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GOSPEL BOX
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the
GOSPEL
BOX
Story

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illustrated
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WEAR,
SHARE,
and say a
PRAYER!

What is the GOSPEL BOX?

The Children's Gospel Box was created to bless children and children's workers living in countries that have few, if any, gospel resources.

It's a real box full of materials needed to win children to Christ and start Sunday Schools or Children's Church.

The Box is full of puppets, gospel bracelets, videos, other visuals, games and gospel literature. Every Box is free and given out after careful training.

To learn how you can get involved go to



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HERE'S YOUR VERY OWN GOSPEL BRACELET!
Wear, share, and say a prayer! Read this story to find out how!

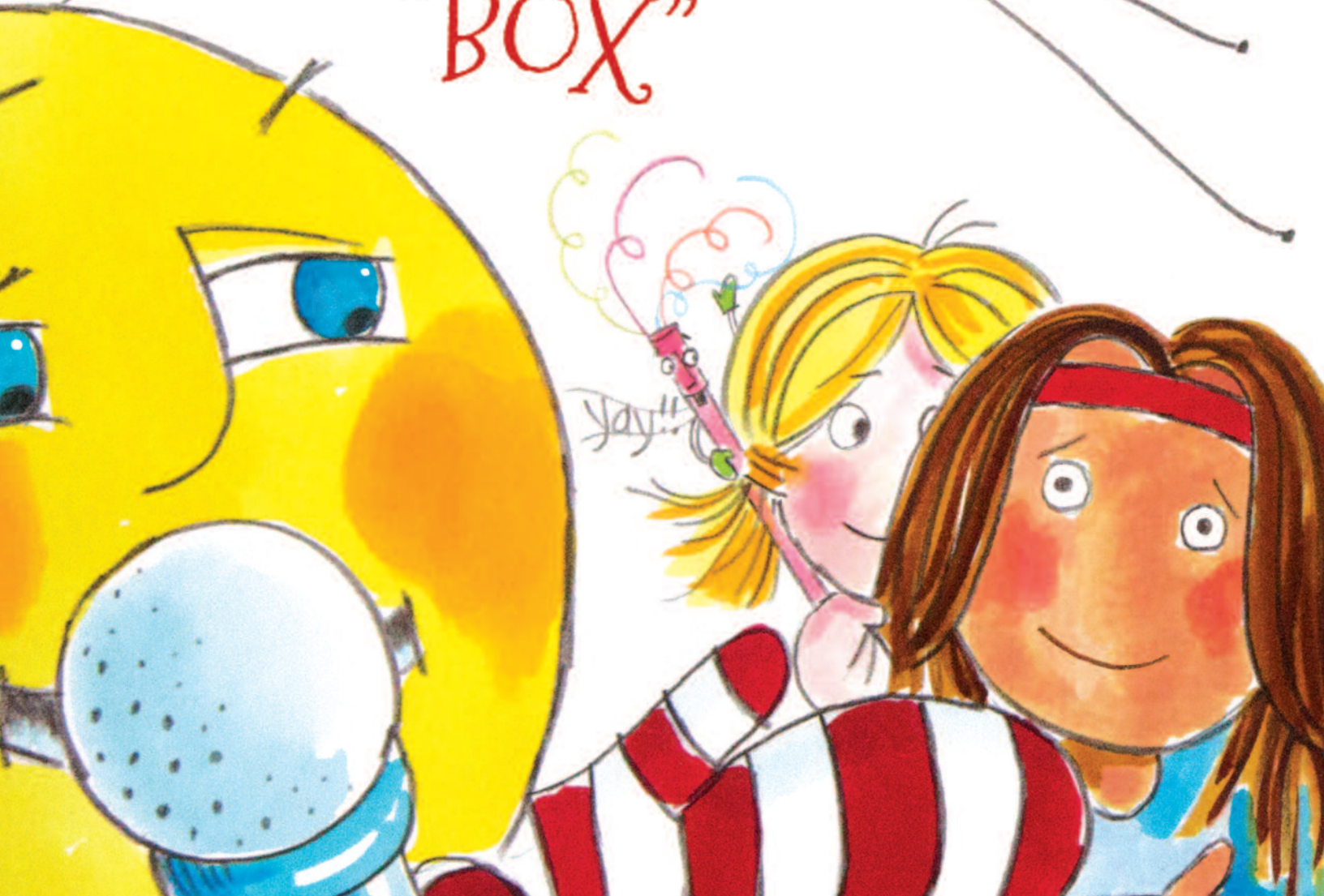
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Hey kids! Join me and my friends for an awesome REAL LIFE adventure
sending Gospel Boxes to children around the world!

Think inside the
"BOX"



TREASURE MAP

The Sea of God's
Forgetfulness

The Land of
Foursquare Missions Press

Pinky and Stinky

The Path of Righteousness

Not the same whale
that swallowed Jonah

**JESUS says a mission is when we receive power from the Holy Spirit to become His witnesses.*

OF MISSIONS*



A Ship They Go Down
to the Sea in

Willy and Wanda

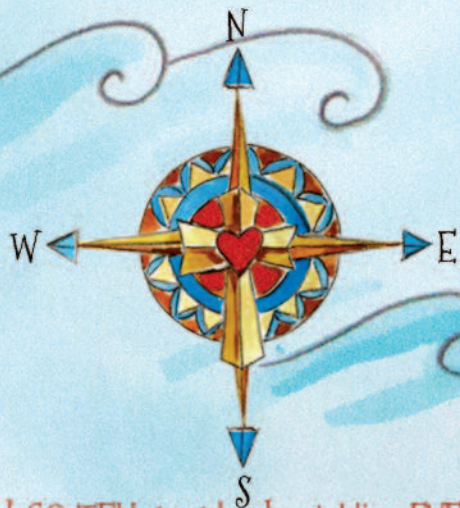


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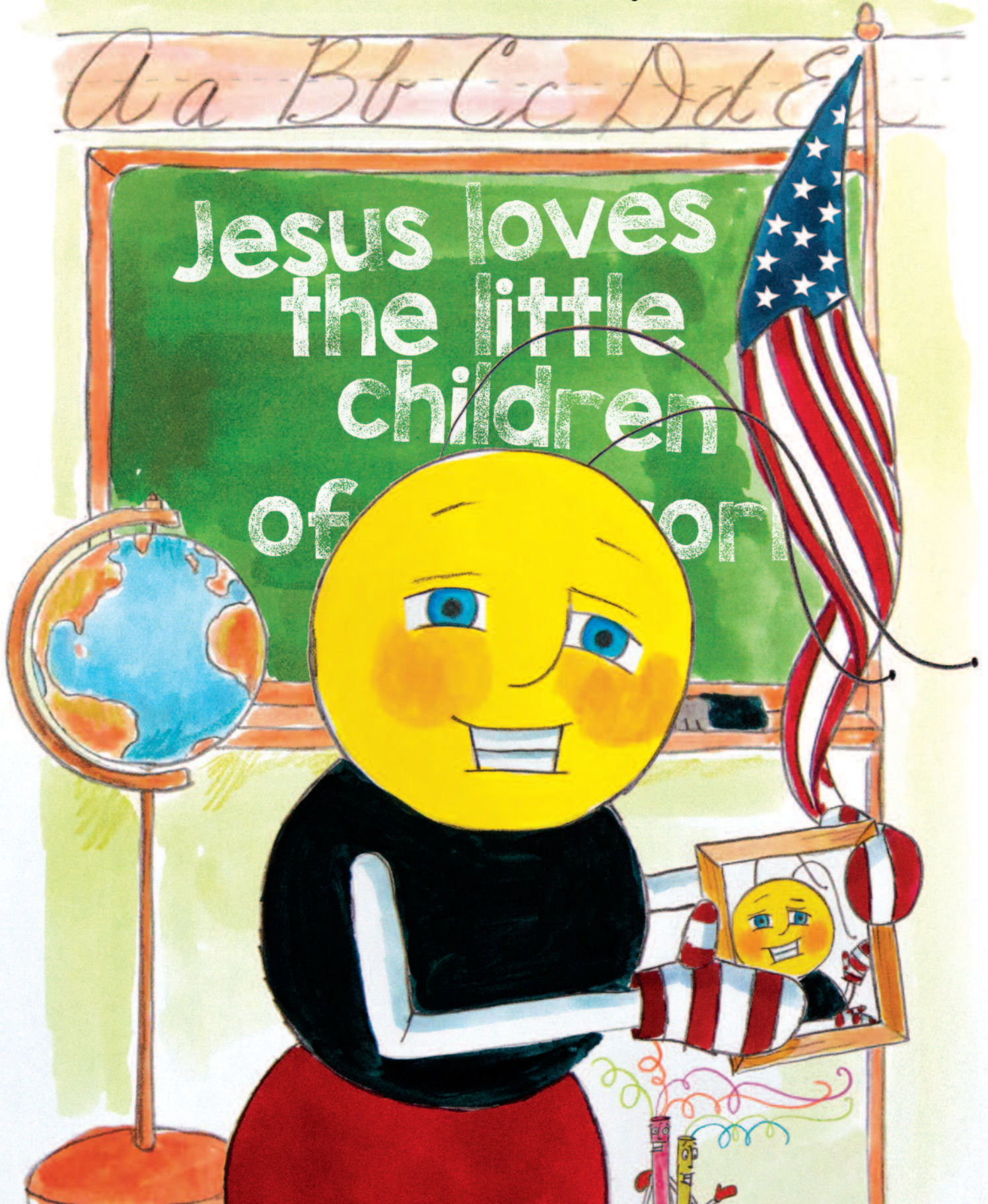
Land of the
LIVING

where the
Gospel Box goes!



and GO TELL people about Him EVERYWHERE! Even to the ends of the earth! (Acts 1:8)

Hello. My name is Will. Will E. Worm, but you can call me Willy.
This is my school picture. I'll be showing you lots of pictures.





If you're Looking for a story that is truly
"out of the box," this is it!
I know you've heard that you can't put God in a box,
and of course, that is very true.
But this is a story about a box that can put
GOD IN YOU!

the GOSPEL BOX

The things in this box seem ordinary at first, but let's take a closer look at the treasures inside . . .



look at
my kids



First, there's me. I start out
as a bracelet that everyone
wants to wear because the
bracelet tells a colorful story.

Don't you love stories?

It's a story
about transformation.



There are other stories
about some
of my relatives and
how hungry
they are.



But I'm a little different.

I am not hungry for apples and leaves. I am hungry for words.
But not words that make me
SNEEZE!



Not words Like . . .



pollen



pet hair

or



pepper



HOLY
BIBLE

*Beautiful
words stir
my heart!
Psalm 45:1*



Love Joy

peace patience

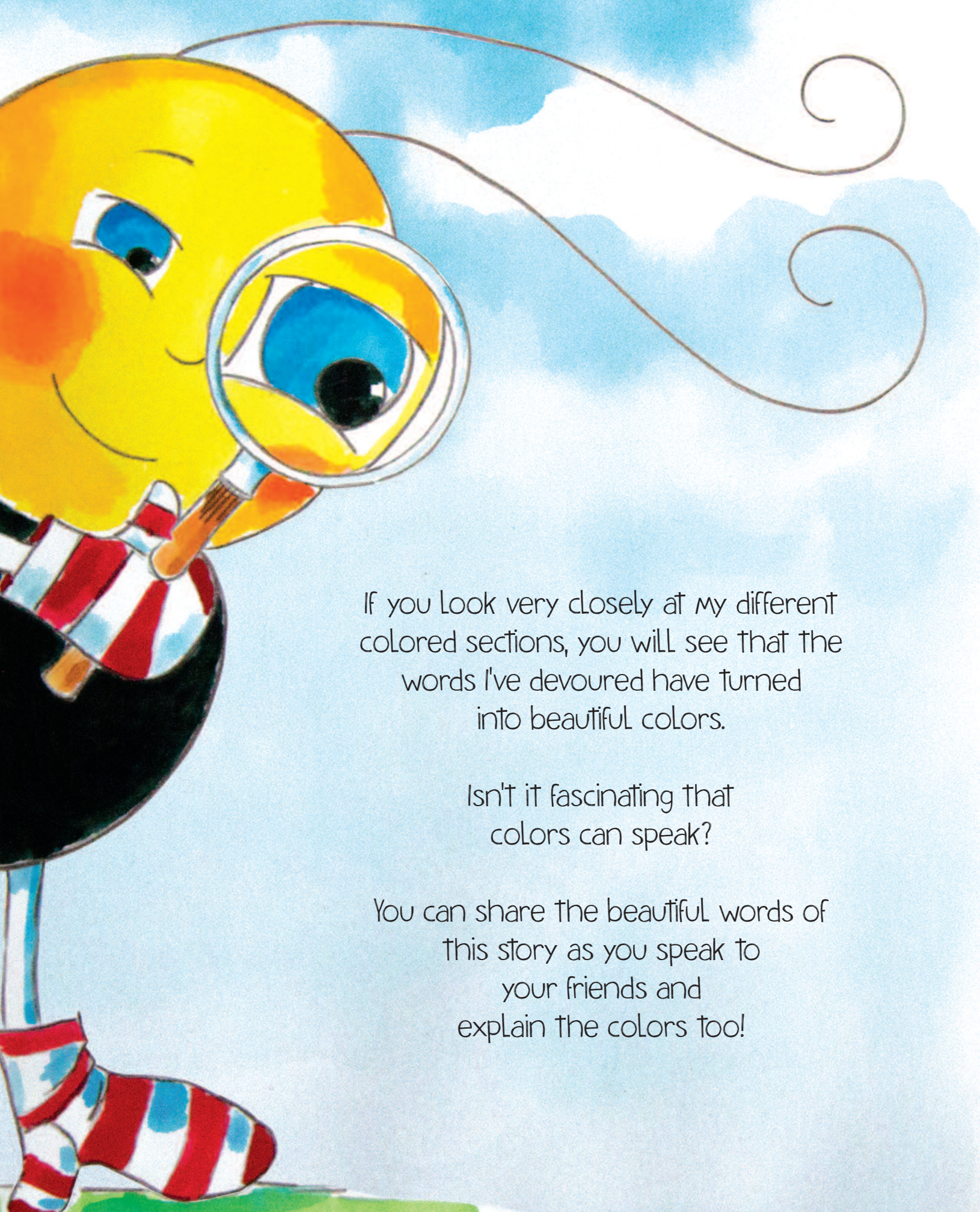
*Kindness
Goodness*

*Faithfulness
Gentleness*

Self-control

I'm hungry for the words
on the leaves
of the most
beautiful book ever
written . . .
The Bible.





If you look very closely at my different colored sections, you will see that the words I've devoured have turned into beautiful colors.

Isn't it fascinating that colors can speak?

You can share the beautiful words of this story as you speak to your friends and explain the colors too!

THE COLORS SPEAK

LIGHT AND BRIGHT:



Yellow speaks of Heaven. Jesus is the glorious Lamb who is Heaven's own Lamp. There, in our new homes, our hearts will shine and glow with the bright warmth of His Love. And we have the Holy Spirit to keep us company in the meantime! (Philippians 3:20)

DARKNESS:



You can't see what's going on inside the deeds done in the darkness. Hiding, covering up and keeping things secret and then feeling guilty are what darkness is all about. We all have it in our hearts, and we all need a way out. (Romans 3:23)

REDEMPTION:



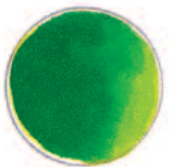
Red shouts, "Look! Here's your way out!" Christ has offered his own blood as a sacrifice for all the bad things we've done or even thought of doing. Without the red blood of Christ, we would still be in inky darkness and never see His golden glow and all the things He has waiting for us to see in the Light. (Hebrews 10:22)

PURE PEACE:



This bead calmly tells us of a purity that only comes from being cleansed by the blood of Jesus. Then, we reflect his glory like the bright white moon reflects the sun. A pure new heart; a fresh new start. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

GROWING GRACE:

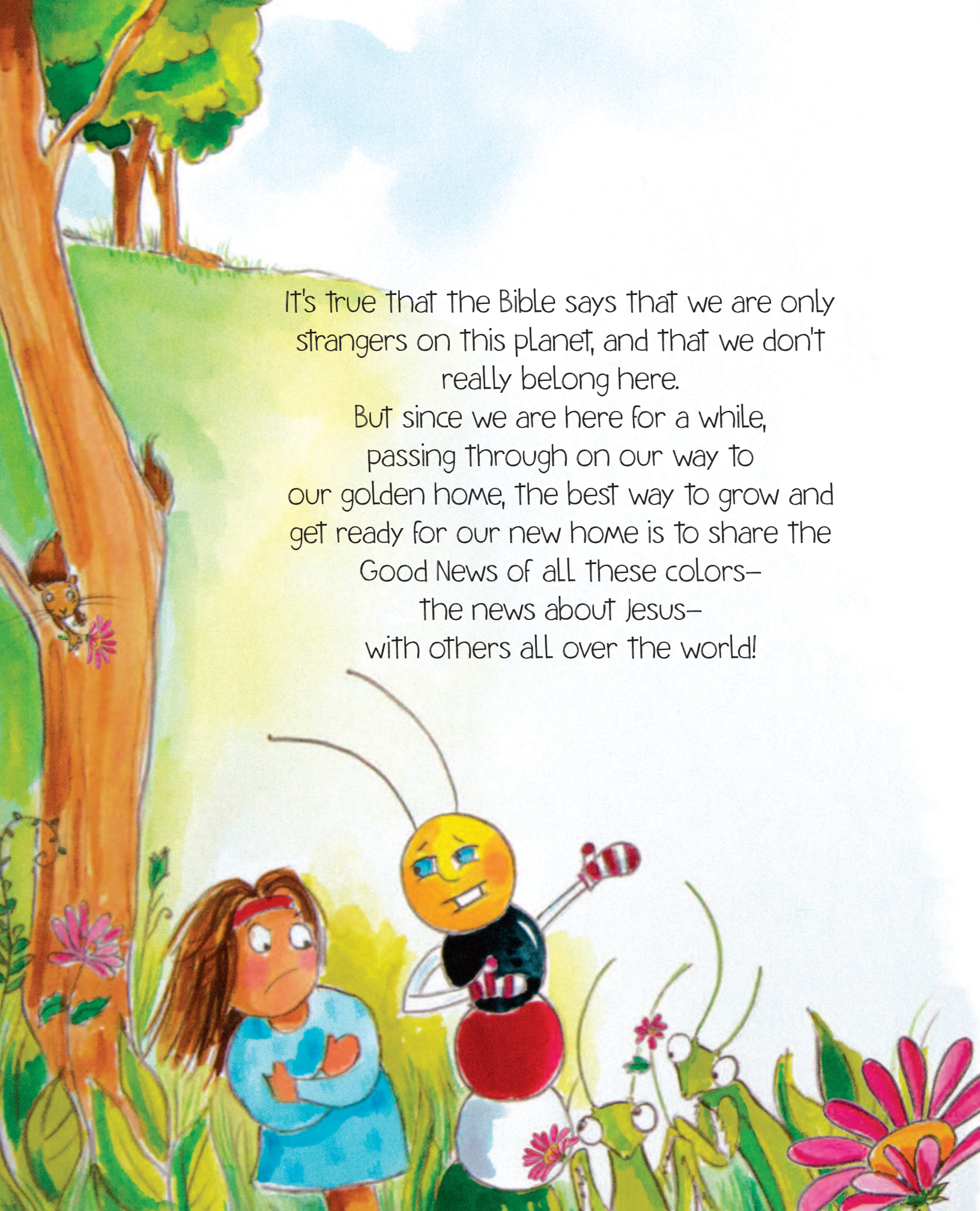


Green is where the new start gets started. Green speaks of growth. We grow and change by learning more about Jesus and also by sharing this Good News with people who are still in the dark. They need the warm glow of God's Light and the cleansing power of His blood. (2 Peter 3:18)

With all these colors, we can start fresh,
please God and know that we have an
eternal home waiting for us.

But for now, we can grow in
graceful greenness!





It's true that the Bible says that we are only strangers on this planet, and that we don't really belong here.

But since we are here for a while, passing through on our way to our golden home, the best way to grow and get ready for our new home is to share the Good News of all these colors— the news about Jesus— with others all over the world!



"I told you I was going to show you a lot of pictures! Here are some of my favorite Gospel Box photos of our friends from around the world," said Willy.

Thanks for your prayers, little green mantises! You certainly ARE strange on this planet!

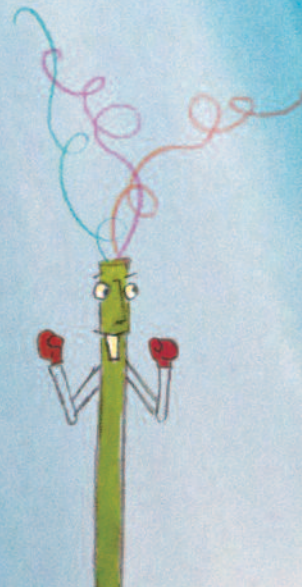
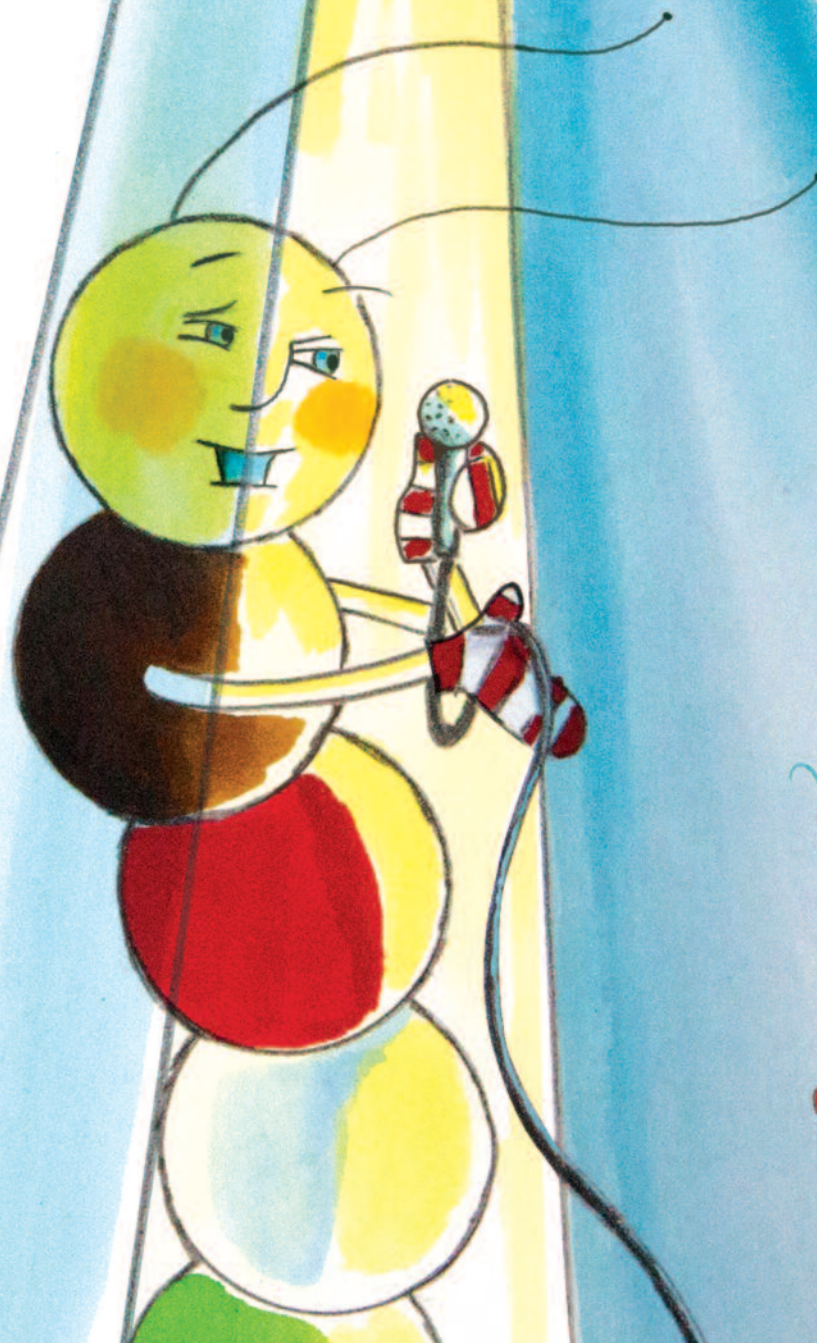
Let's go see what else is in the box!



"Oh dear, I'm sorry, Stinky."
said Willy. "I've
been doing all the talking!
There is so much
more in each box!
You can tell the
story now.
I have to go rest
for a while.
I'm very tired."



"Let me introduce
to you:
STINKY THE PUPPET!"





"Hello out there!"
shouted Stinky. "Yeah, I'm
a sock puppet. My Life has been
filled with stinky feet, so go ahead
and call me Stinky. It's a big joke around
here, but I have serious work to do.
And besides that . . . 'how beautiful on the
mountains are the feet of those who
bring GOOD NEWS!' (Isaiah 52:7) I'm just sayin' . . .

Willy forgot to tell you that we
Puppets are a very important part of the Gospel Box
too! We need people to make those beautiful bracelets,
but we also need more puppets!"

MORE!




"Here's the famous Statue of Puppetry to tell you . . . uh, more."



"Send us your tired, your poor, your huddled mass of puppets yearning to breathe free— free to become the treasured puppets of purpose they were meant to be. I'll take new ones too, I'm no respecter of puppets," said the famous Statue of Puppetry.

"The kids love us," said Weird Wanda, the praise wand. Wanda thought of herself as one of the puppets, although technically she was not. Stinky, Pinky and Willy just let her think she was. She and all the other praise wands were always praising the Lord and Wanda was not at all conscious of what she was, or how she looked. They liked her for her uninhibited outlook.



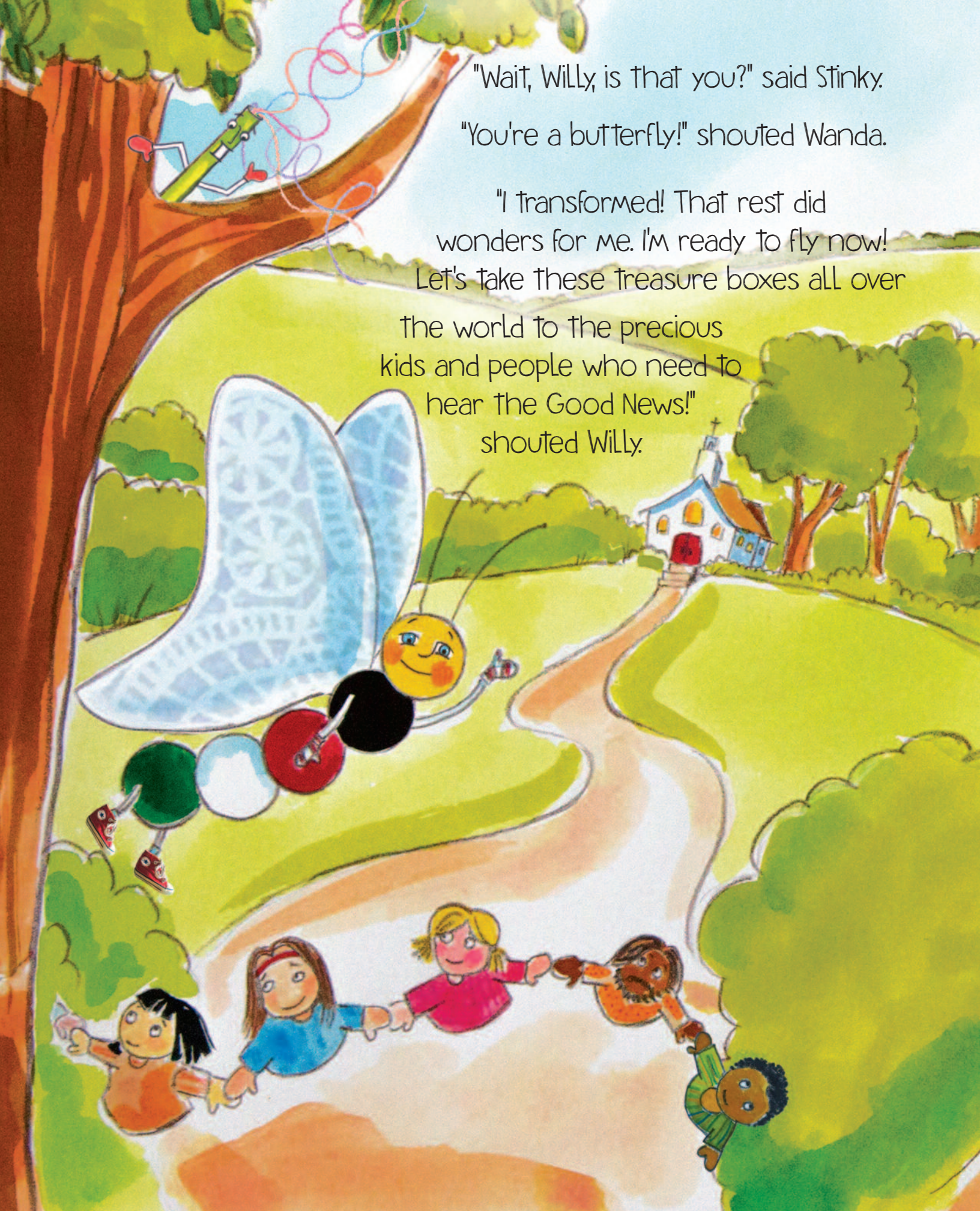
"and we puppets don't have feet! I'm just sayin..."
whispered Wanda.



"Here's my friend, Pinky. She's one of our treasured puppets!" said Stinky.



"Thank you, Stinky," said Pinky. "It's nice to be on hand if you need me!"



"Wait, Willy, is that you?" said Stinky.

"You're a butterfly!" shouted Wanda.

"I transformed! That rest did wonders for me. I'm ready to fly now! Let's take these treasure boxes all over

the world to the precious kids and people who need to hear the Good News!"

shouted Willy.

"I'm in!" agreed Stinky. "Let's get the other puppets and praise wands, books, pamphlets, bracelets, movies, flannel boards and ALL that stuff in the box and get ready for take off!"

"I heard that they're having a big rally in the Philippines and need hundreds of boxes soon! Let's head to the Philippines!" said Willy.

"Fill it with beans?"
asked Stinky.

"No, you're full of beans!" said
Willy. "It's a country across
the ocean.
You know...the

PHILIPPINES!"



oh dear
Lord...
please
help
Willy...

"Oh . . . now we're getting somewhere. What are you holding?" asked Wanda.

"It's an EvangeCube. It comes in every box," said Willy.

"Oh, is that where the beans go?" asked Stinky.

Willy rolled his eyes. "No, Stinky. There are no beans in this story.

NOW FOCUS!

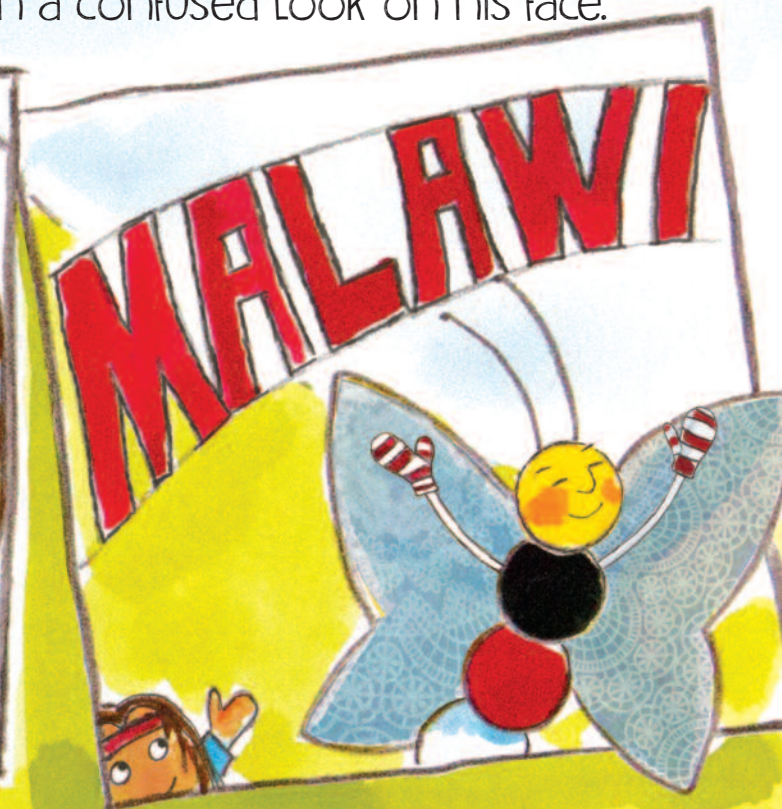


"The box opens like a puzzle, in many different ways, but it always tells the story of the resurrection of Jesus. Kids Love it!"

"Then I Love it, too! Did you say puppet?"

"No, Stinky, I said 'Love it'— sounds like puppet. Speaking of puppets, you might meet some old friends on our next trip after the Philippines: MALAWI, AFRICA!"

"Where's that?" asked Stinky with a confused look on his face.



"IN AFRICA!
MA-LAW-WE, A-FRI-CA!"
said Willy.

"It's the second poorest country in
the world!"

"We are taking the Gospel Boxes to the children while the grown ups are shown how to dig water wells and learn new things about personal hygiene," said Willy.

"What's personal hygiene?" asked Stinky.

"Trust me. It's something you wouldn't know about."

"Well I know about this map!

Look!

I know that puppet and that puppet.
There's my friend, Gene!

Hi Gene!" shouted Stinky.

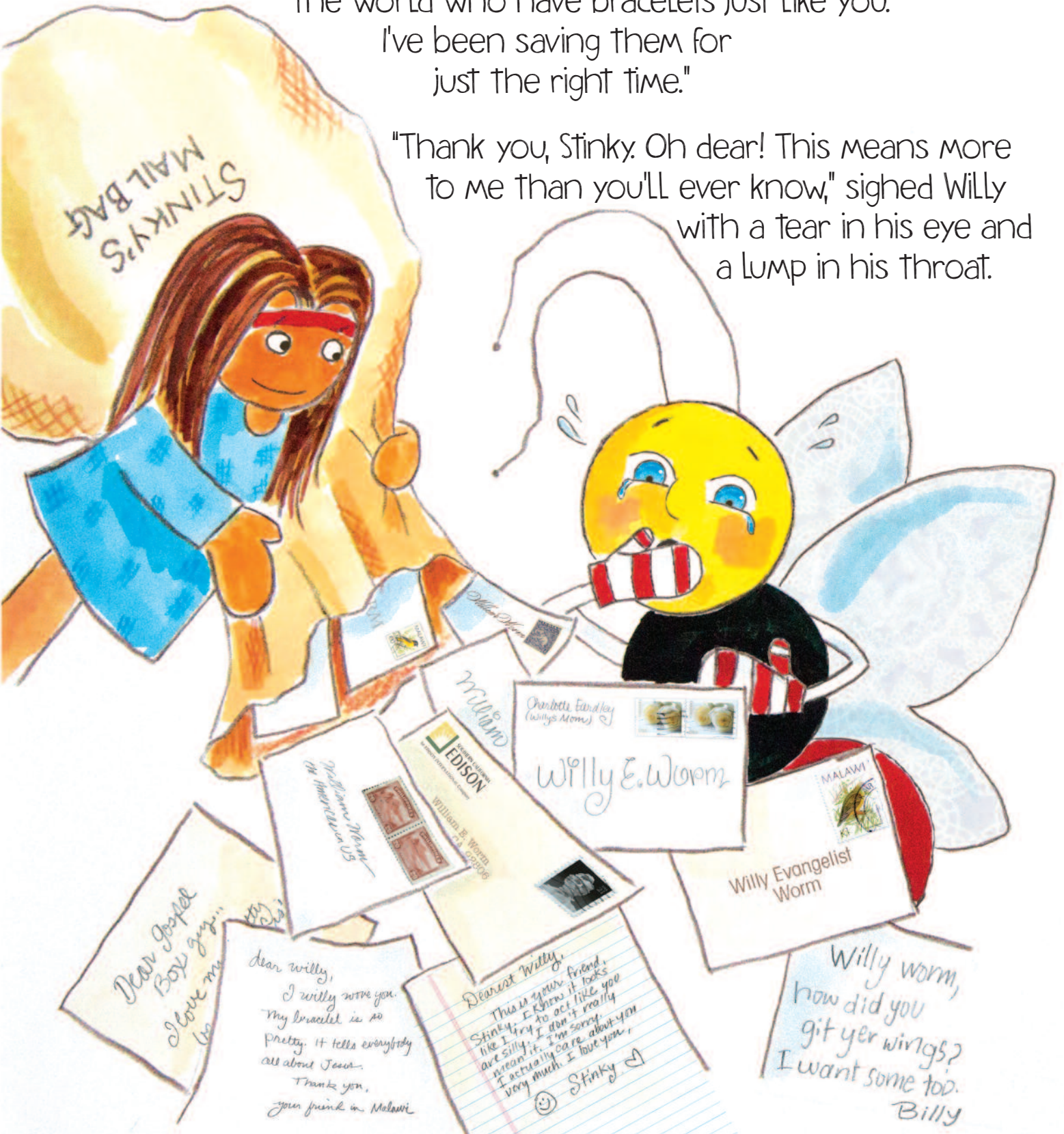
"He's a personal friend of mine!"



"Well Willy, my winged wooly worm butterfly bracelet friend, I have a surprise for YOU," said Stinky as he poured out a stack of envelopes and photos.

"Here are letters and photos from kids ALL over the world who have bracelets just like you. I've been saving them for just the right time."

"Thank you, Stinky. Oh dear! This means more to me than you'll ever know," sighed Willy with a tear in his eye and a lump in his throat.



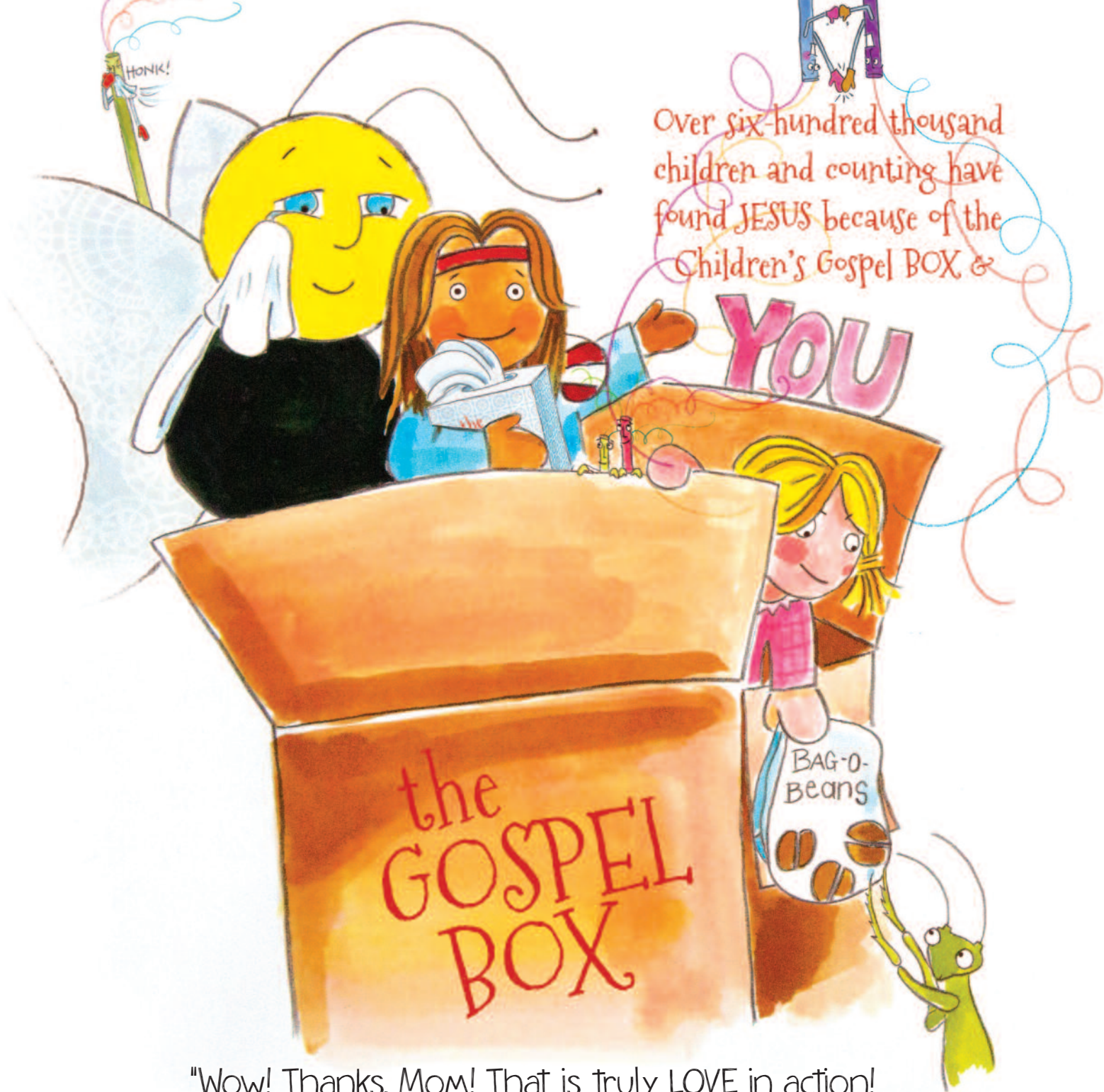
"And here's one Last Letter from the Lady who made you,"
said Stinky.

"From my MOM?" asked Willy.

"Aaaaahhhhh! Yay!!! Praise the Lord!" shouted Wanda.

"Yes, from Mom Eardley, who made you and 100,000 of your
brothers and sisters. She made you using one hand after she
lost the use of one of her arms."





Over six-hundred thousand children and counting have found JESUS because of the Children's Gospel BOX &

You

the
GOSPEL
BOX

BAG-O-Beans

"Wow! Thanks, Mom! That is truly LOVE in action! Thanks to ALL of you who make stuff for the Box, and ALL you kids who collect your nickels, dimes and quarters to send Boxes around the world!" said Willy.

"And we did it ALL without beans!" said Stinky with a satisfied grin.
"But we couldn't have done it without YOU!"

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Willy's shoes are the actual first tennis shoes of the illustrator/author's son.

The Gospel Box Story
by Lisa Hindsley

Summary: A colorful bracelet named Willy shares how a box of supplies
tells the story of the Gospel to children all over the world.

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To my brother-in-law
DAVID LEROY WOOD
Teacher of the Bible · all around Foursquare man
who was always thinking both inside and outside the box.



THREE WAYS YOU CAN HELP WILLY:

1. Wear the bracelet - share the gospel - share this book
2. Peel off and fold the coin box below; collect coins and send to:

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3. Pray for all the children who will hear about Jesus through this book, and the boxes!

SAVE
YOUR
COINS!

Together we can
FILL AND SEND
A BOX!

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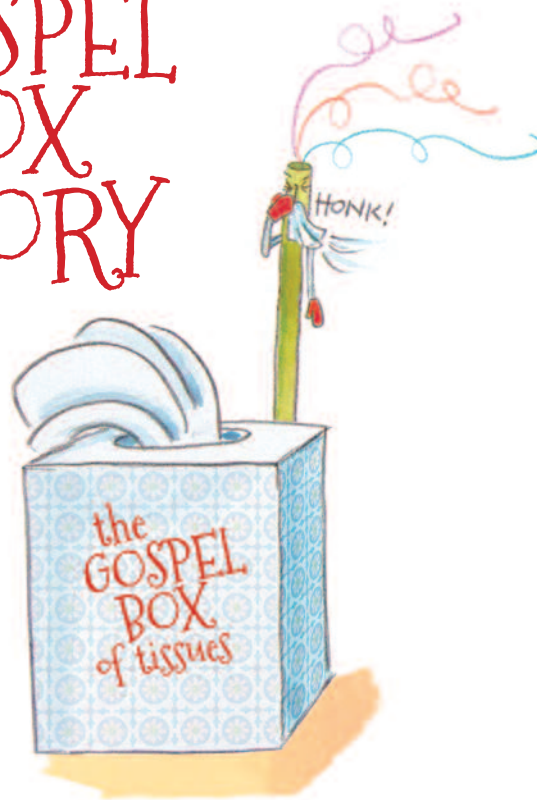
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the GOSPEL BOX STORY

A touching
missions story
that will inspire
your whole family
to love the
little children
of the world.



What People are Saying:

“I love the illustrations and am grateful to be a small part of it. Blessings.”

Tommy Walker - Recording Artist

“Lisa’s whimsical artistic gifts match the incredible CGB
vision of spreading the written Word for generations to come.”

Pastor Carol Burnett Danna - Cornerstone Church, Anaheim, CA.

“This delightfully illustrated, artistic story will capture you! Its message for young and old alike brings home the point that we can make a difference that impacts lives with a gift that influences children across the world with the love of Christ! I highly recommend this book and believe it will provide a means for thousands more to know Jesus!”

Glenn C. Burris, Jr. - President, The Foursquare Church

“Lisa Hindsley’s heart for children is so evident in her new book, “The Gospel Box Story.” Children everywhere will love this book for its funny characters, amazing illustrations, and heartwarming tale.

“The Gospel Box Story” is an amazing story that not only teaches and inspires kids to have a heart for missions, but actually calls them to action in a real and tangible way.”

Matthew Barnett - Co-founder, The Dream Center, Los Angeles, CA.

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