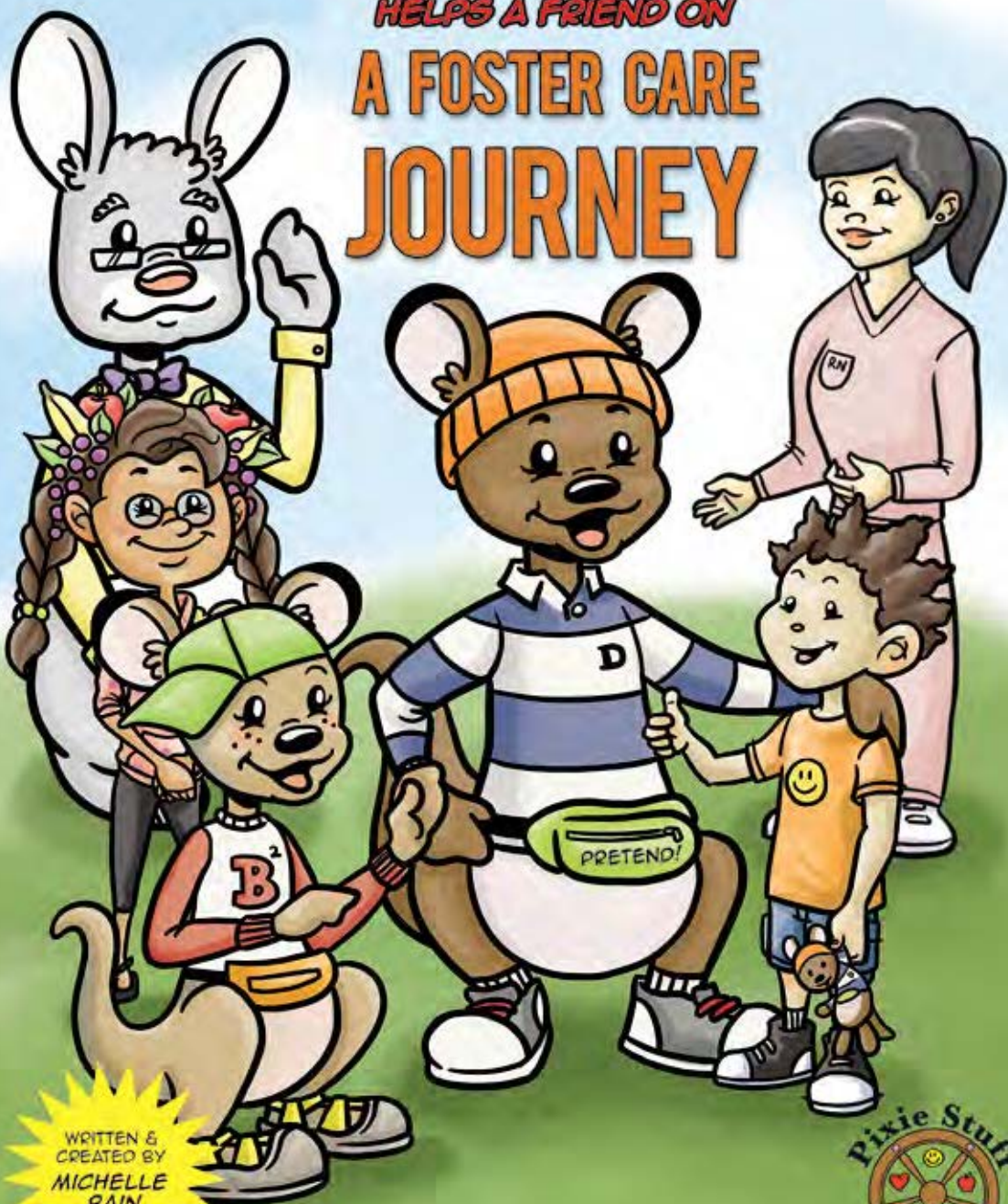


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**DARBY BOINGG  
HELPS A FRIEND ON  
A FOSTER CARE  
JOURNEY**



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Dear Friend,

I know you are going through a lot right now. You have big questions and feelings you might not know how to handle. If we team up and help you on your journey, I think you'll find this chapter of your life a new adventure and not something scary. I believe in you and think you're one special person!

Hugs and many new adventures-

Darby

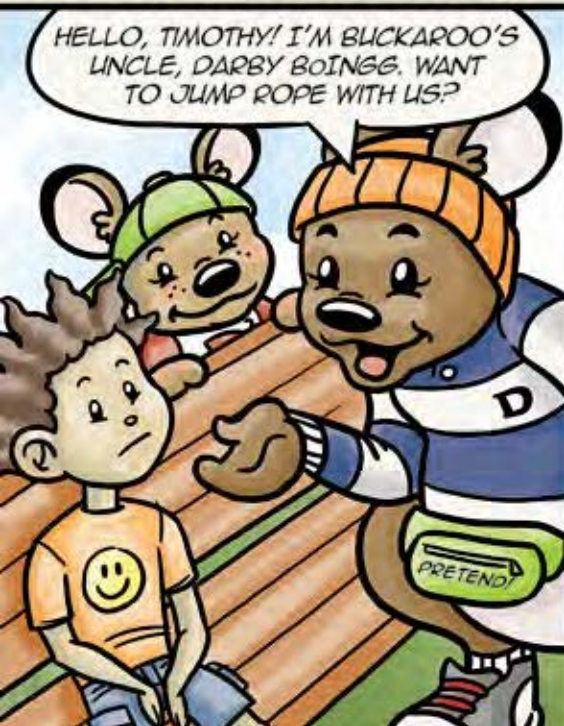


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IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN CLAYTOWN. DARBY BOINGG AND HIS NEPHEW BUCKAROO WERE HEADED TO THE TOWN PICNIC.



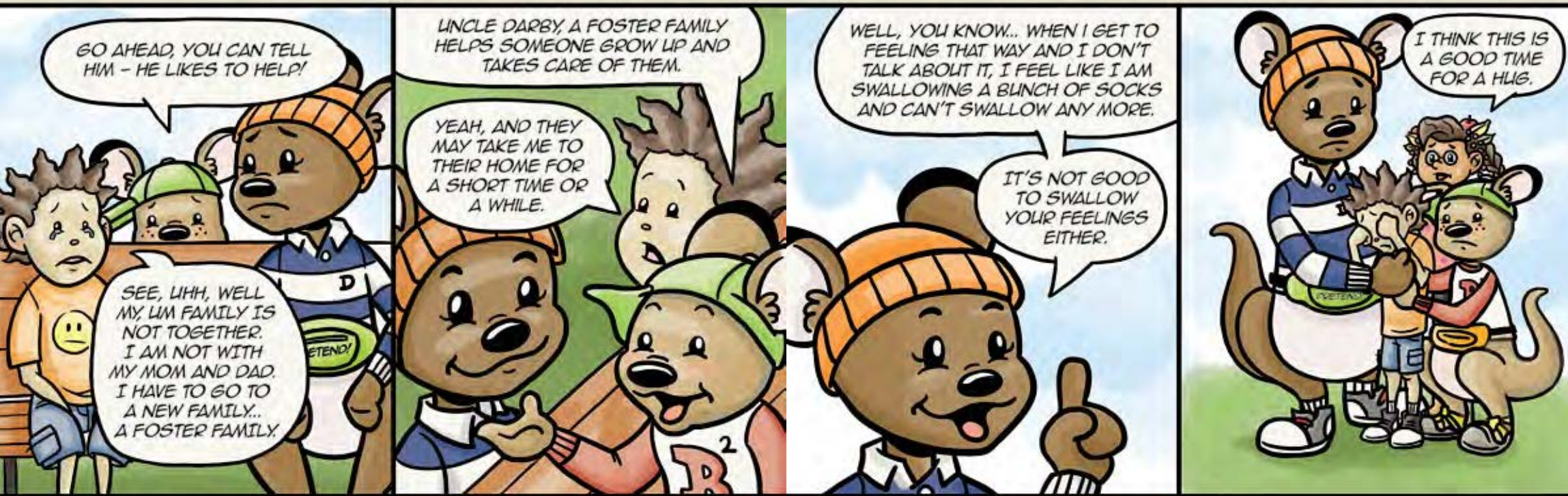
BUCKAROO STOPPED JUMPING ROPE AND TOLD DARBY THAT HIS FRIEND TIMOTHY WAS SAD. TIMOTHY WAS GOING TO A NEW FOSTER FAMILY.





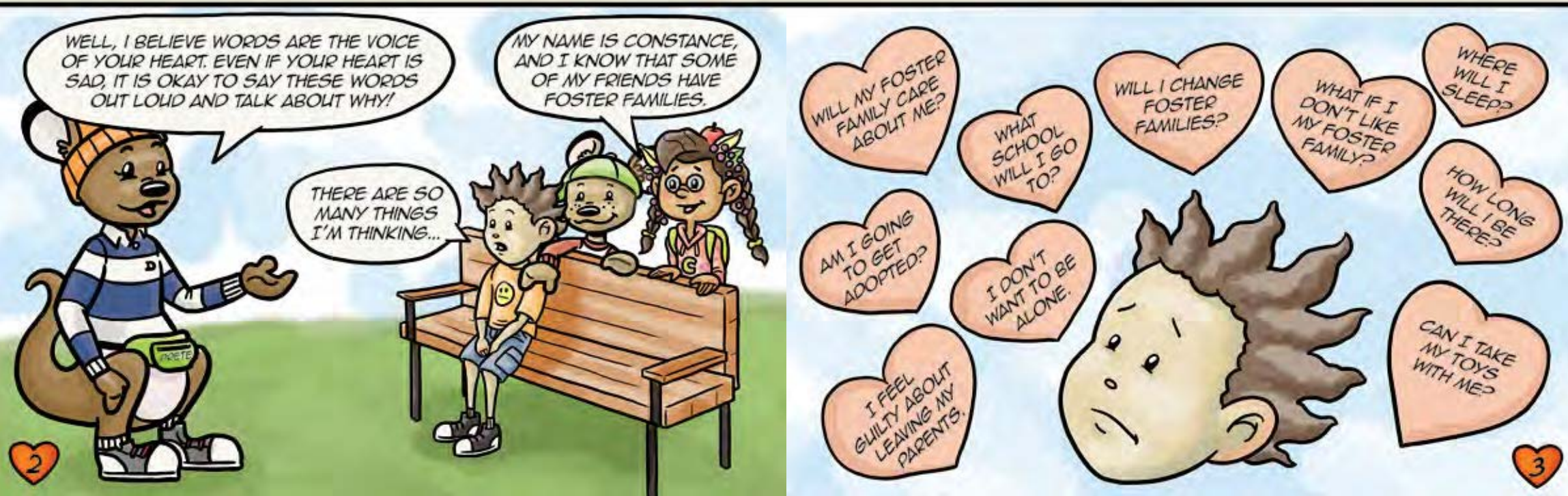
DARBY WANTED TO HELP TIMOTHY AND TALK ABOUT WHAT WAS BOTHERING HIM.

DARBY UNDERSTOOD THAT IT IS HARD FOR ANYONE TO TALK ABOUT DIFFICULT FEELINGS BUT ENCOURAGED HIM ANYWAY.



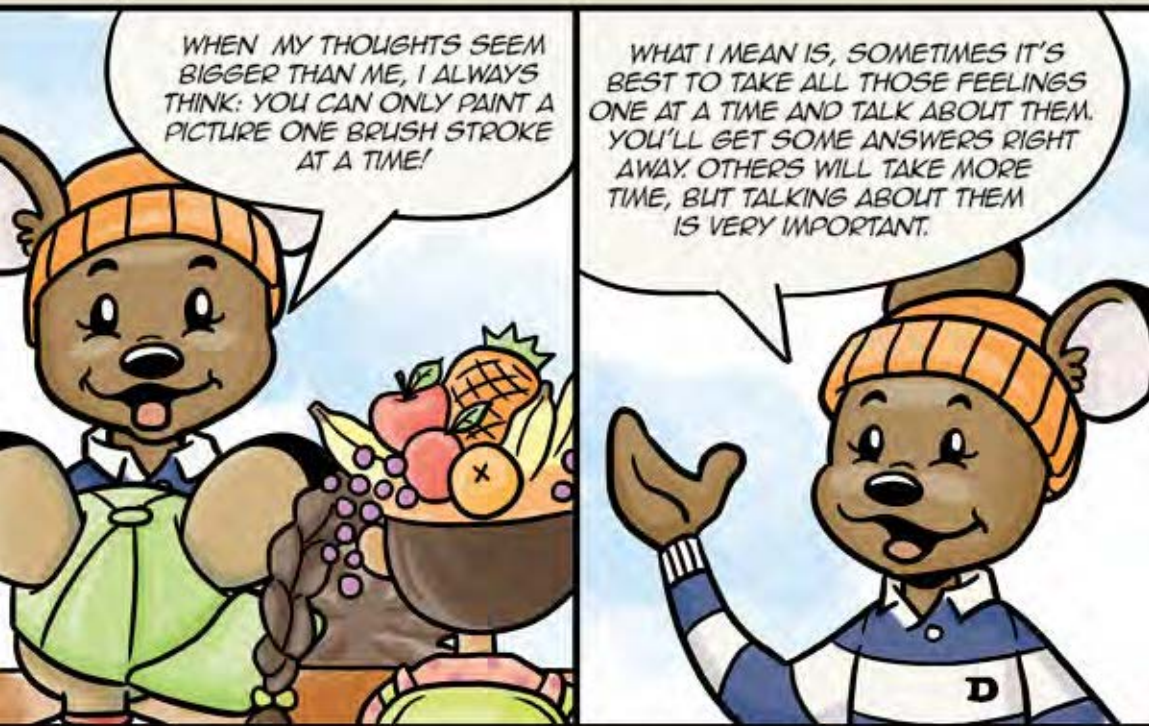
DARBY BOINGG'S TENDER HEART FELT SAD FOR TIMOTHY, BUT HE THOUGHT TALKING ABOUT IT OUT LOUD MIGHT HELP.

AND THEN IT HAPPENED. WITH MANY EARS TO LISTEN AND HEARTS TO CARE, TIMOTHY'S HEART OPENED UP...





DARBY KNEW THAT MANY QUESTIONS ON TIMOTHY'S MIND COULD BE CONFUSING, SO HE TRIED TO HELP...



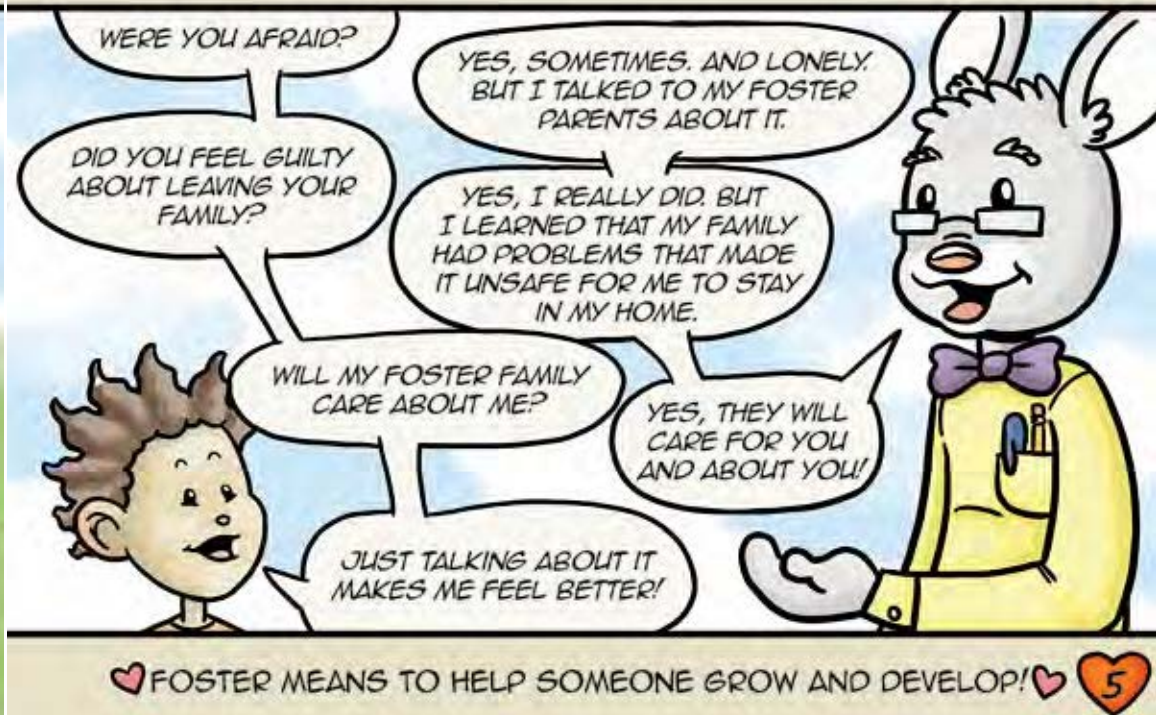
DARBY THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BEST IF TIMOTHY TALKED TO SOME PEOPLE WHO ALSO HAD FOSTER FAMILIES.



SO DARBY BOINGG AND TIMOTHY WENT TO FIND HIS FRIENDS WHO COULD HELP...



AFTER W.H. SHARED HIS STORY, TIMOTHY ASKED HIM SOME QUESTIONS.



♥ FOSTER MEANS TO HELP SOMEONE GROW AND DEVELOP! ♥



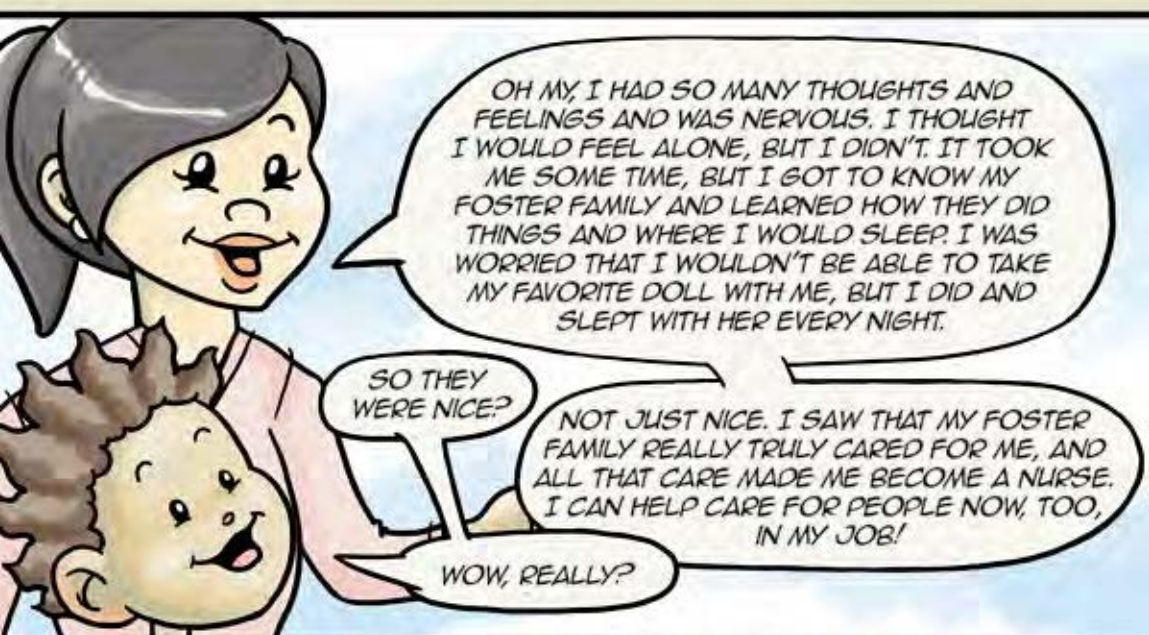
DARBY AND TIMOTHY THANKED W.H. SPROCKETTE AND WENT TO SEE HIS FRIEND NURSE HOPE SPRINGWELL AT THE SWINGSET.



DARBY BOINGG COUNTED ON HIS BEST FRIEND KIT SPROCKETTE, AND HE KNEW HER EXPERIENCE AS A PART OF A FOSTER FAMILY WOULD HELP TIMOTHY.



AS HE THOUGHT SHE WOULD, HOPE TOLD TIMOTHY HER STORY AND TALKED ABOUT HOW SHE FELT.



KIT EXPLAINED WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO BE IN A FAMILY THAT "FOSTERED" KIDS LIKE TIMOTHY.



6 TIMOTHY FELT BETTER BECAUSE THEY HAD TALKED ABOUT HIS FEELINGS.

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DARBY WAS SO GRATEFUL HIS BEST FRIEND SHARED HER FEELINGS.



ON THEIR WALK BACK, TIMOTHY IMAGINED HIS NEW FAMILY AND THOUGHT ABOUT HIS NEW FOSTER CARE ADVENTURE.



## GETTING TO KNOW ME!

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS AND SHARE THE ANSWERS WITH YOUR NEW FOSTER FAMILY SO THEY CAN GET TO KNOW MORE ABOUT YOU!

MY FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MY BIRTHDAY: \_\_\_\_\_

MY NICKNAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(YOU CAN EVEN MAKE ONE UP TO SHARE WITH YOUR FOSTER FAMILY!)

MY FAVORITE BOOK: \_\_\_\_\_

MY FAVORITE COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_

MY FAVORITE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

MY FAVORITE TOY TO SNUGGLE WITH AT NIGHT: \_\_\_\_\_



# TAKE TIMOTHY ON YOUR NEW ADVENTURE!

ASK AN ADULT TO HELP YOU CUT TIMOTHY OUT OF THE BACK PANEL.

AS YOU GO ON YOUR JOURNEY, MOVE TIMOTHY ALONG THE PATH AND ANSWER EACH QUESTION AS YOU MOVE FORWARD.

KEEP GOING UNTIL YOU REACH DARBY!

WHAT COLOR IS YOUR NEW HOME?



WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT YOUR NEW SCHOOL?



WHAT IS THE NAME OF A NEW FRIEND?



WHAT'S THE FIRST BOOK YOU GOT AT YOUR NEW LIBRARY?







## GETTING TO KNOW YOU!

FIND SOMEONE IN YOUR NEW FOSTER FAMILY TO ASK MORE QUESTIONS TO AND LEARN A LITTLE ABOUT THEM!

YOUR FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR BIRTHDAY: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NICKNAME: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR FAVORITE BOOK: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR FAVORITE COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR FAVORITE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR FAVORITE SNACK: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR FAVORITE SPORT: \_\_\_\_\_



FIND AND CIRCLE THE 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO PICTURES!





A cartoon illustration of a girl and a boy holding large pencils, standing next to three empty picture frames (two rectangular, one oval) on a wooden background. A small heart with the number 15 is in the bottom right corner.





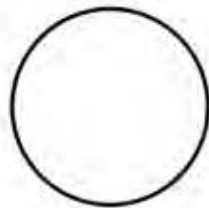
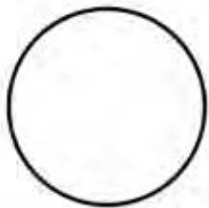
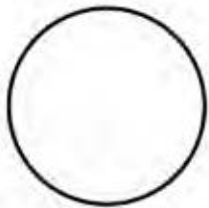
# HOW DO YOU FEEL TODAY?

USE THE STICKERS TO KEEP TRACK OF HOW YOU ARE FEELING EACH DAY. REMEMBER, IT'S OKAY TO FEEL SAD OR WORRIED. TRY TALKING WITH YOUR NEW FOSTER FAMILY ABOUT IT!

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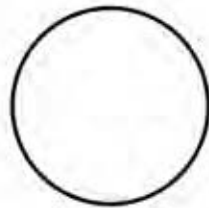
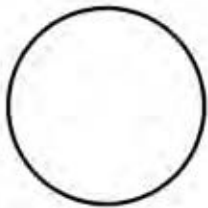
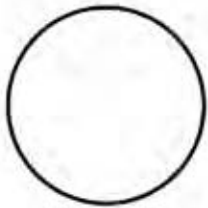
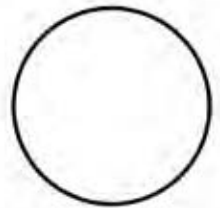


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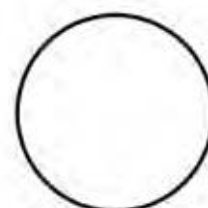
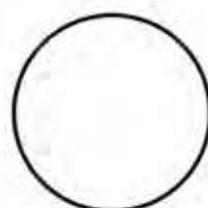
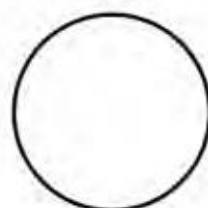
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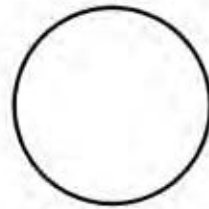
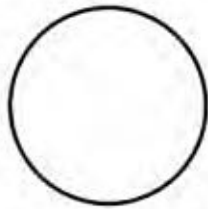
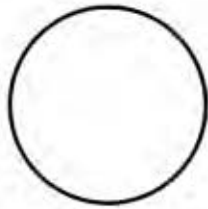
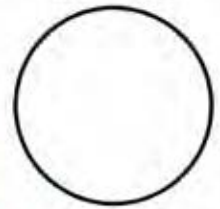


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WOW! THIS IS ALL A LOT TO THINK ABOUT. I KNOW THAT I STILL HAVE MANY QUESTIONS AND SOMETIMES I MAY STILL BE CONFUSED OR SCARED, BUT I JUST HAVE TO REMEMBER TO TALK ABOUT WHAT I FEEL AND THINK OF THIS AS A NEW ADVENTURE! I HOPE THAT YOU DO, TOO!



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STAND UP TIMOTHY  
TO PLAY YOUR NEW  
FOSTER ADVENTURE  
INSIDE! BE SURE  
TO ASK AN ADULT  
FOR HELP!

1. CUT AROUND THE  
LINE OF TIMOTHY  
AND TAB BELOW.
2. BEND ALONG  
DOTTED LINE
3. CUT SLITS IN TOP  
AND BOTTOM PIECE  
THEN FIT TOGETHER.
4. STAND TIMOTHY UP  
AND PLAY!

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