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TALLY & FRIENDS

Guided Reading Kit for Teachers & Parents

Tally & Friends is a storybook series written for children aged 5-7. Based on the fictional character Tally, the book series tells how Tally interacts with friends of different abilities and personalities, and how he learns to respect their differences. There are altogether three books, each illustrated with vivid and colourful images to arouse children's interest in reading and viewing. Through these storybooks, we hope to help children understand the values of diversity and mutual respect at an early age.

It is suggested that children should read the storybooks under the guidance of teachers or parents. Before reading the books, teachers and parents may want to flip through the pages and show your children the pictures. Talk to them about the covers, the titles and the pictures, and discuss with them what the books may be about to pique their curiosity.

When reading the books, ask your children if they see words that they do not understand. Pause to give them time to work out the words, give them hints or prompt them if necessary, and tell them the correct pronunciation and meaning. Praise them for trying even if mistakes were made.

After reading the books, discuss with the children the meaning of the story. Ask them questions to make sure they fully understand the story, such as how they think of a particular character, what they would do if they were in the story and what would happen next.

In this book, Tally and his friends competed in a basketball match with animal friends from Earth. Seeing that they were taller than the animal friends, Tally thought that his team would win. But a surprise turn made him realise there was something more important than winning. **This book introduces the concepts of prejudice and discrimination and helps children understand the importance of empathy.**

Story plot

Tally and his team arrived on Earth.

Sample questions

- Why did Tally think he and his friends would win the basketball match?
The players in Team Earth were short.
- What is the secret for success for Team Earth?
The players were agile and could move around quickly.
- Is being tall always better? What are the advantages of being short? Imagine if you were Piggy. How would you feel if Tally and others from Planet Diversity teased and laughed at you just because you are not as tall as they are?
Sad, hurt and embarrassed.
- Do you think it is fair if only those who were tall could go to school or participate in ball games?

Learning points

We should not judge and discriminate against others based on their looks and appearance. There are strengths and advantages associated with every shape and size. Individual strengths and abilities can be an advantage in different contexts.

Story plot

Tally fell down and hurt his knee.

Sample questions

- What did Piggy do when Tally fell down?
Put a band-aid on his knee.
- What would you do if you saw Tally fall down? Is it more important to win the match or to help others?
- How would you feel if you were Tally? Would you want others to help and take care of you when you are ill or hurt?
- What is the nicest thing your friends have ever done for you?
- Have you ever done something kind to a stranger? If so, what did you do?

Learning points

It is important to show respect to others and think about how others may feel by putting ourselves in others' shoes. We should also show care and kindness to those in need of help.

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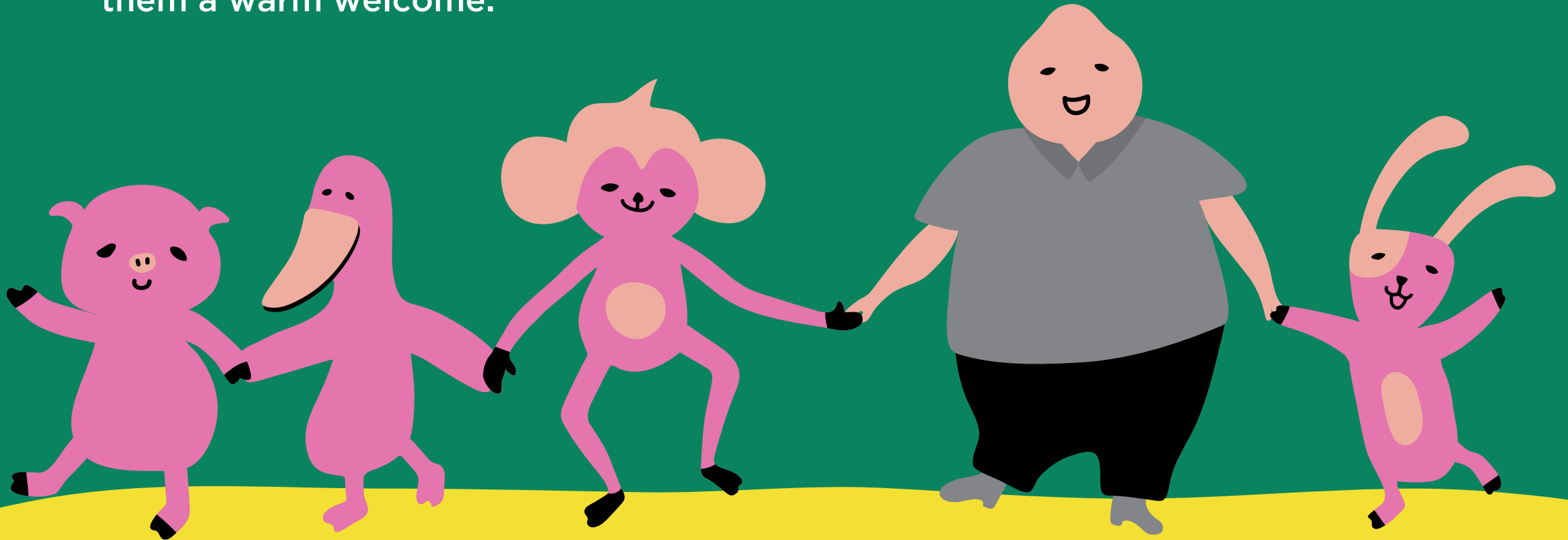
When the day of the match arrived, Tally and his friends took the spaceship and headed for Earth.





Once they got on board, Jerry started the spaceship and Curly helped out too.

They arrived on Earth in a short time. Team Earth gave them a warm welcome.

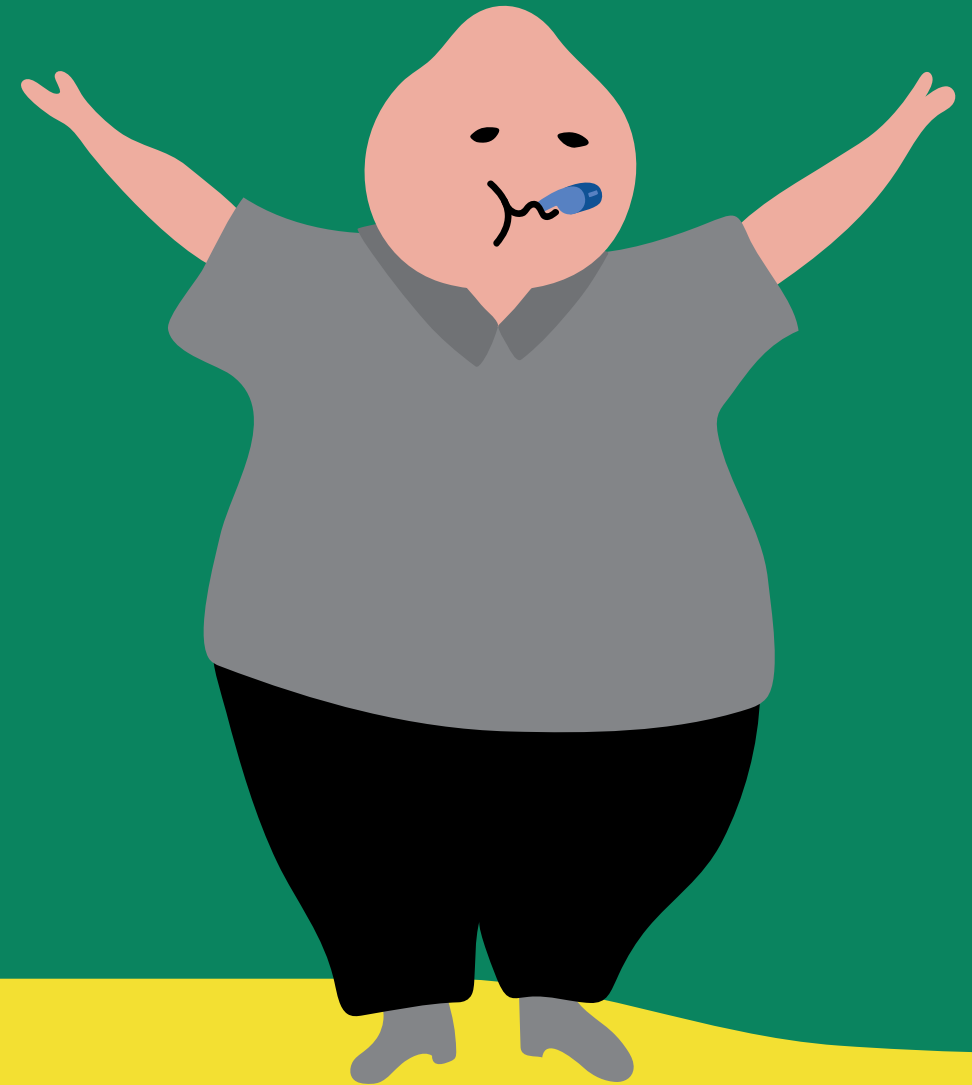




The two teams went straight to the basketball court after saying hi.

“The players in the other team are so short!” Tally thought.
“I will be surprised if we lose.”

The referee was a human.
He blew his whistle and the
game began! Everyone was
eager to win.





Monkey from Team Earth moved quickly with the ball. In a split second, he scored!

Although Tally and his friends were tall, they were not as quick as the other team.

The two teams scored in turns.
In the last five minutes of the
game, the two teams tied.

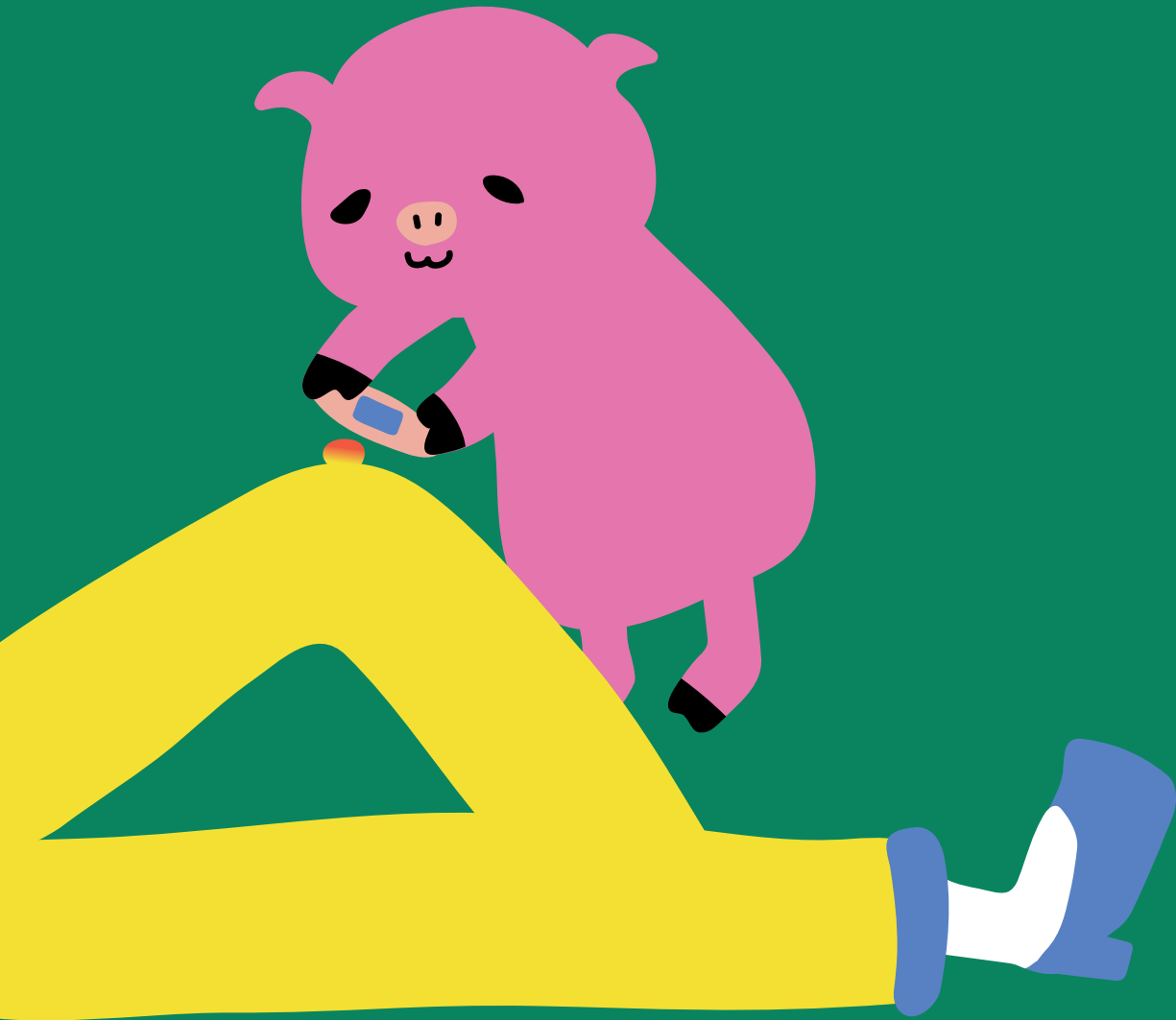




All the players were focused on scoring for their teams until they heard a scream. They turned their heads towards the centre of the basketball court, where Tally was sitting with his hands on his knee. It was bleeding.

Bolli, who is good at taking care of others, rushed over and asked, “Are you okay, Tally?”

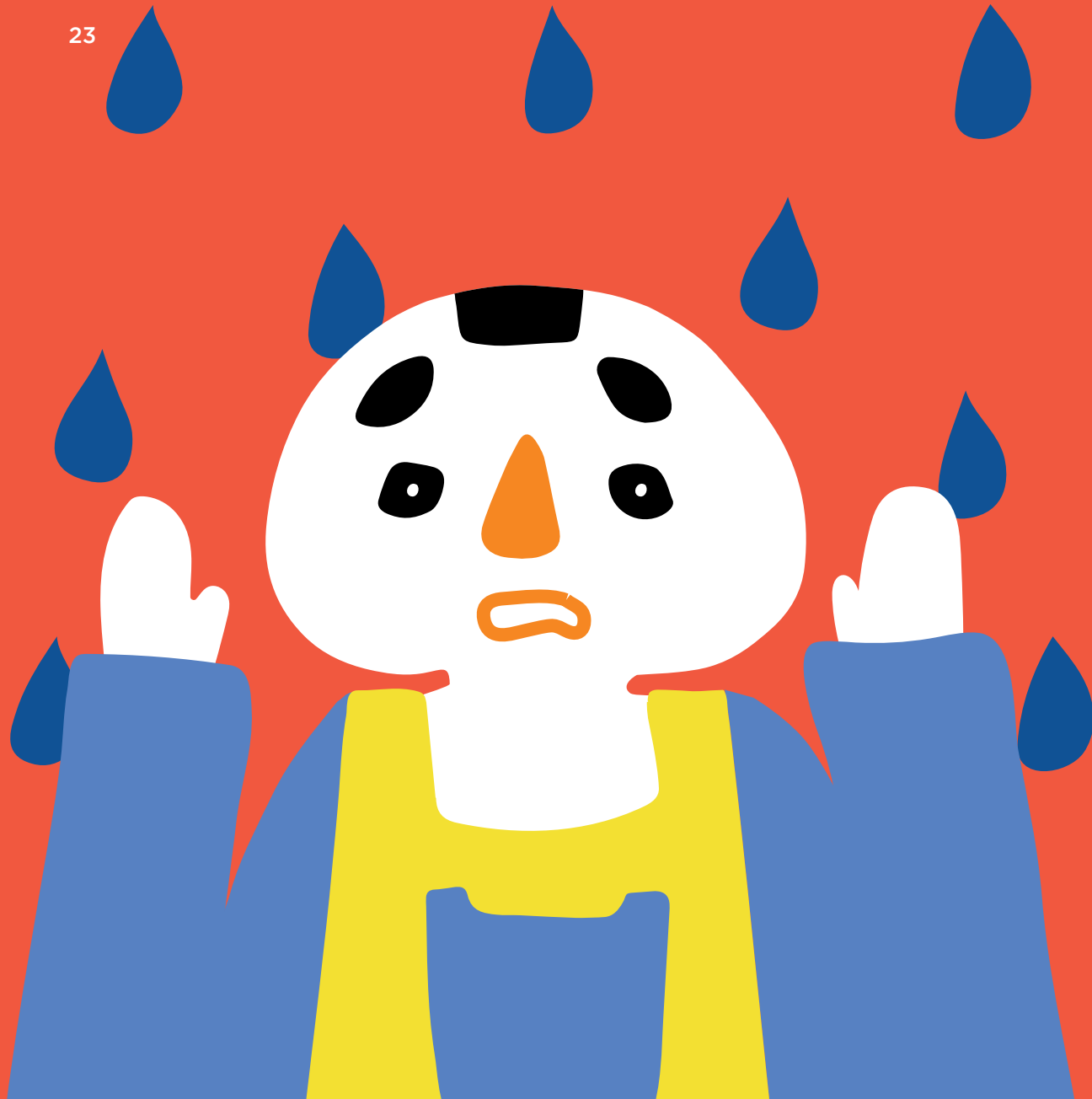




Before Tally could speak, Piggy from Team Earth popped up with a band-aid which he put on Tally's injured knee.

“It’s just a little scratch, you will be fine!” Piggy said.





Tally nodded. He asked, “Why are you helping me? We are not in the same team.”

Piggy smiled and replied, “Oh well, love and care should come before everything else.”

All the other players smiled.
Some of them helped Tally get
up from the ground.

“I’m okay,” said Tally. “Let’s
finish the game!”





In the end, Team Earth won by one point.

Tally's team did not mind losing at all, because they had a great time and had made some new friends.

Tally learned two important things in the game. First, we should respect others and not judge people by their looks. The other team's players might be short, but they played better than he thought.

Second, it is not always about winning. Love and care are worth much more.





When everyone was about to go home, Curly suggested, “How about having a celebration party on Planet Diversity? In fact you should all come to my house. I will make the special desserts from my home planet. They are yummy!”

“That’s a wonderful idea!”
Everyone said at the same
time.

They were looking forward to
trying the special desserts!



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