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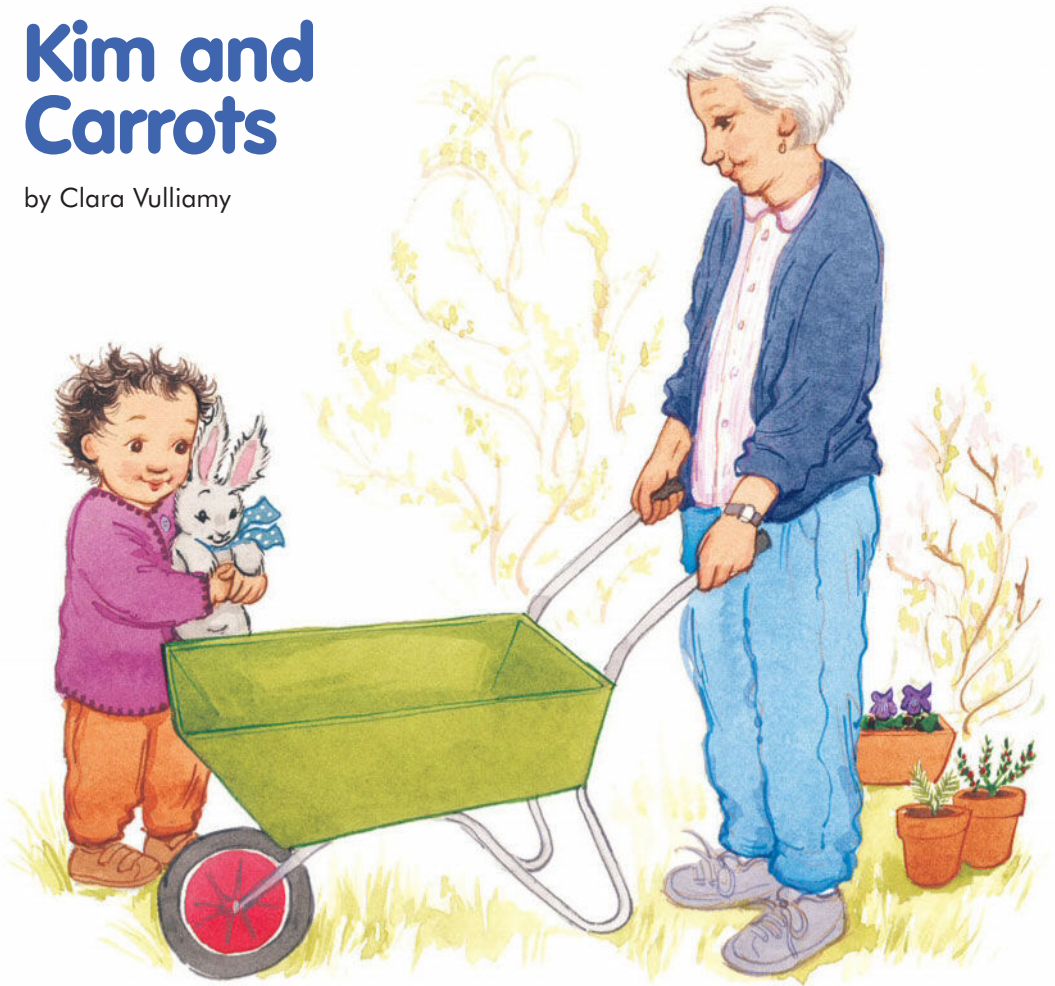
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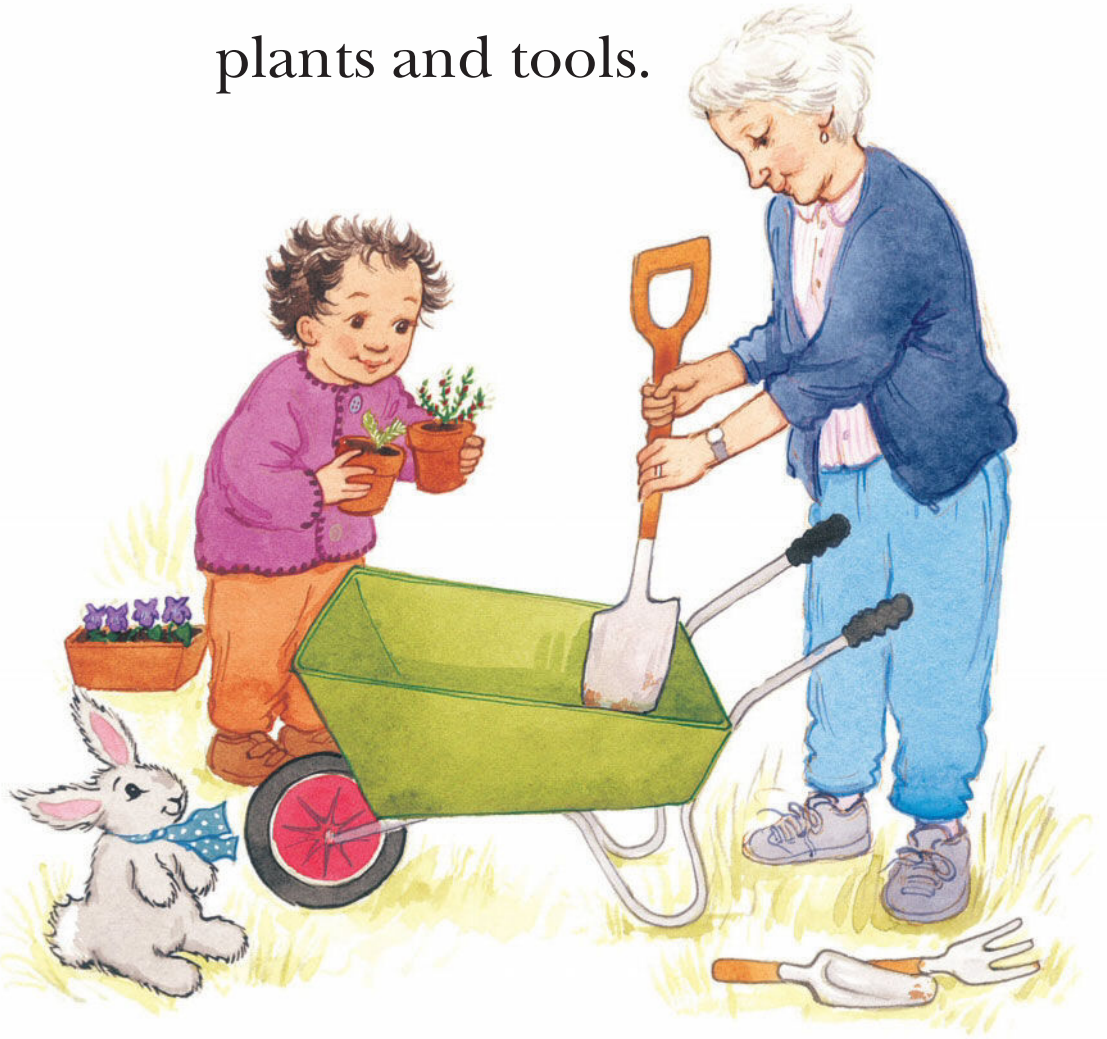
Kim and Carrots

by Clara Vulliamy



What a nice new wheelbarrow,
Grandma!

Kim and Grandma load
the wheelbarrow with
plants and tools.





Lucky Carrots gets a ride.



Kim and Grandma dig some holes.
Don't fall in, Carrots!

Kim carefully puts one little plant in each hole.



Follow me to the Guide for Caregivers!



When the work is done, Kim and Carrots both get a ride!

Lady Spring

Anonymous * Art by Beth Ann Bogert

My Lady Spring, she's dressed in green,
she wears a primrose gown.

And little baby buds and twigs
are clinging to her gown.

The sun shines if she laughs at all,
and if she weeps the raindrops fall.





Backyard Picnic

by Nancy E. Walker-Guye 🌱 Art by Karen Dugan

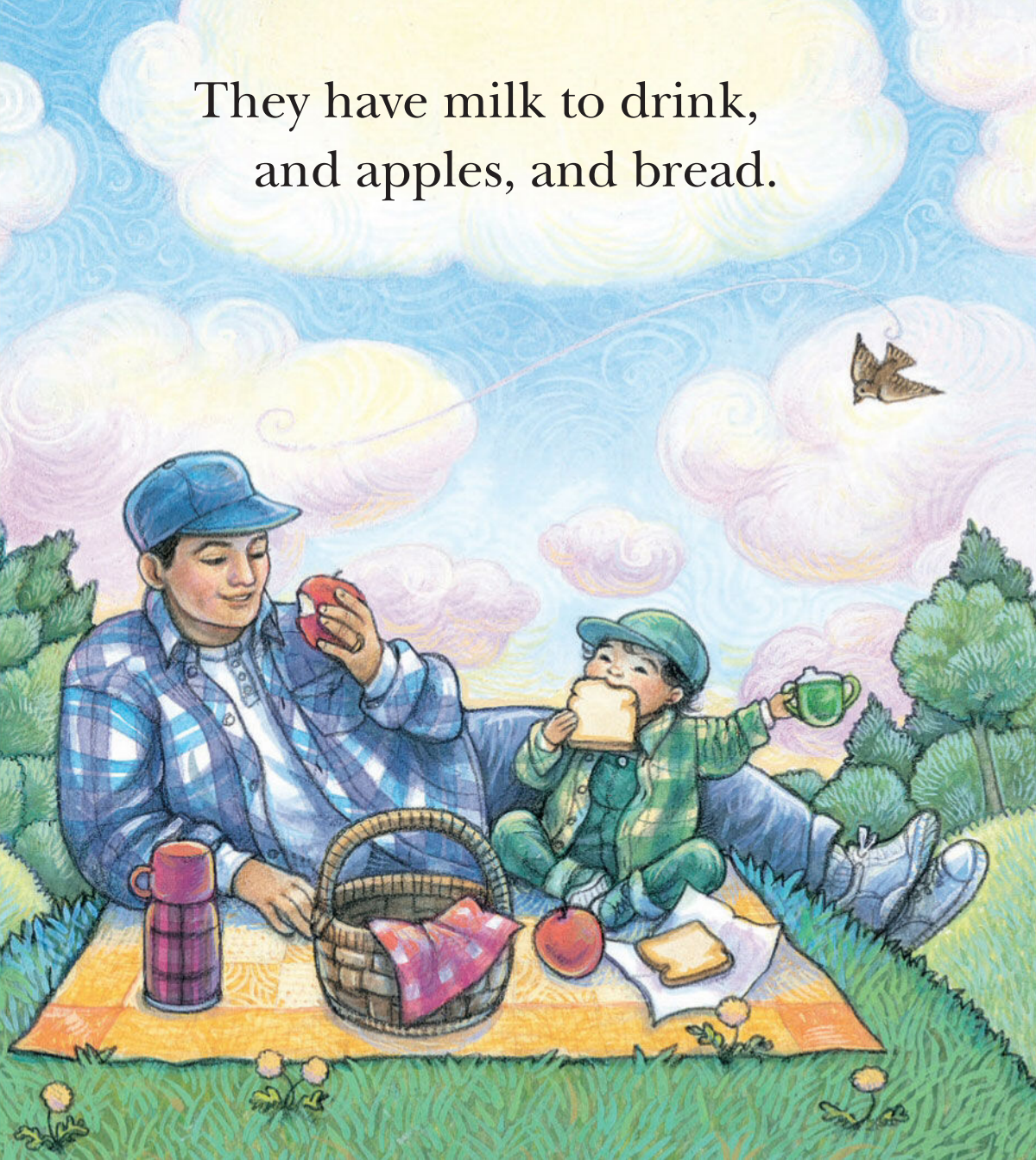


“Can we have lunch
outside in the sun?”

Jessie's Daddy says,
"That will be fun."



They have milk to drink,
and apples, and bread.





Later, their blanket becomes a bed.

A FIRST CONCEPT
My Rain

by Emily Granville
Art by Susan Eaddy

With my watering pail
I bring the rain,
So flowers can grow
And bloom again.







High Five

by Lucy Ford
Art by Chad Cameron



I have *little* hands.



Daddy has *big* hands.

Together, we say, “*High five!*”



Pitter-Pat

by Linda Sand
Art by Julie Kim



Pull on the boots,



Put on the hat,



Goodbye, sunshine,




Hello,
pitter-pat.







LET'S EXPLORE
Little Grey
Robin



Little grey robin,
with her red breast,
sits and sings
on her little brown nest.

by Abby Joy

Three blue eggs
make the robin
so proud.
That is why
she sings so loud!



Gardening

by Candice Marley Conner

Art by Claudine Gevry

I dug in the dirt
And planted my seeds.
I was hoping for strawberries,
But I only got weeds!





BABYBUG is for babies who love to be read to—and for adults who love to read to them. Here are a few tips to help you get the most out of this “hooray for spring” issue of BABYBUG.

1. Kim and Carrots: Look how proud Kim is to help Grandma in the garden. Children have a genuine need to identify with the people who care for them. Toddlers find great satisfaction in such everyday activities as folding clean towels, holding the dustpan as you sweep, or sponging off a kitchen cabinet door.

2. Backyard Picnic: After reading this story with your little one, why not have your own picnic? Pack some sandwiches, fruit, and drinks, and head outside. For a special touch, bring a jar of bubble solution, crayons and paper for drawing or making rubbings of tree bark, or a



magnifying glass to examine flowers, leaves, or any ants that might decide to join you.

3. High Five: Even though most children don't begin to use size words until after age two, you can help your baby become aware of what these words mean. Use the words “big” and “little” at the same time whenever you can, since size is relative. It also helps to compare objects that are very much alike. Have your child look at the little and big hands in this story and then compare her hands to yours.

— Sally Nurss, M.Ed.

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