

Big Enough

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(Based on a true story)

Carlos was too small to walk the dog or mow the lawn. But he was big enough to help.



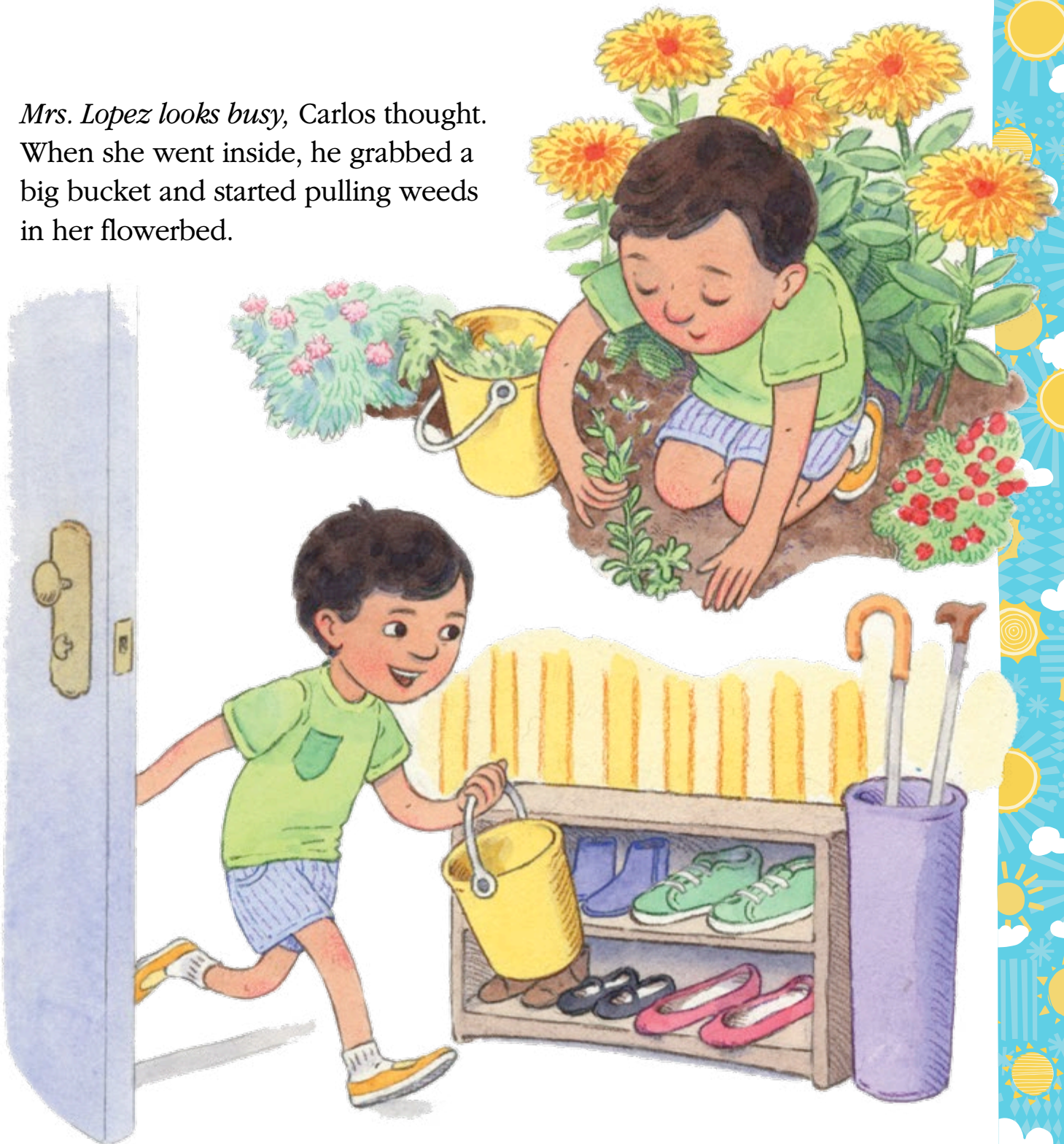
He could help Dad wash the dishes, and he could help Mom fold clothes.



One day Carlos was helping Grandpa pull weeds when Mrs. Lopez walked past.

“I need to pull my weeds today too,” she said.

Mrs. Lopez looks busy, Carlos thought. When she went inside, he grabbed a big bucket and started pulling weeds in her flowerbed.



Carlos worked until the weeds were all gone. Then he grabbed his bucket and hurried back to his house.

Mom's probably cooking dinner, Carlos thought. *And I'm big enough to help!* ◆