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God's gift

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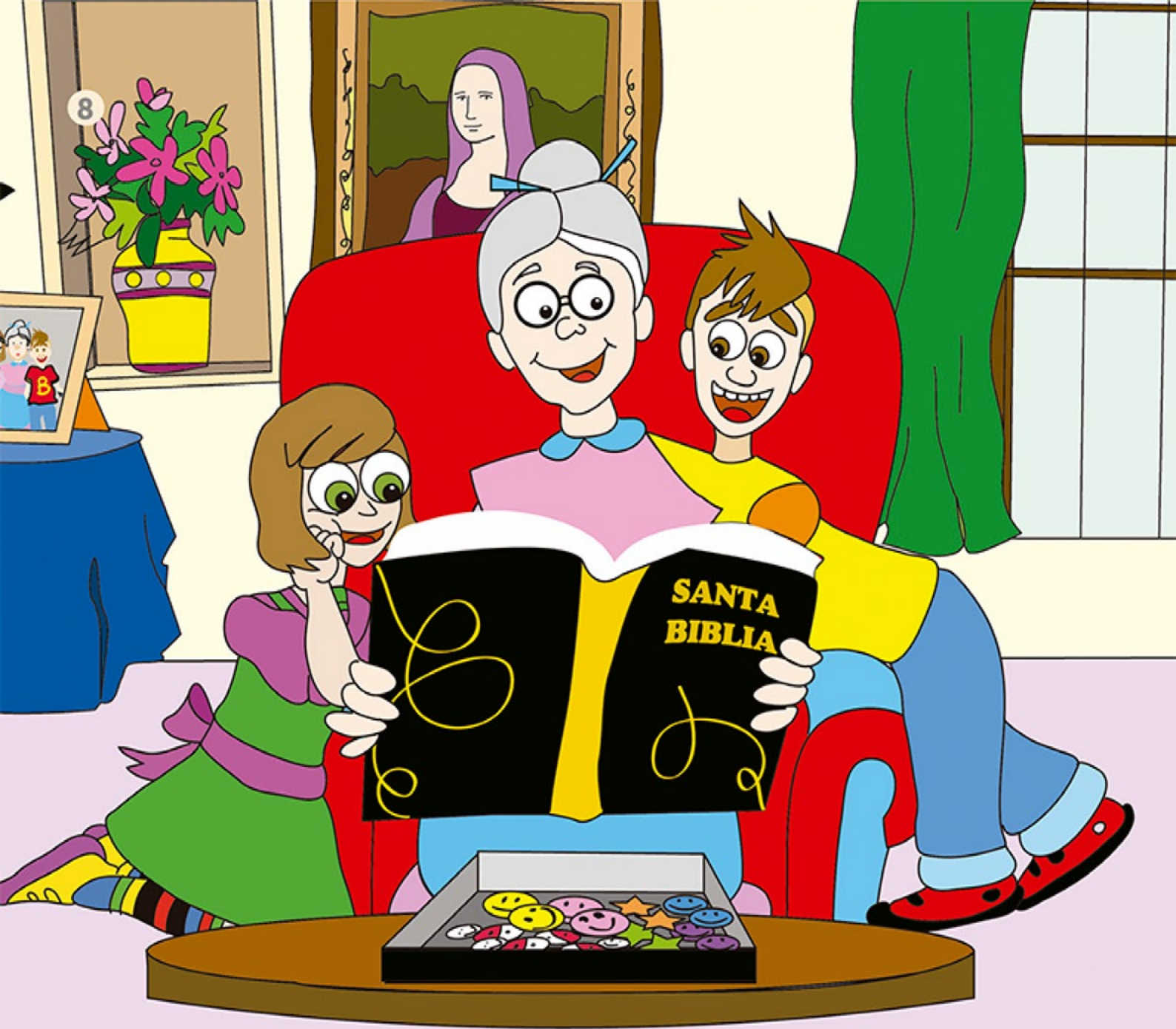
Once upon a time, there was a sweet little grandma, everyone knew her as "Granny". She was very very kind and she lived in a beautiful, big house.



Every afternoon Ariana and Benjamin visited Granny after school.



They loved to go to granny's house! This was because she always had nice surprises. One day, she baked cookies in the shape of animals, stars and other things, with colored sugar and melted chocolate. Mmmm... how yummy!



Each afternoon granny told them a story. This time she looked for this big book, the Bible, to talk about something very important.



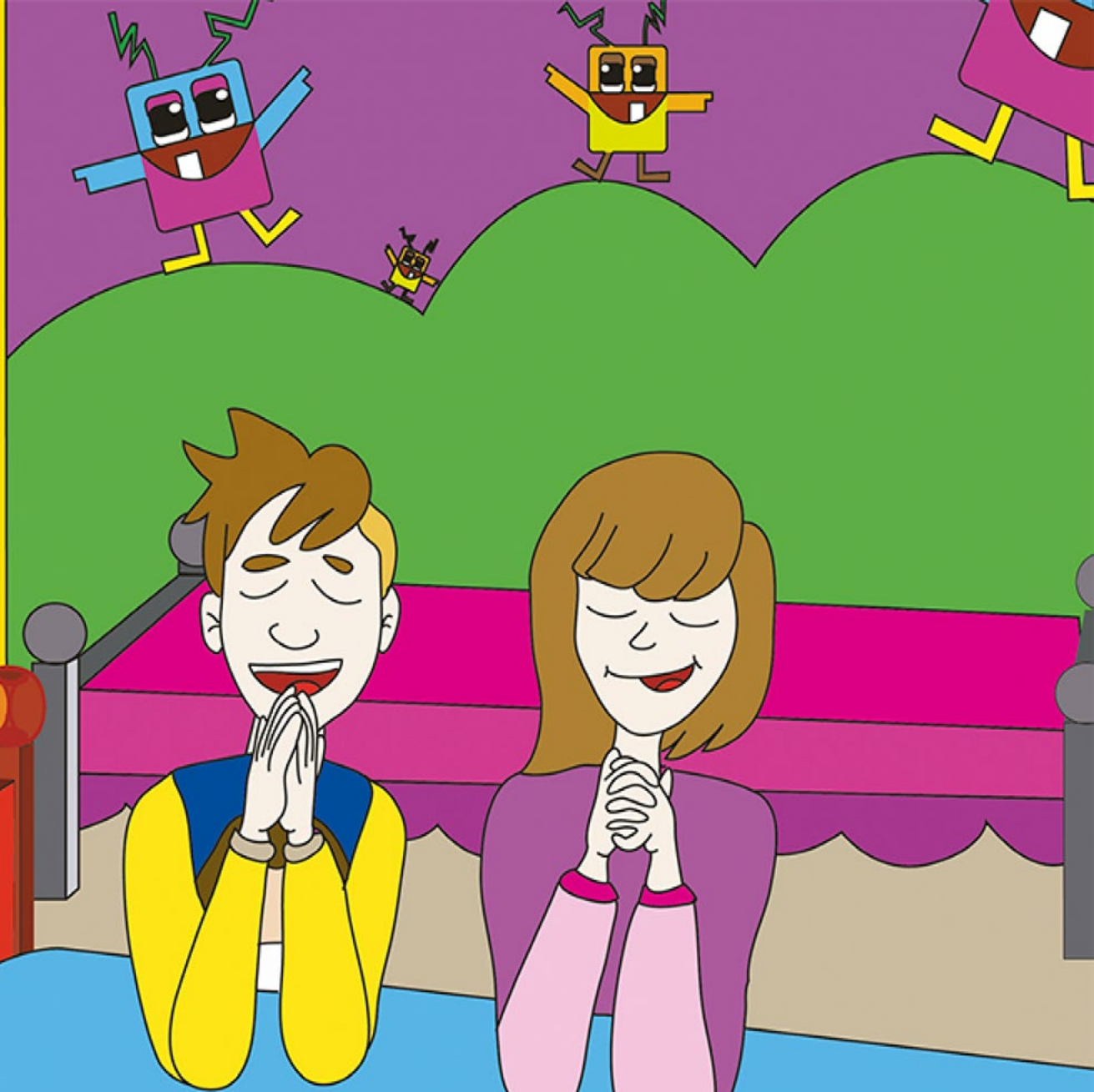
Did you know God gave us a very special gift? Here it says, when He made us in our mom's belly, He gave us the gift of being a woman or man. To be a girl or a boy is one of the many gifts that our good God gave us, said granny



"Why did he make us boys and girls?" asked Benjamin. "Because God thought that they would be happy being this way," answered granny. "I'm very happy being a girl," said Ariana. "Do you both like this gift? What do you think about taking a moment to thank God for it?" replied granny. "Great idea!" answered the kids..



In the house, while they were playing, Ariana, said, " Benjamin, I really love God's gift. Since I'm a girl, one day I'm going to be able to wear make-up, wear skirts with lace stitching and be a woman." "I love God's gift too. Since I'm a boy, I'm going to beat you in races," replied Benjamin, just to bother her.



So the kids prayed like this: "Dear God, thanks for all the gifts that you have given to us. Thank you for thinking of us since we were in our mom's belly. Amen." Snip, snap, snout, this tale's told out.

Crab Beach

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It was a beautiful day at the beach. The sun, the waves, everything was gorgeous. "Benjamin, Ariana, I have a beautiful story to tell you!" shouted granny from her hammock. The kids loved Granny's stories. So they stopped playing with the crabs and quickly sat down beside her to listen.



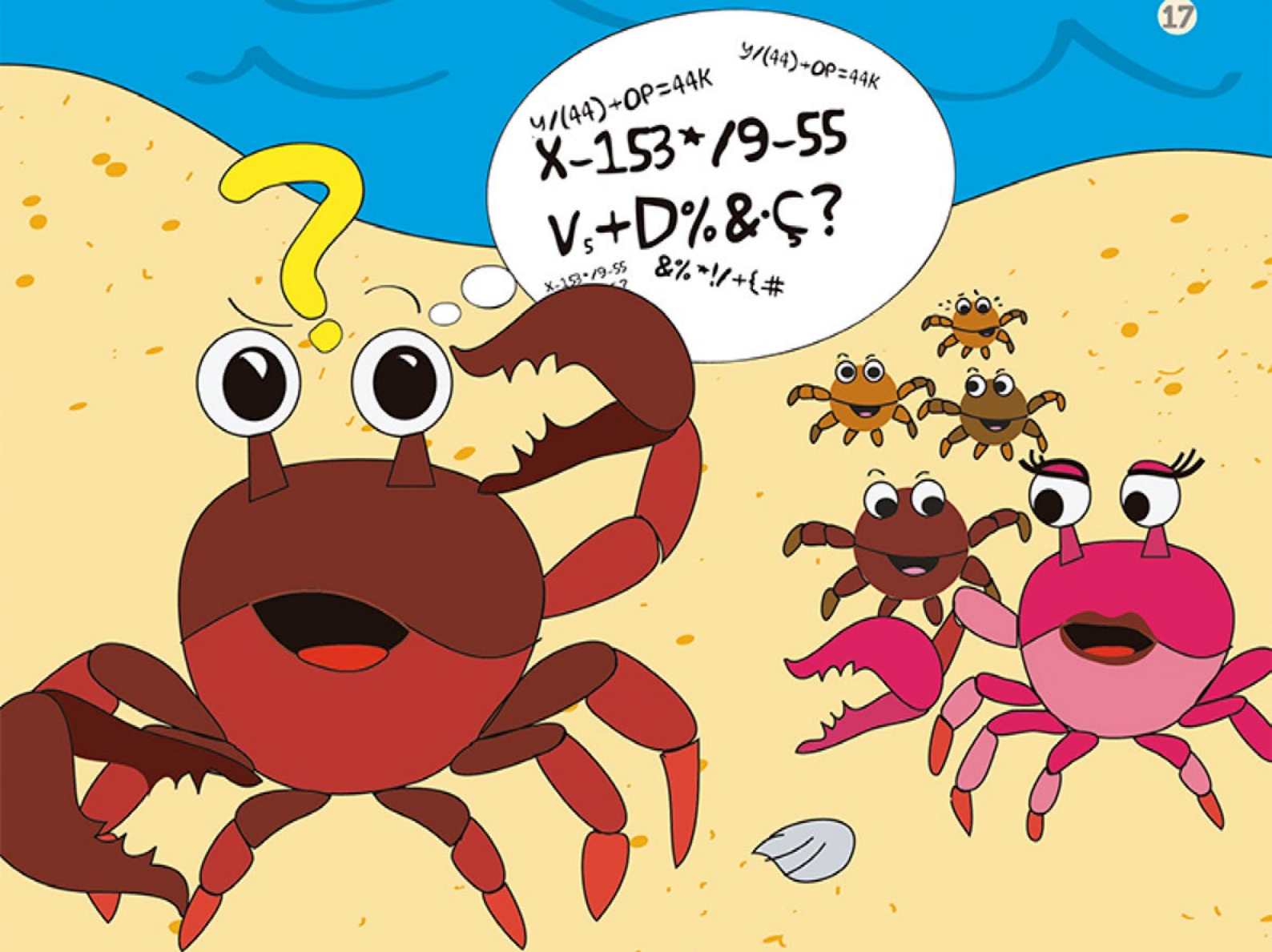
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Granny started by saying: Once upon a time a very, very old crab , almost as old as me, called to all the others crabs one day to say : "Everyone makes fun of us because we walk backwards and they talk about us like we are a bad example. What do you think about having the mama crab teach their children to walk forwards?" Said asked the old crab.



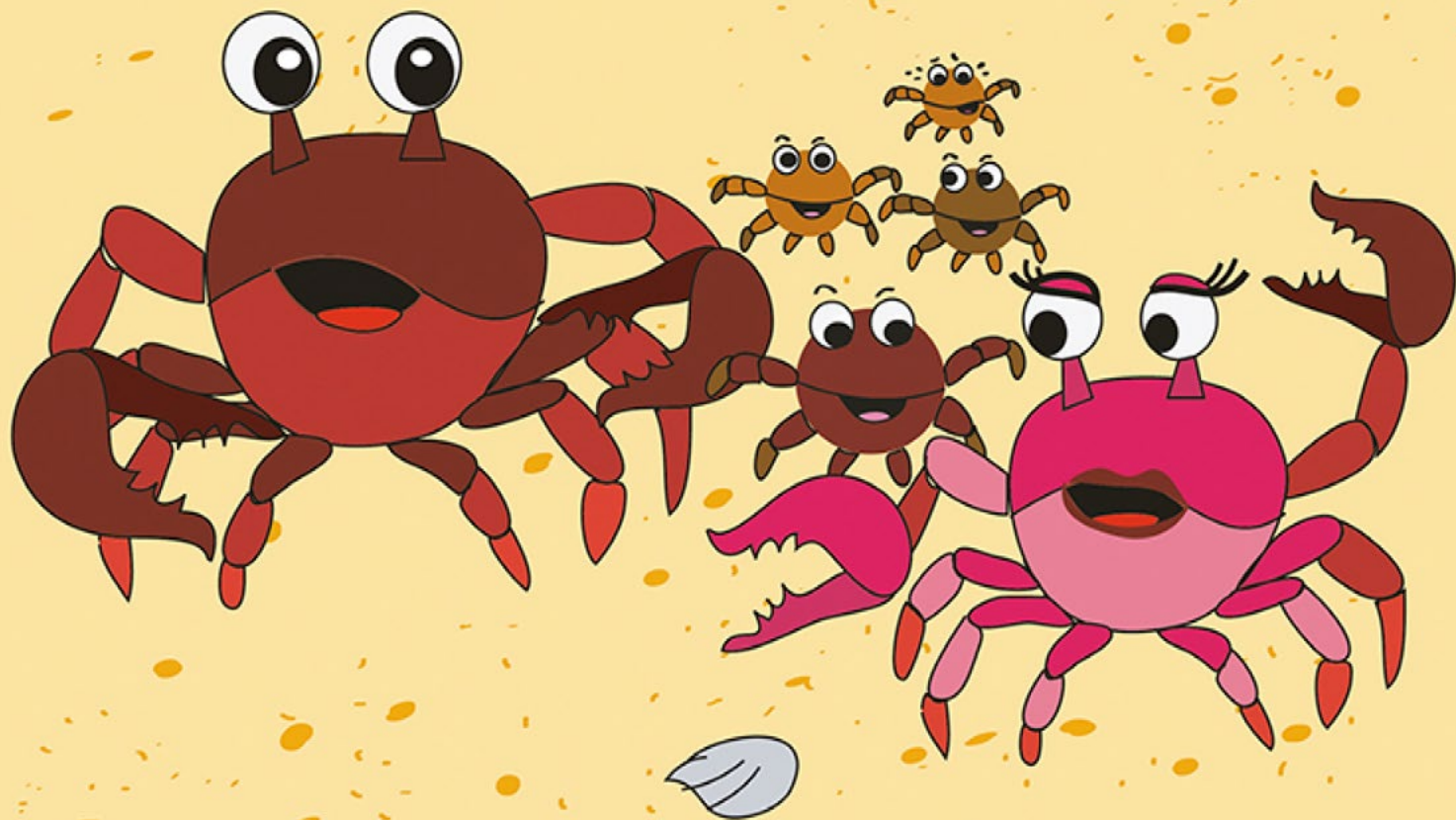
Everyone agreed and since that day all the moms lovingly guided their children's little foot leg forward first and then the others. The kids tried to follow what they were taught but it was very, very difficult.



One day, a little very clever crab thought: why do we have to walk forward if all the other crabs walk backwards?



Since the little crabs did not want to walk forwards, all the crabs gathered together again. "The idea of walking forwards is not working," said the old crab and added, "it doesn't work because we cannot ask others to do what we do not do."



So the story tells us that this is the reason that the crabs continue walking backwards. The lesson that we can learn from this nice story is that others pay more attention to what we do rather than to what we say. Snip, snap, snout, this tale's told out

A love Story



Next Tuesday is mom's birthday. What can I give her? What can I do if I do not have any money? thought Ariana. She decided to talk to her granny about it.



"Granny, I want to give my mom a gift for her birthday but I do not have any money to buy the present", said Ariana
While Granny thought of ways to help her. Ariana became sad and started crying.



Granny said "Don't be sad Ariana, don't cry. Let me tell you a story of great love. Maybe it can help us to find a solution. Some years ago..."



a very little girl gives her dad a present. It was a big decorated box. Her dad was very, very glad.



But when he opened the box, he saw that the box was empty. So he shouted angrily: "Don't you know, when you give a gift, it must have something inside?"



Oh daddy! It isn't empty, it isn't empty I blew many, many kisses in the box. And all them are for you daddy," sSaid the girl crying.



The dad understood his big mistake, apologized, hugged her and thanked her for all the kisses that she had given him.



The story continues that this man kept this box at his bedside and when he was sad opened the little box, took out one of his daughter's kisses and he always was happy."



"What a beautiful story Granny!" said Ariana with a big smile. "If you like the idea," said Granny, "I'm going to knit a bag with gold thread and you will fill it with a lot of kisses and rose petals that we are going to look for together in the garden. I'm sure that your mommy will love it!" Snip, snap, snout, this tale's told out.

Cut, paste
and remember

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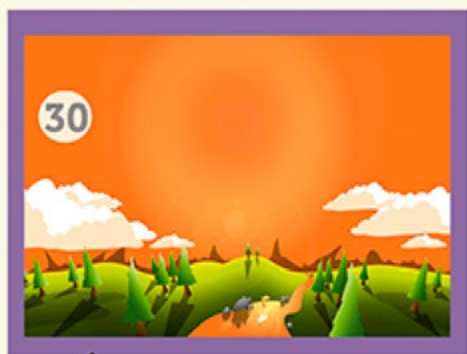
Every Friday Ariana and Benjamin ate a snack with Granny. This time Granny had something different waiting for them. The table was full of magazines and Granny had cut out many images. .



Granny invited them to paste the images on some very fine papers. Ariana and Benjamin didn't know why Granny asked them to do it, but it was very great fun. Besides Granny had promised them, if they finished quickly they would get some delicious ice cream.



"Today, my dears, I'm going to teach you something that will help you greatly, if you pay attention," explained Granny with a sweet voice. And then she added,



"First we're going to draw a bikini on each girl figure and the bathing suit shorts on each boy. Can you do it?" Taking a colored pencil, each one of the kids, began to draw.



"Remember, that we're marking the parts of our body that are private, when we go to the beach, we cover them up! Nobody can touch or look at our private parts. Nobody can tickle us there. Because they are so important, we take extra special care of them," said Granny, raising her finger.



Ariana and Benjamin began to think about the beach and how everyone takes care of their privates parts.



Suddenly while they were thinking. Granny called them to give them a delicious ice-cream. "Granny, who teaches us many things and loves us so much, is great!" Said the kids. Snip, snap, snout, this tale's told out..

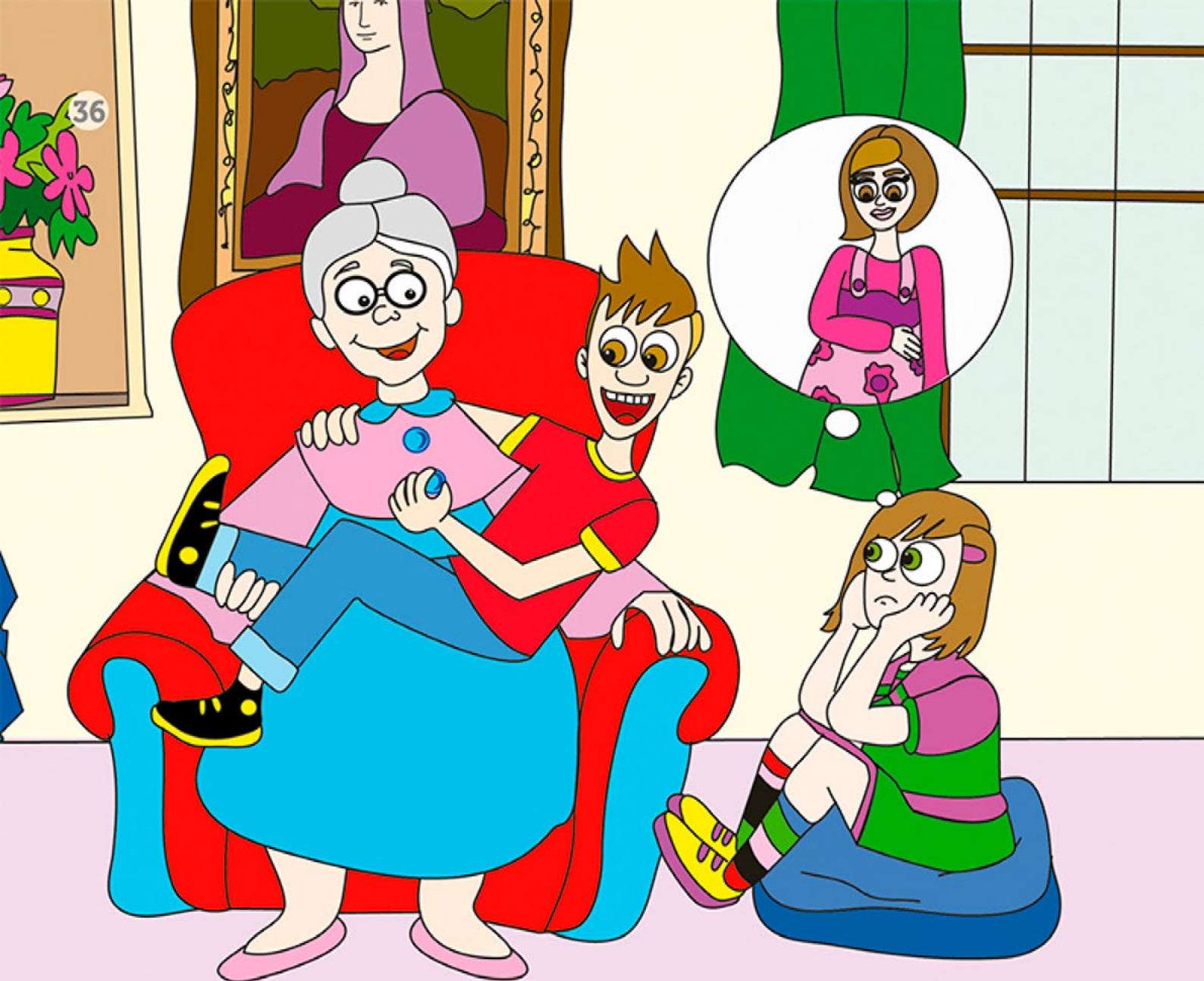
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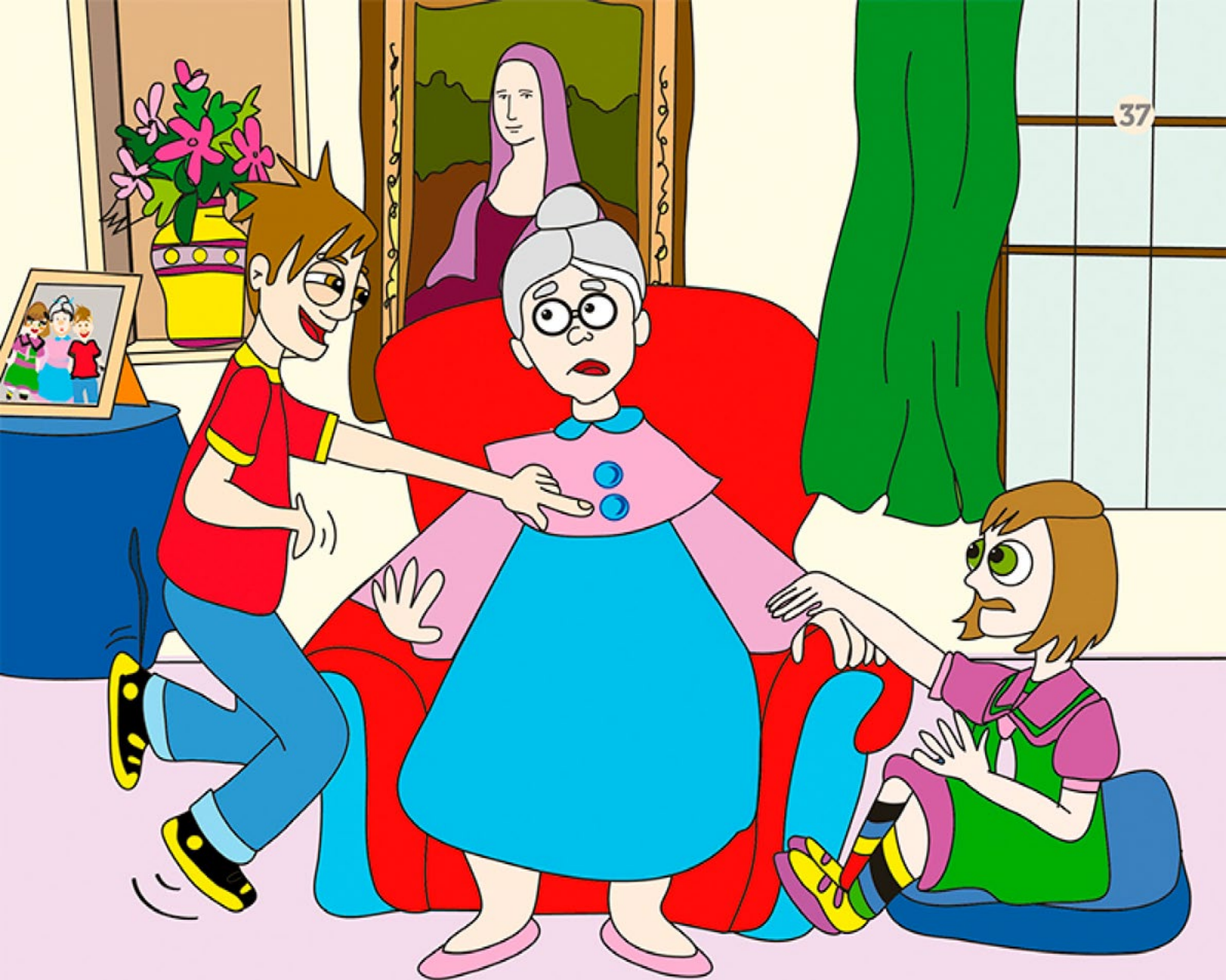
That morning, Benjamin and Ariana woke up in Granny's house. "Is the party today?" asked Benjamin, because going to Granny's house was always fun. "Yes", answered Granny. After eating breakfast she said, "I'll tell you something very nice!"



While Granny made crepes with dulce de leche Ariana and Benjamin, drank chocolate milk, with little colored sugar umbrellas. It was so, so delicious, that they forgot that Granny had to tell them something super nice!



When they finished breakfast, Granny told them some great news. "Do you remember when mommy had her big belly?" "Today your little brother is going to be born!" said Granny. "Whoa! There s,going to be two boys," said Benjamin, while he was playing with Granny s buttons.



"There's going to be two boys and we're going to beat herwin when it's boys against girls. , Hha ha ha.," said Benjamin. "Ugh! Granny, I want a girl," said Ariana and immediately asked. "Do they have to cut my mom's belly to pop out the baby?"



"Mmm... we don't know only sometimes" said Granny. "So then how is it born?" asked Ariana. Granny showed them a book and she explained how a baby is born.



"Most babies are born through a natural/childbirth. This is when the baby comes through the mom's vagina," explained Granny. "Is it t's like pooping?" asked Benjamin. "No Benjamin, it's different. Only women have a vagina and it's through that body part the baby is born." said Granny.



"Does it hurt a lot?" asked Ariana. Granny took a rubber band and she said: "Children, do you see how this rubber band stretches? Well, it's like this, the vagina stretches so that the baby can pass through. It's hurts a little bit, but when the mommy sees her baby, she becomes so happy that she forgets about the pain."



Just then, their parents arrived with the baby. Ariana ran away and told her mommy: "I know how a baby is born and I want the next one to be a girl." Everyone began to laugh, happy for the little boy who was born and Ariana's request. Snip, snap, snout, this tale's told out.



The day had come! Everyone gathered to celebrate Granny's eightieth birthday. Many people came because she was widely loved.



It was a big party! There was delicious food and a lot of gifts. Many kids were there to play. It was a really, really great party!



The kids ran through the house and played hide and seek. It was great fun because there were many places to hide, many places where the children could hide and not be found!



One of the older cousins, named Ramon, hid in Granny's bedroom and told Benjamin and Ariana that they should hide with him. They liked the idea.



When they were alone with Ramon, he told them that they were going to play a game that they couldn't tell anybody about because it was a secret.



So, Ramon dropped his pants and showed them his private parts! Benjamin didn't like what Ramon did and made a face of disgust. Ariana was afraid and ran away to tell Granny what happened.



Ariana remembered Granny's advice while she was running "Secrets aren't good... and we have to take care of our private parts".



When Granny came into the bedroom, she saw Ramon who she didn't know because he wasn't part of the family. He said that he didn't do anything and that Benjamin and Ariana were lying. However, the kids always told the truth, so Granny believed them.



Then, Granny called the police, so that Ramon couldn't scare the neighborhood kids anymore by continuing to do things like that.



When the parents of Ariana and Benjamin came into the bedroom, they left the baby with Granny and gave their children hugs, big bear hugs. "Good job, both of you, for calling Granny!" said their mother excitedly. "You did a very good job."



Before the blowing out of candles on Granny's birthday cake, Ariana and Benjamin gave her a big hug and they gave thanks for all that she had taught them, helping them defend themselves from that bad man. That day everyone happily celebrated Granny's birthday together. Snip, snap, snout, this tale's told out.

Stories That Aren't Stories

This book aims to help parents in shaping the character of their children and in the prevention of sexual abuse of children. Official investigations have shown that a proper sexual education at an early age, and good communication between parents and their children, decrease the likelihood of sexual abuse by 80%. With this in mind, we have the honor of sharing this material with you. We hope you and your kids enjoy it. For more help, contact us at www.placeresperfectos.com.ar



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