

Mom's Surprise Helper

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(Based on a true story)

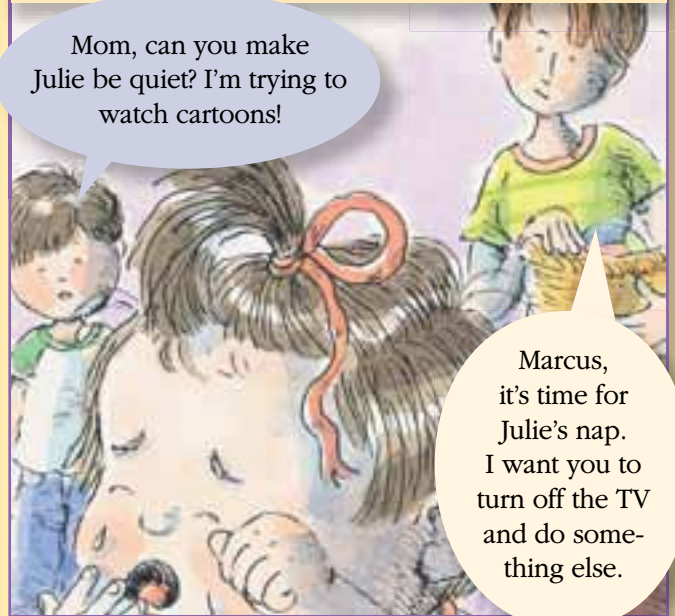
When we're helping, we're happy (Children's Songbook, 198).

Marcus sat on the couch and watched cartoons. Mom picked up the toys and clothes he and his little sister, Julie, had left on the floor.

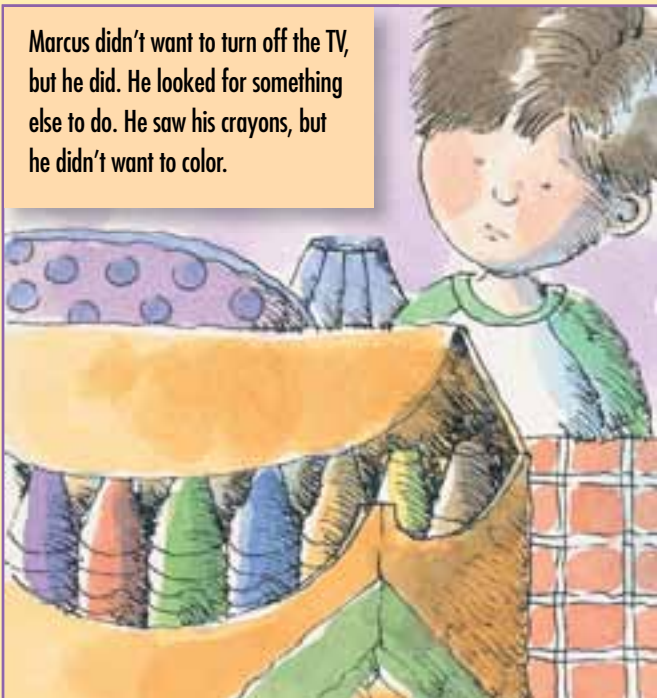


But it was hard for Marcus to hear the TV because Julie was crying.

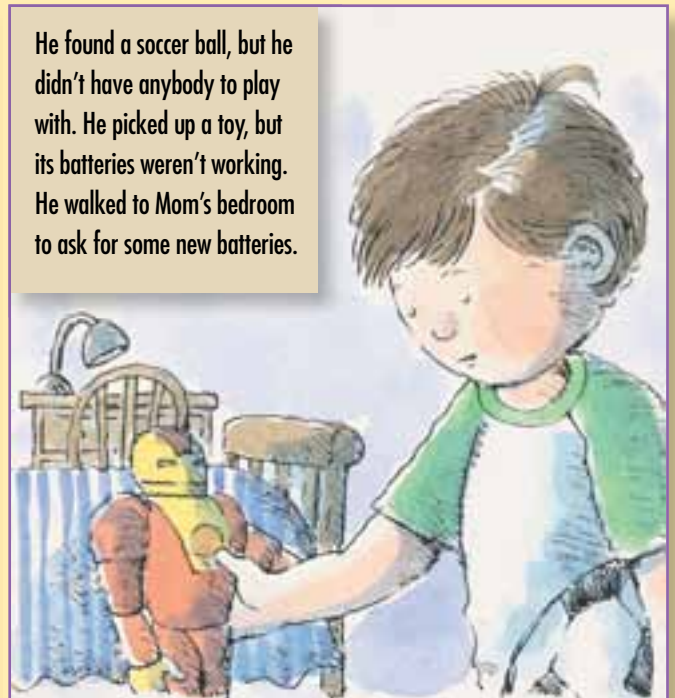
Mom, can you make Julie be quiet? I'm trying to watch cartoons!



Marcus didn't want to turn off the TV, but he did. He looked for something else to do. He saw his crayons, but he didn't want to color.



He found a soccer ball, but he didn't have anybody to play with. He picked up a toy, but its batteries weren't working. He walked to Mom's bedroom to ask for some new batteries.



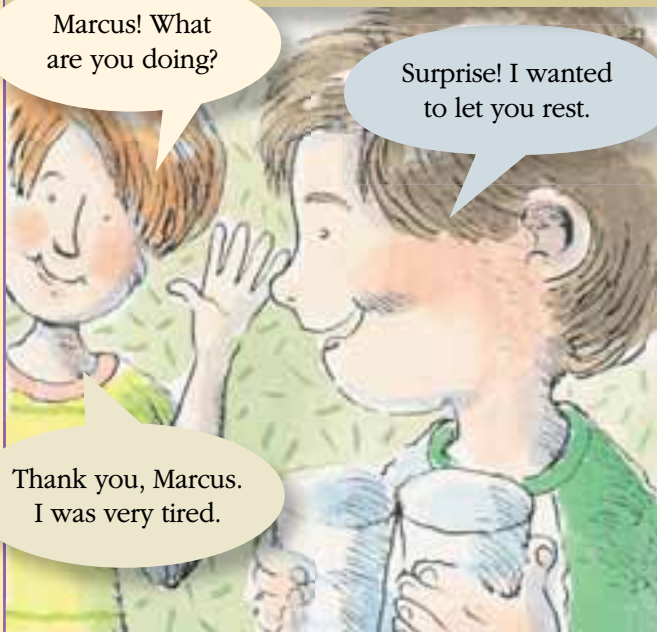
When Marcus got to the bedroom, he saw Julie asleep in her crib. Mom was asleep on the bed next to some folded towels and a basket of socks.



In the kitchen, he began putting the clean dishes in the cabinets, just like Mom always did — only a little louder.



After a couple of minutes, Mom walked into the kitchen. Marcus was sitting on the counter, trying to put away the plastic cups.



Mom gave Marcus a big hug and a kiss. As much as Marcus loved to watch cartoons, doing something to make Mom happy made him feel even better.



May Flowers

BY VAL CHADWICK BAGLEY

April showers brought May flowers for this gardener. Can you find the two gardens that are most alike?

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Jesus Christ Teaches at the Temple



 grew  in the city of Nazareth. As a boy,  learned many things and was strong in spirit. When  was **12** years old, He went with  and  to a celebration in . After the celebration,  and  started  home. They thought  was  with His . When  and  started looking for , they could not find Him. They went back to  to look for . They looked for  days. They found  at the temple,  with some . The  were surprised at how much  knew.  told  she had been worried about Him.  told  and  that He had been doing Heavenly Father's work.  went back to Nazareth with  and .