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Note to Teachers/Parents

This storybook is intended to teach children about 9-1-1.

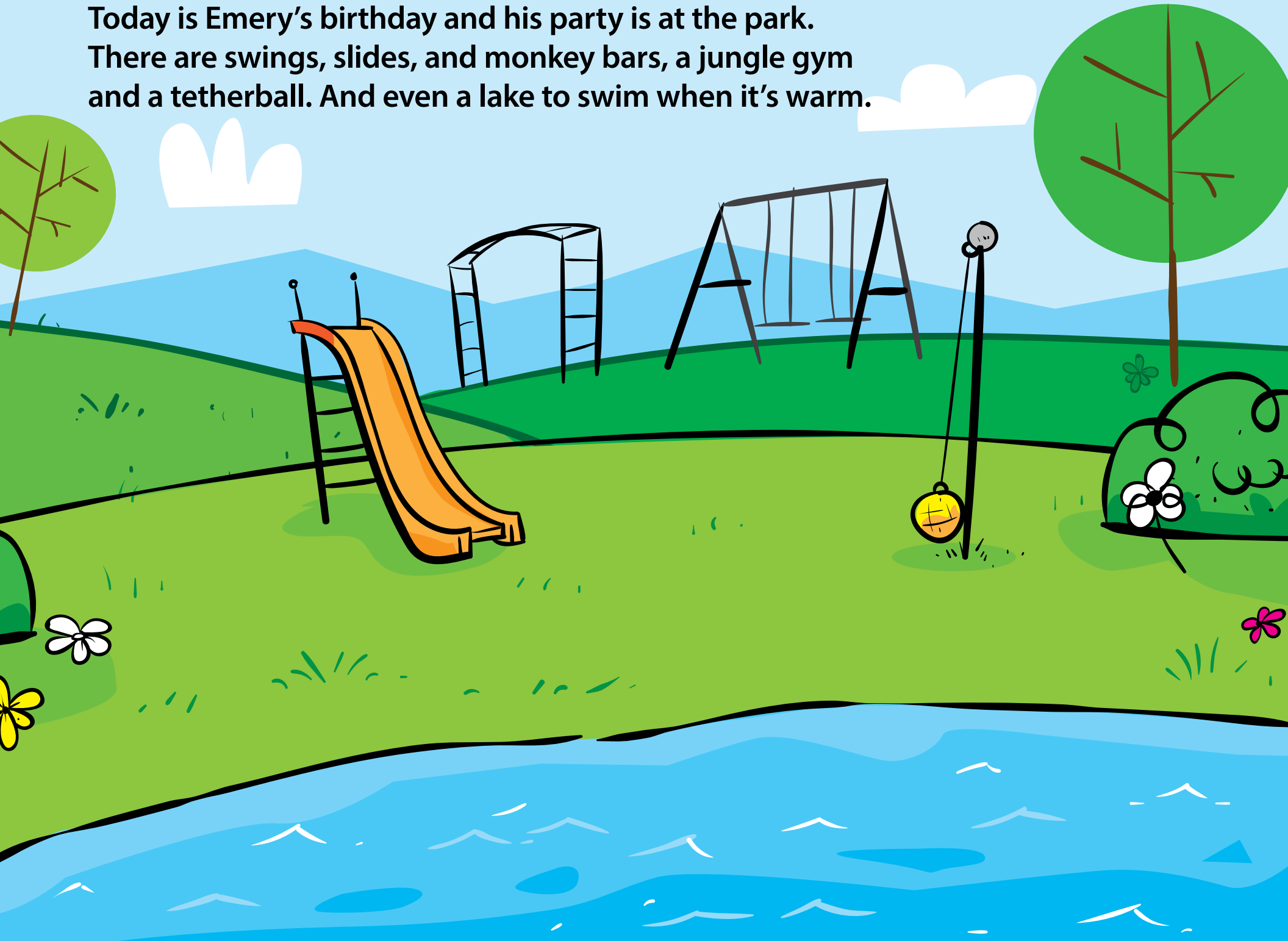
Please review this book with your students/children, then take a few minutes to explain how to dial 9-1-1 on a phone. Children should know the *how, when* and *where* of calling 9-1-1.

- **HOW.** Teach your children how to dial 9-1-1. Include accessing the key pad, dialing the number and hitting the “talk” or “send” button.
- **WHEN.** Discuss the right and wrong times to call 9-1-1. What is an emergency and what is not? If it’s not an emergency, who can they go to for help?
- **WHERE.** In case of an emergency, children should know their home address. Children should also know how to describe where they are when they are not at home. For example, discuss places they are the most likely to be at, like their school or favorite park. If they don’t know their exact location, look for clues such as street signs and landmarks.

**For additional materials to teach children about 9-1-1,
please visit Emery’s page: kingcounty.gov/911.**



Today is Emery's birthday and his party is at the park. There are swings, slides, and monkey bars, a jungle gym and a tetherball. And even a lake to swim when it's warm.

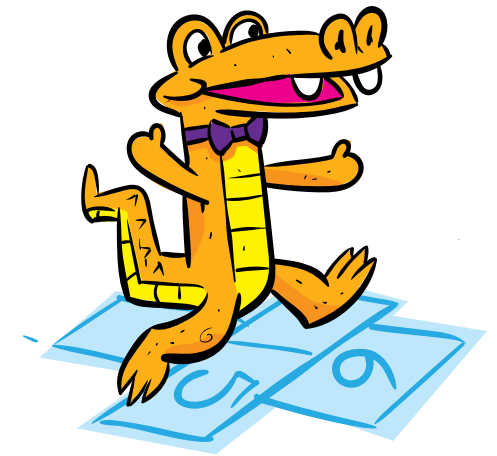
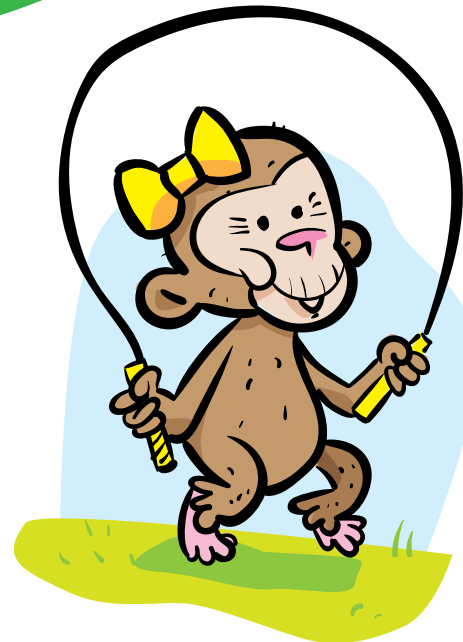
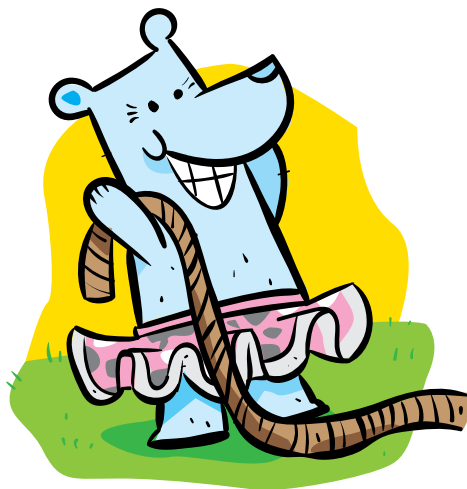


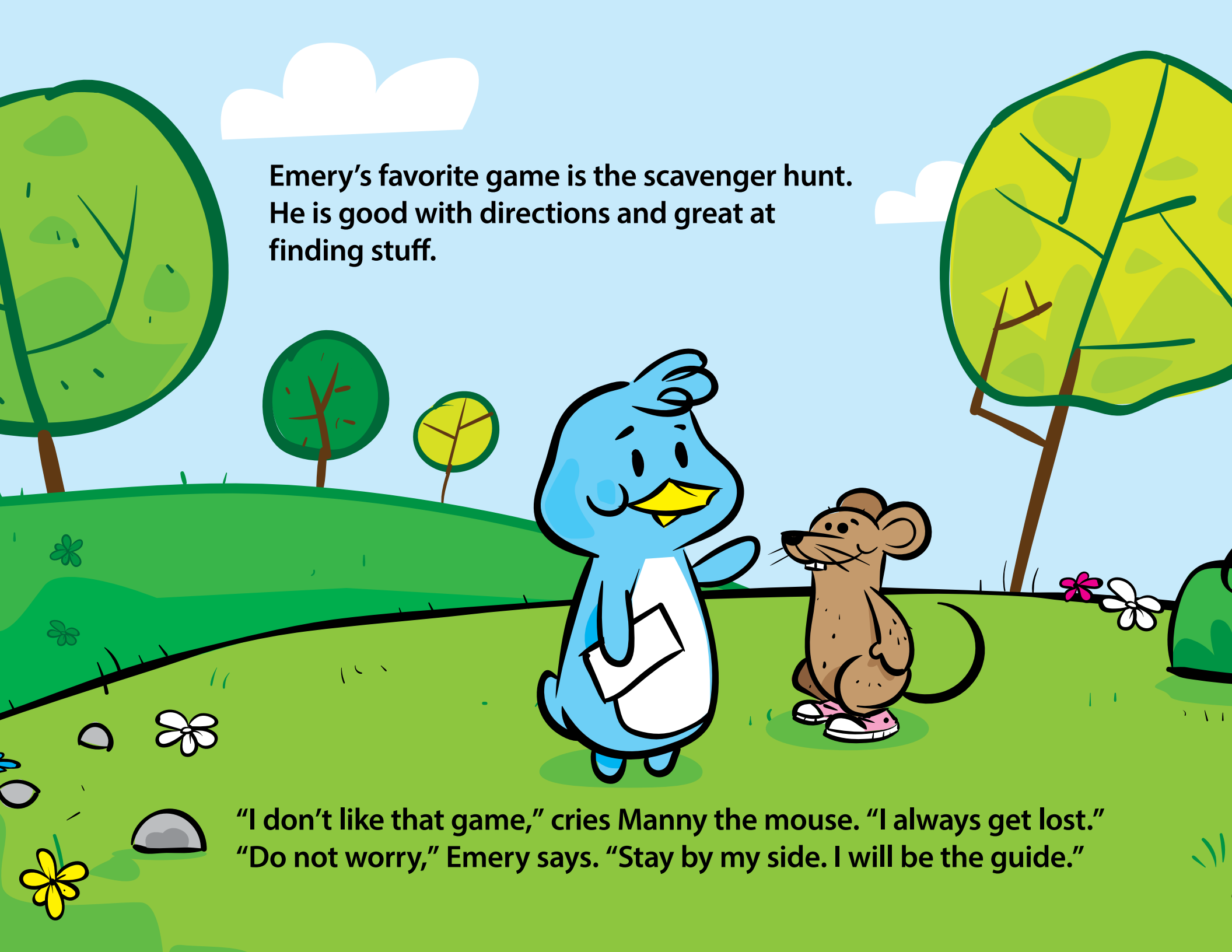
His mom is at the grill, cooking sardines for lunch. His dad made him a fish-shaped cake and his sister made lemon punch.



A piñata is hanging from the treetop. It is stuffed with candies and lollipops.

Now it is time to play the games. Lucas the frog wins the silly sack race. Ben the kangaroo is the fastest in the maze. Manny the mouse takes first place at the beanbag toss. Josie the bear is the strongest at tug-of-war. Victoria the monkey is the queen of the jump rope but when it comes to hopscotch, Oliver the croc is the boss!





Emery's favorite game is the scavenger hunt.
He is good with directions and great at
finding stuff.

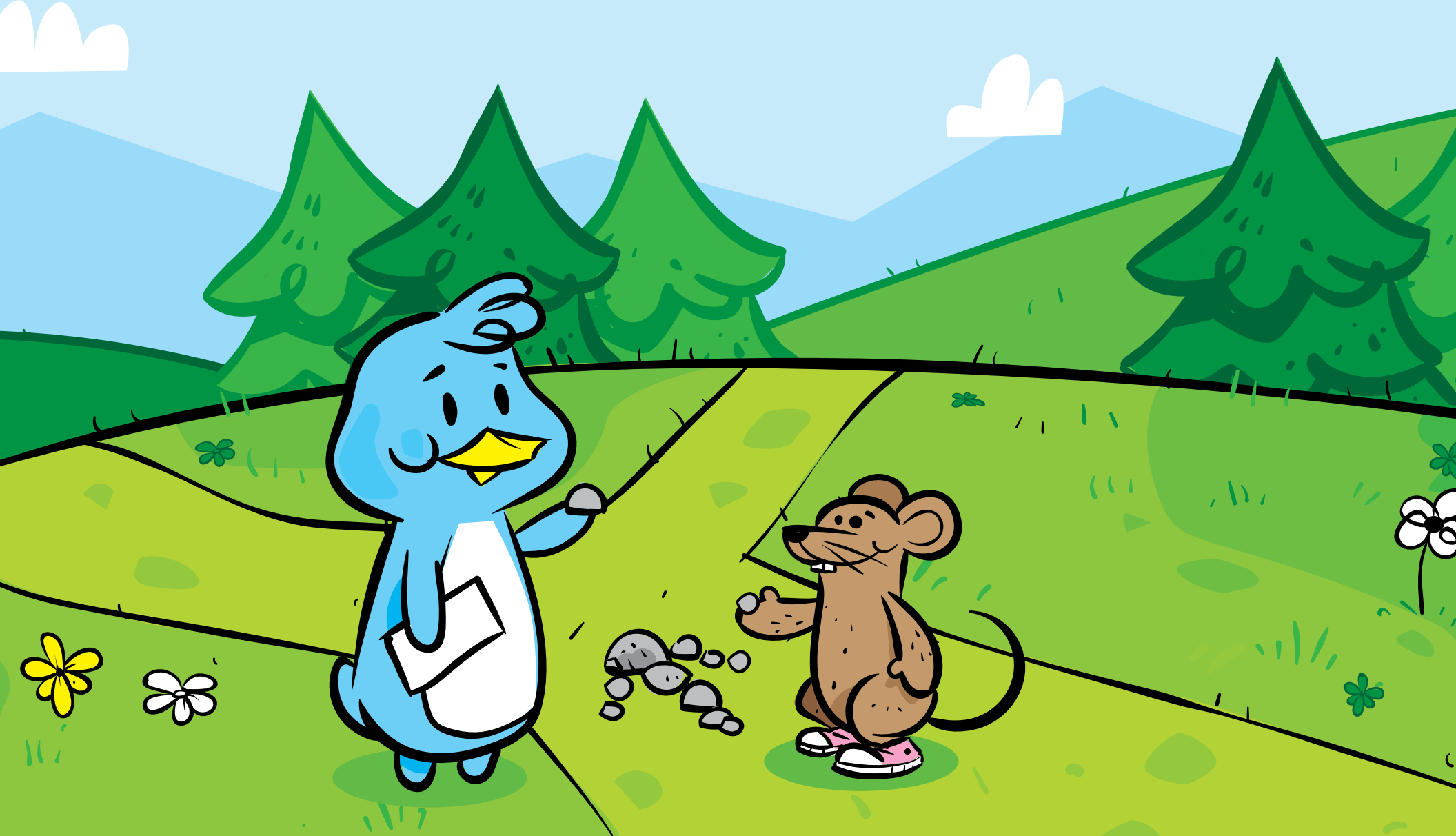
"I don't like that game," cries Manny the mouse. "I always get lost."
"Do not worry," Emery says. "Stay by my side. I will be the guide."



"I'll be the photographer!" says Lucas the frog. He borrowed his mother's old phone. "Good idea," says Emery. "Now here are the rules: pay close attention and always know where you are. Never get off the trail, no matter what."

The treasure bags are handed out with a list of items to be found: a pinch of sand, twigs and pebbles; leaves, pinecones and flowers. "To the lake!" Emery says. "Follow me!"





Off they go to the scavenger hunt, hopping and jumping and monkeying around. When suddenly the path splits into two, Manny is not sure what to do. "Where do we go?" he asks. "To the left!" says Emery. "Let's leave a mark so we can find our way back."

As they move along, Emery points out the landmarks. "Look at that sign, what does it say?" "To the lake," says Josie. "That's right! Can you spell the name?" "Lake T-U-L-A-R-E" says Oliver. "Good job! And what about that post, what does it mean?" "It means that we are at mile number three!" says Lucas.

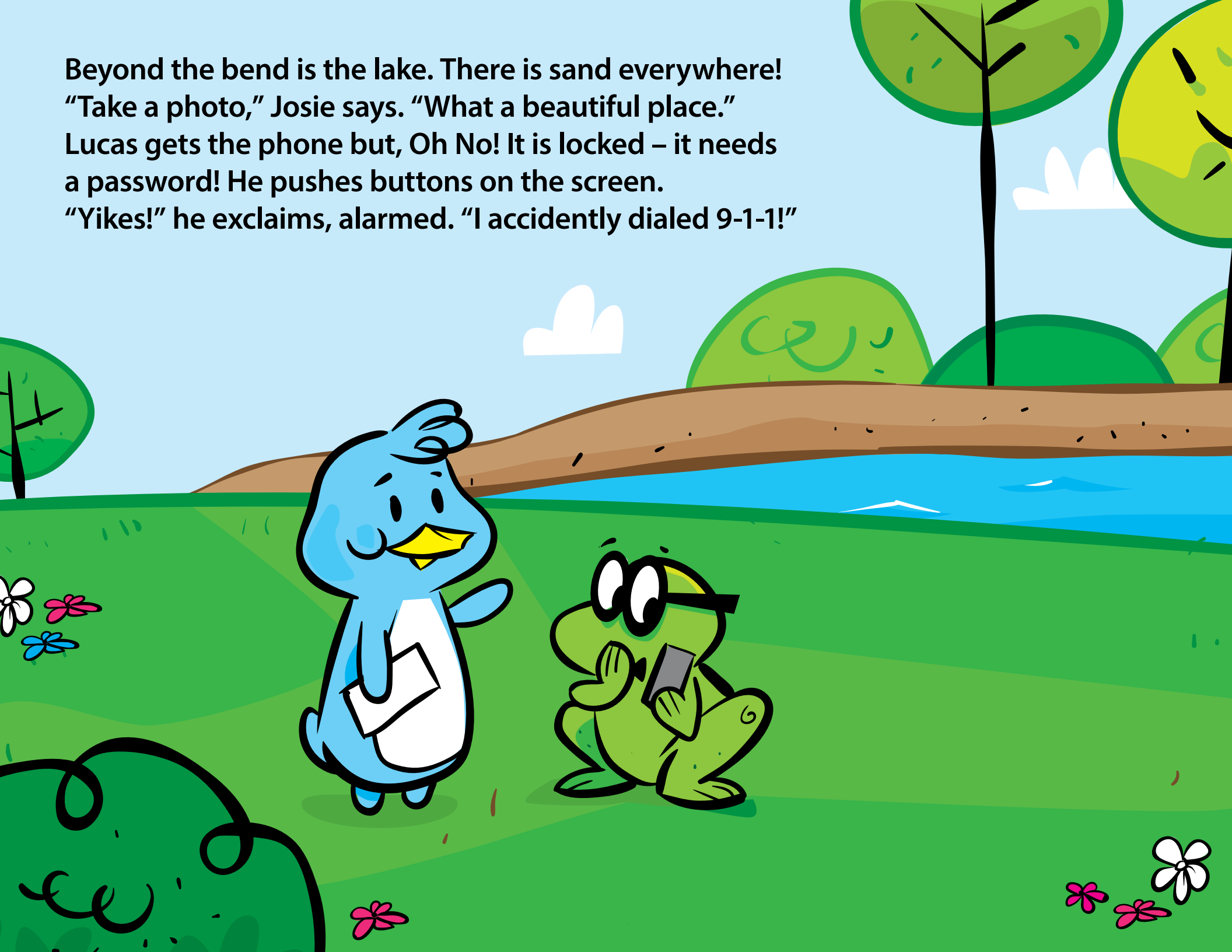


"Perfect! Remember those signs. We need to know our exact location. In case of an emergency, we can describe it without hesitation."

They soon find pebbles, the pinecones and twigs. There are plenty of wild flowers and crunchy, dry leaves. There is only one item left on their list: the pinch of sand, which they know they will find at the beach. "Come on everybody," says Josie the bear. "Move your tails! We are almost there!"



Beyond the bend is the lake. There is sand everywhere!
"Take a photo," Josie says. "What a beautiful place."
Lucas gets the phone but, Oh No! It is locked – it needs
a password! He pushes buttons on the screen.
"Yikes!" he exclaims, alarmed. "I accidently dialed 9-1-1!"



“9-1-1. What is your emergency?” asks the call taker. But Lucas can’t talk – he is completely tongue-tied! He is about to hang up when Emery stops him. “Please give me the phone,” he says, and Lucas does.

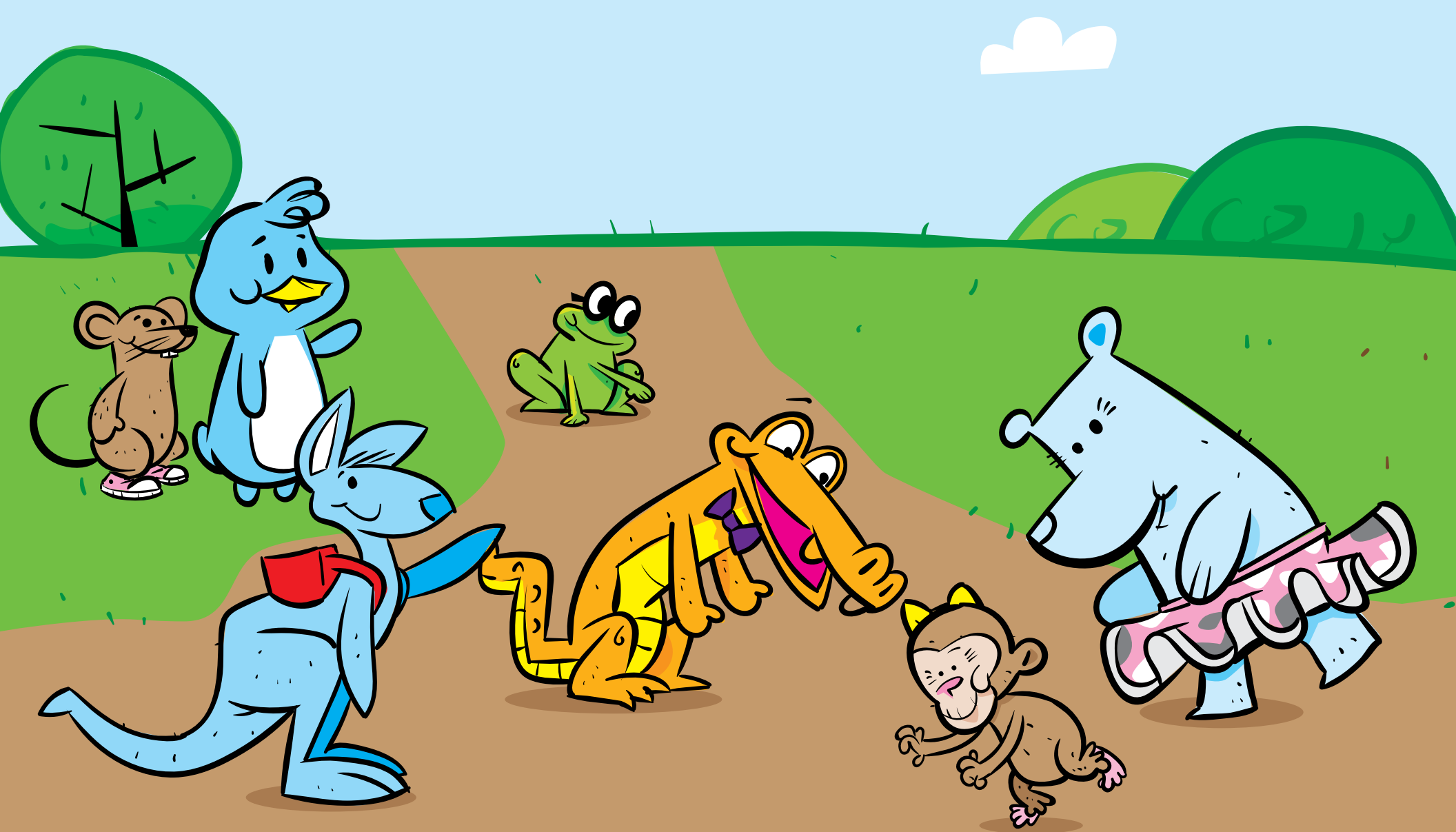
**“My friend dialed by mistake.”
Emery explains. “There is no emergency.”
“That’s quite alright,” says the call taker.
“We all make mistakes. Are you sure you are OK?”
“Yes. We are fine. Thank you.” “Good. Thank you
for staying on the line.”**



“You see how it’s done?” Emery tells his friends. “If you dial 9-1-1 you don’t hang up, even if you dialed by mistake. I learned that when my little sister accidentally called 9-1-1. The officers came to the door! Everyone was alarmed for no reason at all.”

**“OK. Now we know,” says Lucas the frog.
“But the phone is still locked!” “Forget about the pictures,” says Emery laughing.
“Let’s find our sand and finish the hunt.”**





They run to the beach and gather their pinch of sand. Everyone is a winner of the scavenger hunt. Now it is time to head back for lunch. "I am hungry!" says Victoria. "I want my cake and punch," as she jumps and jumps.

“Manny, will you be our guide on the way back?” asks Emery. “I can try,” says Manny. “I can give it my best shot.” “Everyone follow Manny!” says Emery and off they go. Manny stays focused looking for landmarks. He is a very good guide and in no time at all they get back to the playground.



They run to the table – it is time for the birthday song! Emery blows out the candles while everyone sings along.

The cake is delicious – they could eat it all day long. And Emery is so happy – that was the BEST birthday fun.





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