Neath thatched roofs or shingles  
To kind, smiling faces.





My favorite church  
Met under a tree,  
Just green leaves above us,  
Blue sky, birds, and bees.









Dad also taught Bible  
And English each day,  
Helping the students  
To follow God's way.





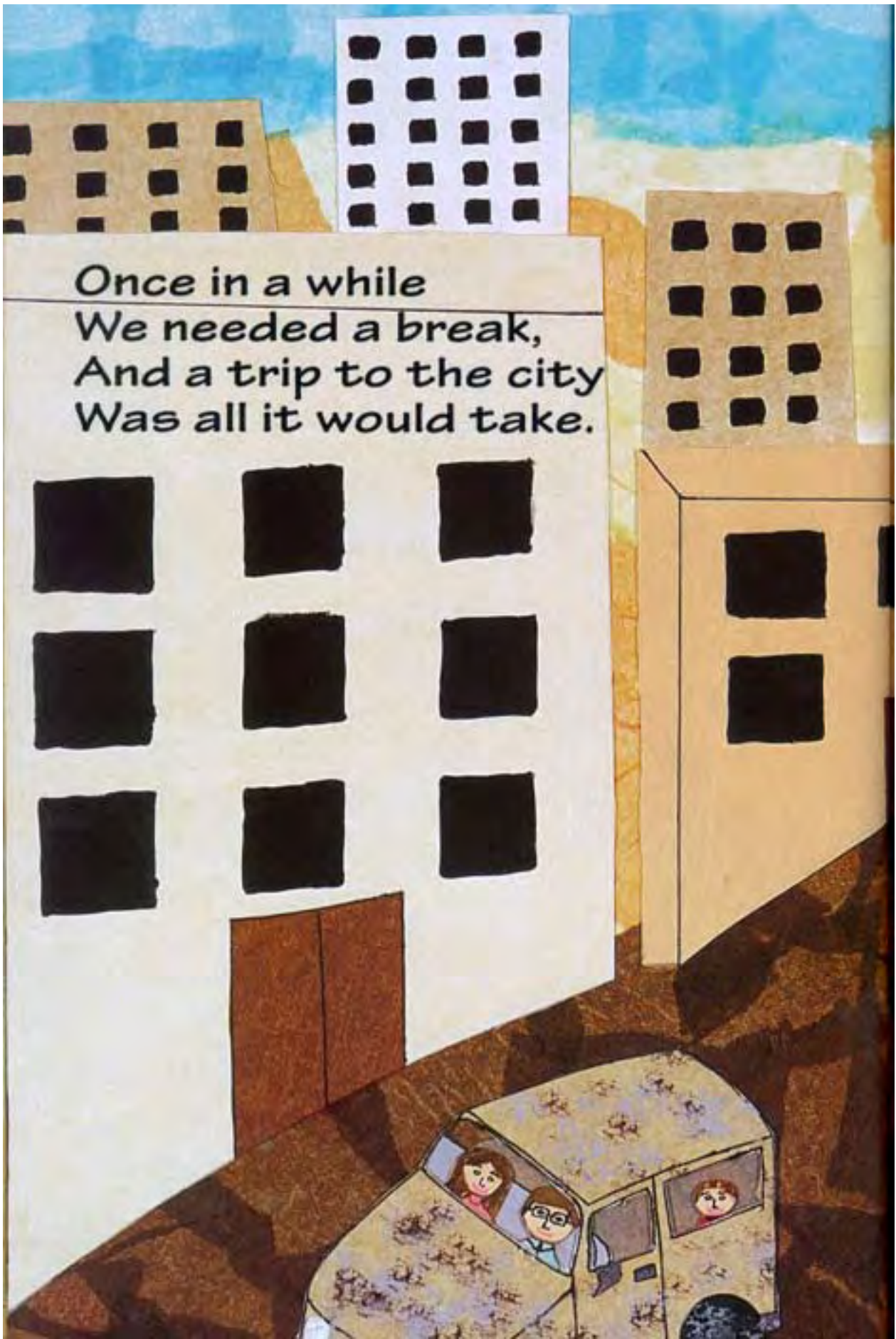




When afternoon came  
With its tropical heat,  
We read books together  
Building memories so sweet.








Once in a while  
We needed a break,  
And a trip to the city  
Was all it would take.





## Things to do in town

Pick up:

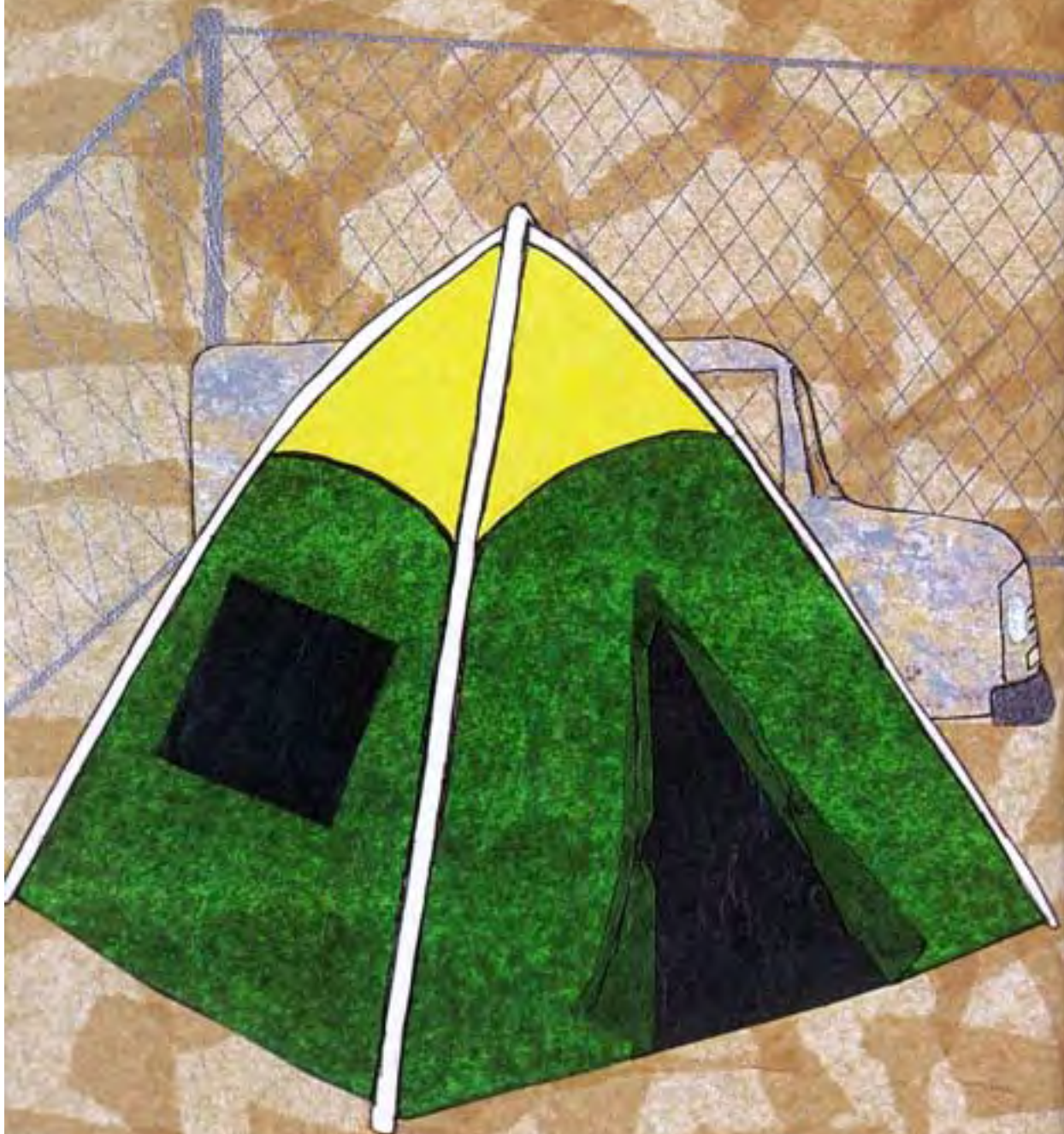
- ✓ 1) newspaper
- 2) nails - school
- ✓ 3) light bulbs - hospital
- 4) bookmark
- 5) battery
- 6) groceries
- 7) clothes and shoes

Run errands

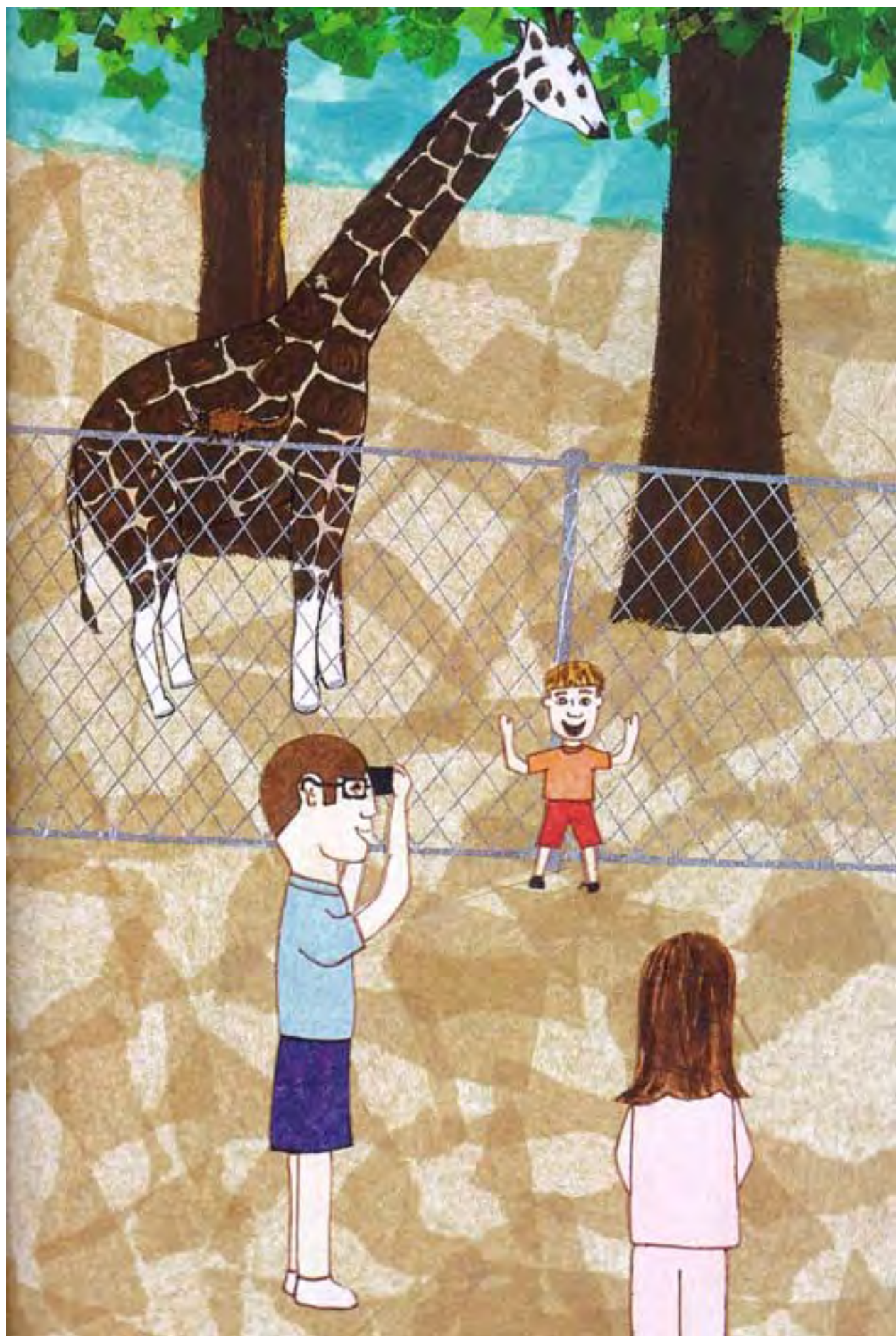
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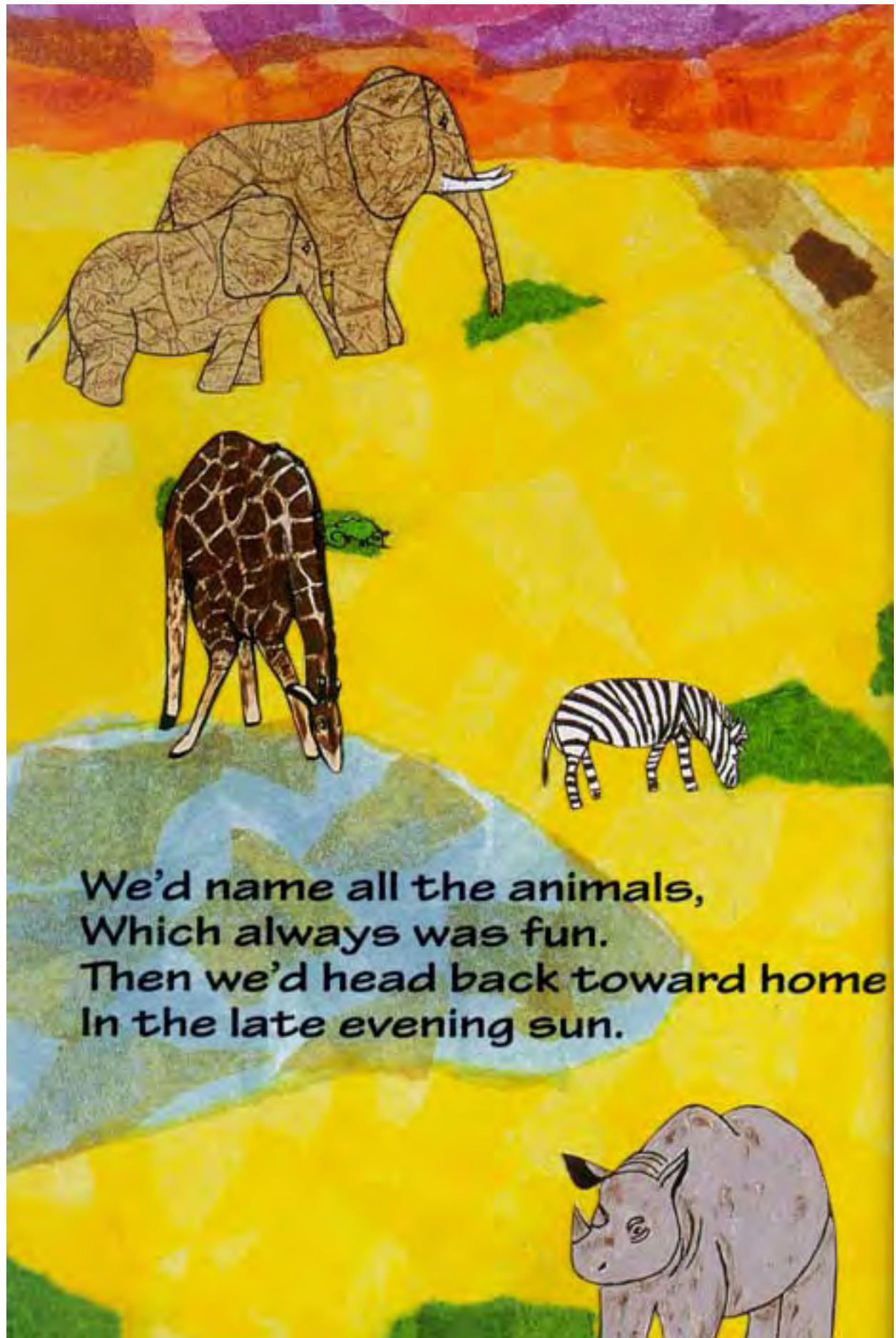
Vacations were special,  
I looked forward all year  
To camping in game parks  
With animals near.





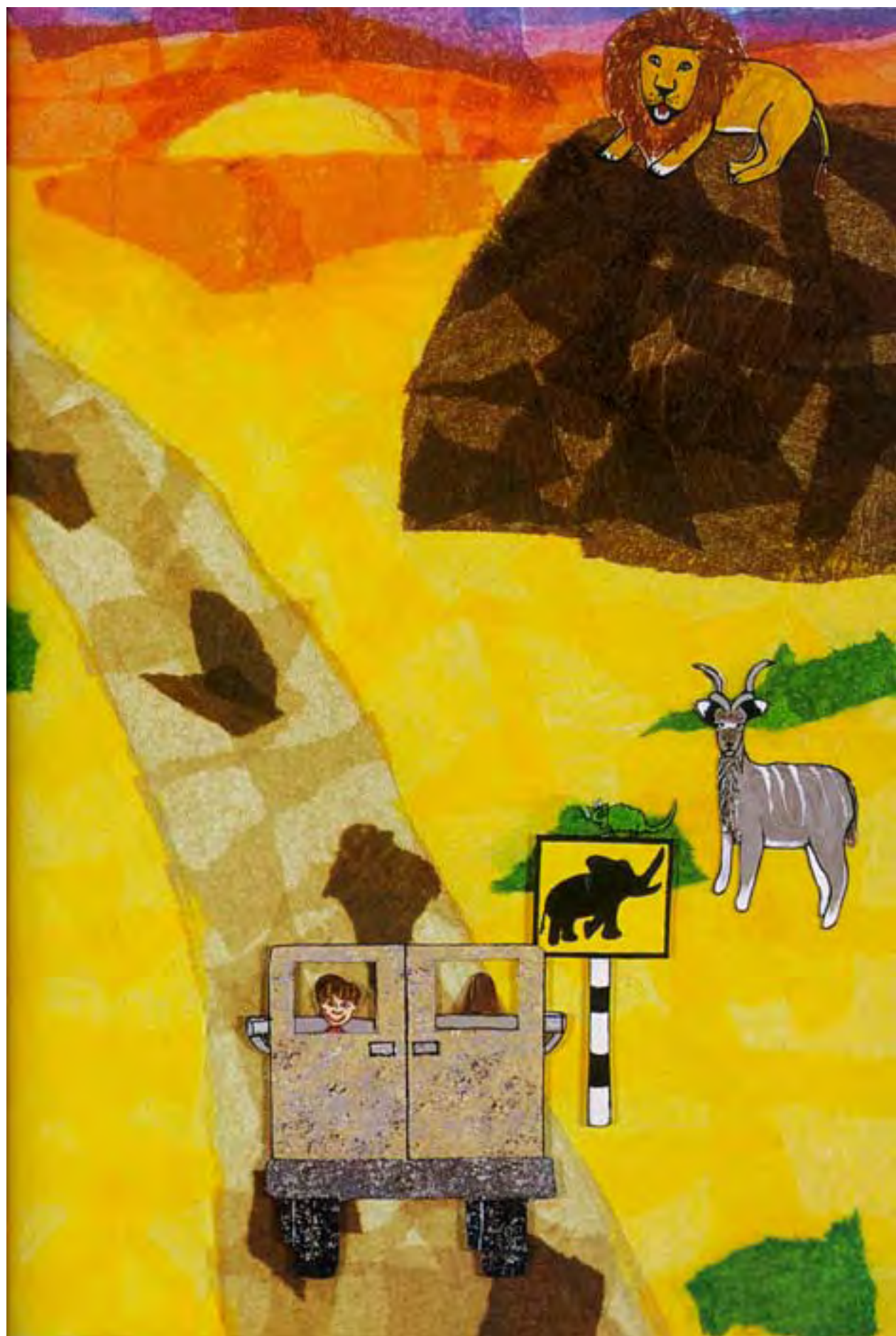






We'd name all the animals,  
Which always was fun.  
Then we'd head back toward home  
In the late evening sun.







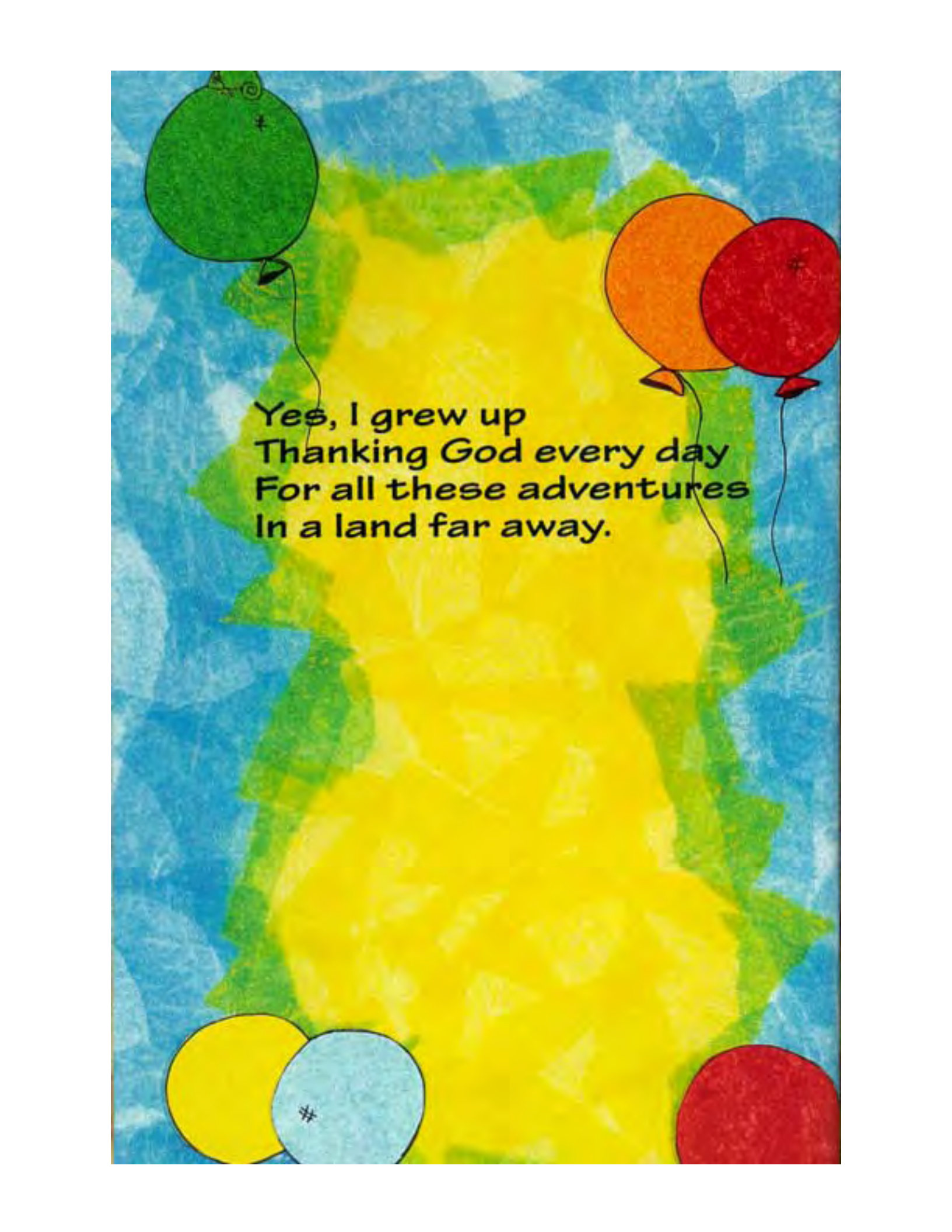
I'd pile my bed high  
With furry friends dear.  
Then we'd say prayers together  
And thank God we were here.





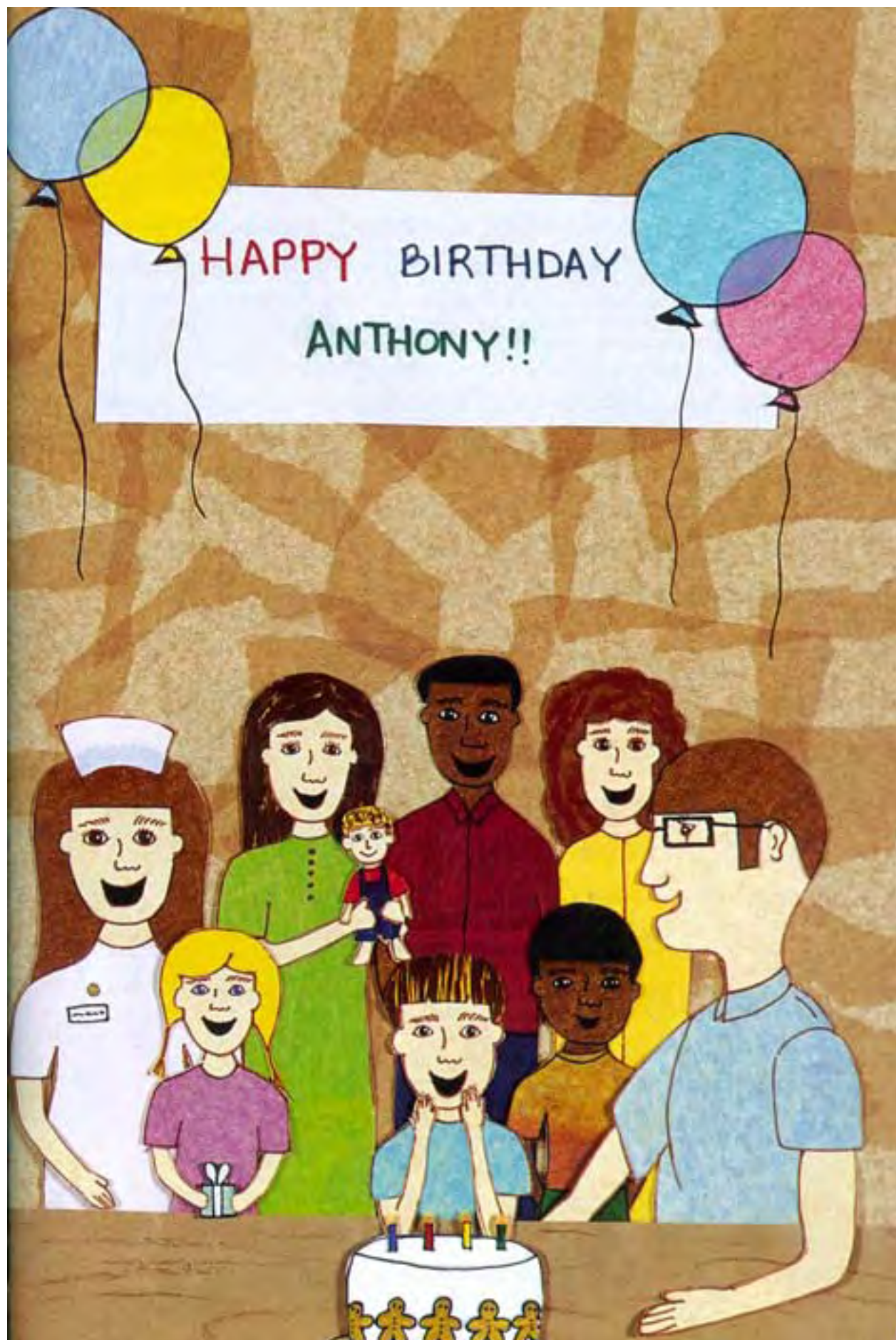






Yes, I grew up  
Thanking God every day  
For all these adventures  
In a land far away.







## SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

Participate in the following activities to help you and your child develop an awareness of other cultures.

**Illustration Interaction:** Do you know what a chameleon is? It is an animal that can change the color of its skin, usually to match its surroundings. There is a chameleon in each of the illustrations in this book. Can you find each of them?

**Write to Missionaries:** Missionaries often live far away from their families, so they usually enjoy receiving cards and letters from people who are praying for them. Any time is a good time to write to missionaries. Some people like to send birthday cards. Talk to your church's pastor about where to find missionaries' names and addresses. Do not expect a reply, though, as correspondence can be time consuming and expensive.



### Docono

(an African dessert)

1/2 pound sifted cake flour  
(Africans use a fine hard wheat flour called semolina)

1 cup milk

2 bananas, peeled and sliced

2 tablespoons sugar

1/4 teaspoon vanilla

dash cinnamon



In a saucepan, slowly mix together the milk and flour. Simmer slowly for 20 minutes, stirring constantly to avoid scorching. Do not boil. Add the other ingredients. Simmer and stir until the bananas are thoroughly warmed. Serve warm or cold.



## **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

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## **ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR**

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