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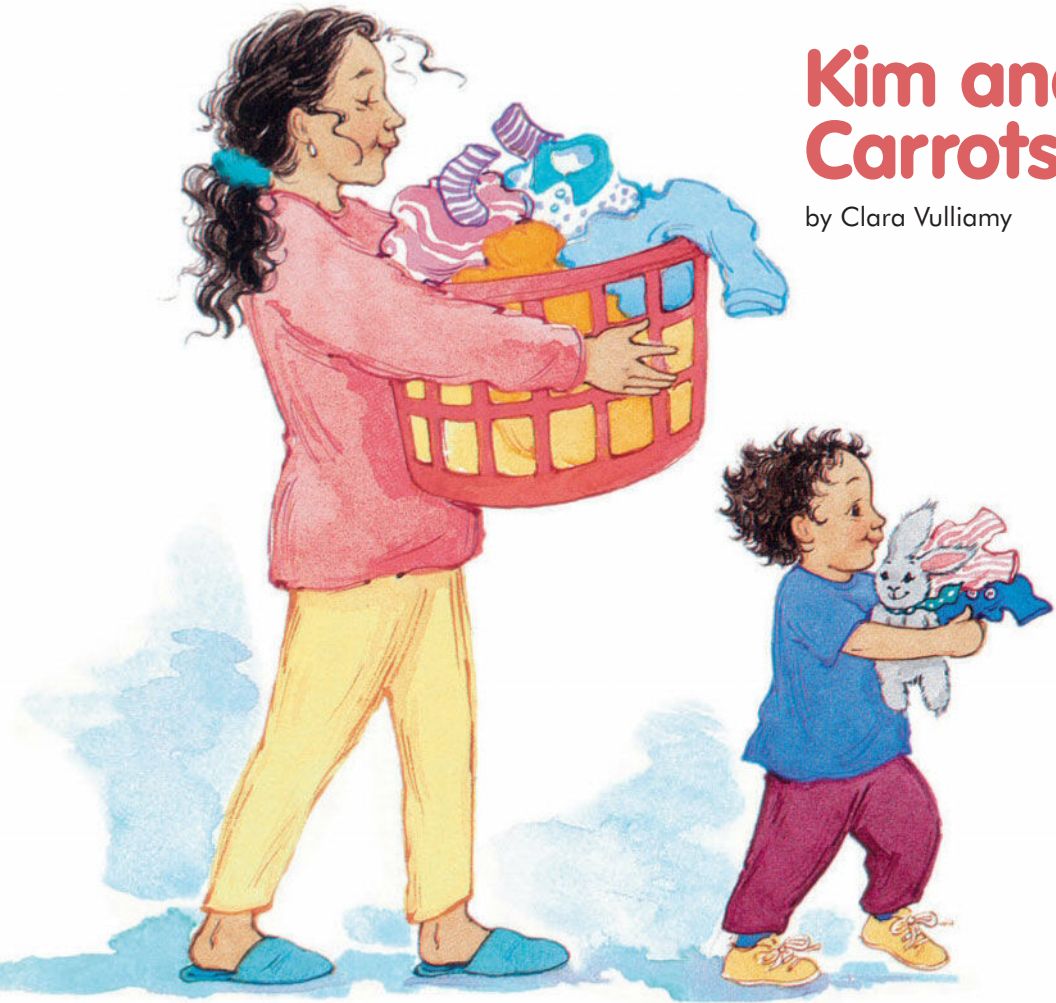


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Kim and Carrots

by Clara Vulliamy



Mommy is washing clothes.
Kim wants to wash clothes, too.



Mommy uses a washing machine.
Kim uses a bowl of sudsy water.



Slop, slosh! Kim washes Carrots's coat.



Then Carrots has a sudsy bath, too!



Mommy hangs Carrots on the line to dry in the sunshine.

Follow me to the Guide for Caregivers!



Mmm! Carrots smells so
fresh and clean!

A First Concept
Big Little Hippo

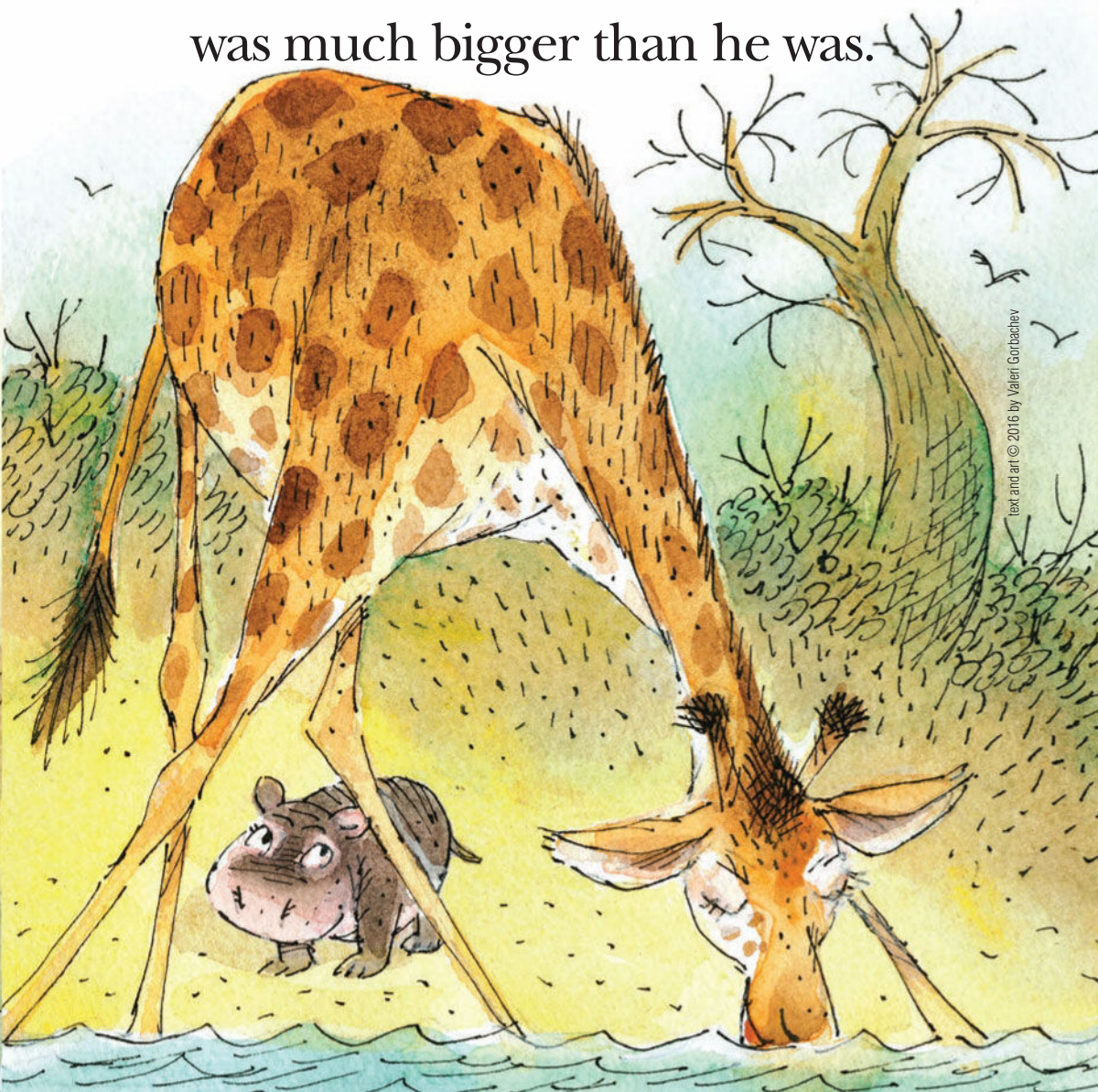
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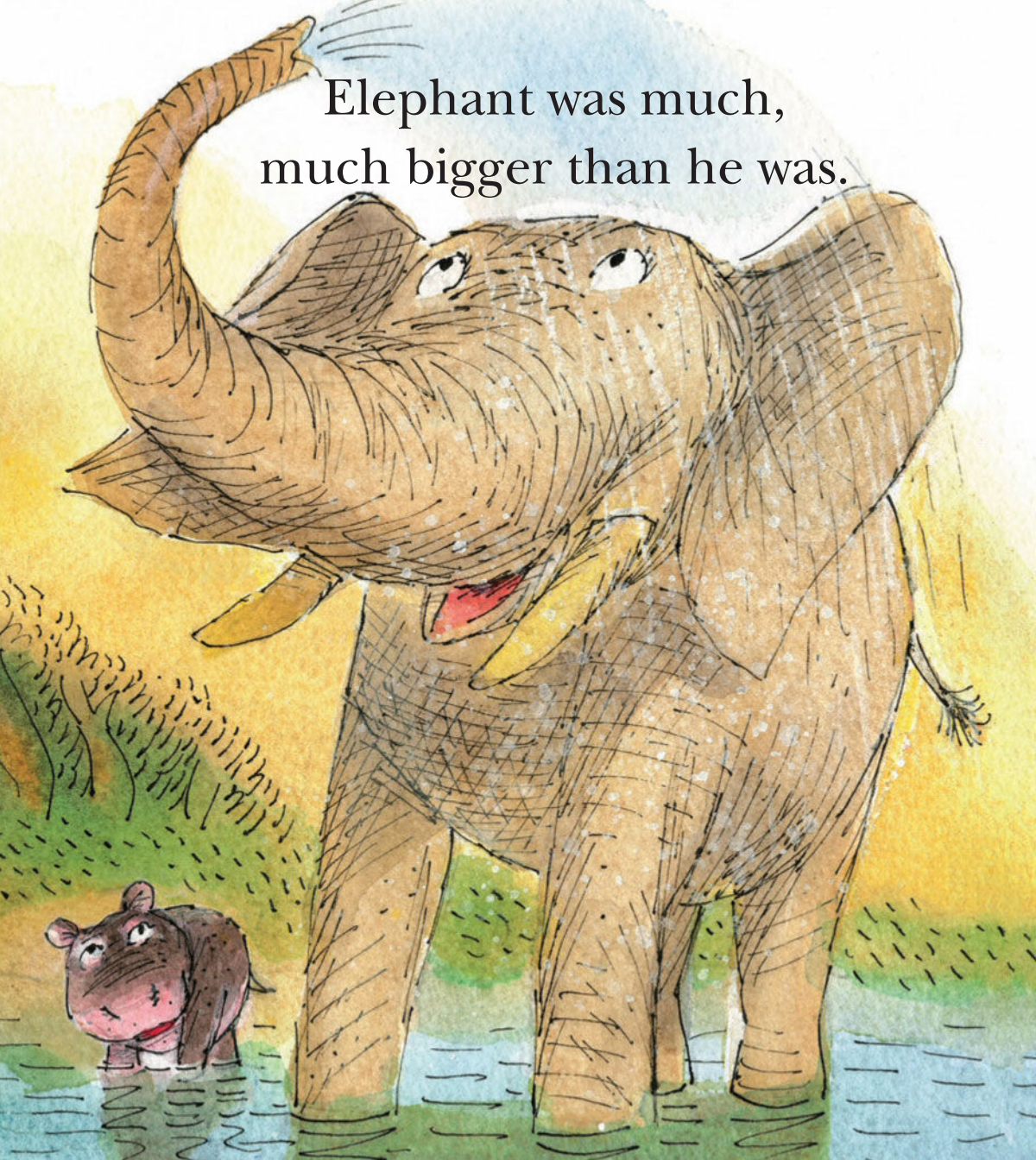
Little Hippo was small.
Mommy Hippo was bigger than he was.



Giraffe, who came to the river to drink,
was much bigger than he was.



Elephant was much,
much bigger than he was.



Little Hippo began to feel very small.



Then he saw the ants crawling on the grass. Suddenly, he felt very big!



This Is Me

A Traditional Rhyme
Art by Joseph Cowman



Two little eyes to
look around,



Two little ears to
hear each sound,



One little nose to
smell what's sweet,



One little mouth
that likes to eat.





I Put It On Myself

by Christine Early Mortlock ★ Art by Leah Danz

A dino shirt!

One arm, two arms,
ready, set, *ROARRRR*.





A stripy skirt!
One foot, two feet,
ready, set, EXPLORE.

Polka-dot socks,
a big blue bow,
ready, set, GO, GO, GO!



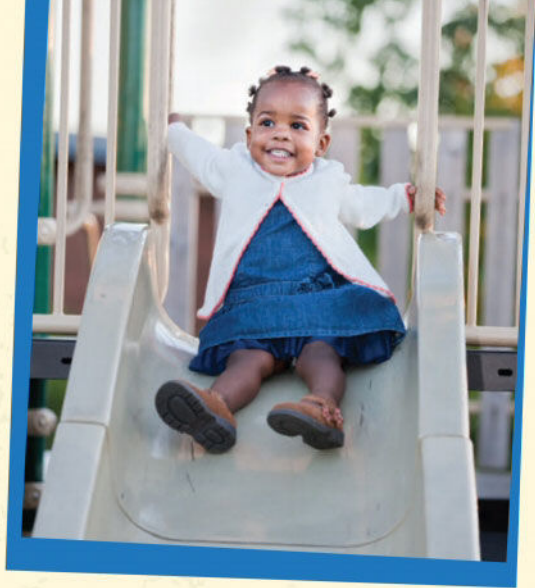
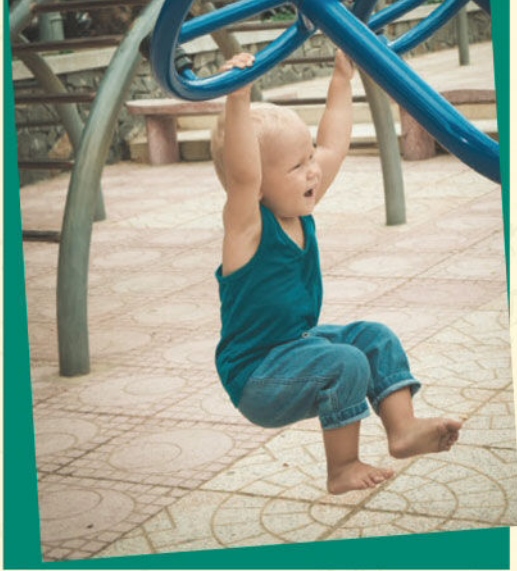


LET'S EXPLORE **The** **Playground**

by Emily Granville

Hip-hip-hooray, it's
time to play! At the
playground, you can
swing to and fro . . .
or seesaw high and low!





Hop up . . . slide down . . .
spin around and around and around!



Laundry Time

by Della Ross Ferreri ✨ Art by Amy Wummer

Dirty T-shirt, stinky socks,
It's time to do the wash.
Gurgling water, sticky soap—
Slosh! Slosh! Slosh!





Little Red Boat

by Matt Vest ✨ Art by Francesca Di Chiara

Little red boat
floating in my tub
burble burble
gurgle gurgle
bub-bub-bub





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 “see what I can do” issue of BABYBUG.

1. Kim and Carrots: While Mommy does laundry, Kim busily works alongside her, washing Carrots’s little coat. When that’s done, Carrots gets a good scrubbing as well! What is work to an adult is fun to a toddler. Rather than postponing time with your child until after the chores are finished, pause for a moment and consider how he could join you. It may take a bit longer to get things done, but the time spent together is well worth it.

2. This Is Me: Babies are fascinated by faces—yours most of all. Within hours of birth they appear to know the difference



between a stranger’s face and that of a parent. No matter how many faces babies examine, they’re most delighted by the faces of those who love and care for them every day.

3. I Put It On Myself: This poem celebrates a toddler’s successful efforts to dress herself. If your little one is learning to get dressed, why not show her the “fancy way” of putting a jacket on? Lay her jacket on its back on the floor. Have your child stand at the collar end. Tell her to put her hands in the sleeves and flip the jacket over her head.

– Sally Nurss, M.Ed.

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