




CARA
AND THE
FOREVER
FRIEND


THE JESUS ADVENTURES

WELCOME!

Do you like to make believe? Do you like to use your imagination? If you do then you will like this adventure.

This adventure takes place in two places. The first place is the outside world like Cara's school and home. The second place is in Cara's heart (her soul). The soul is the inside part of us where Jesus wants to stay. When you see this symbol  and purple words you must make believe you are reading about Cara's soul.

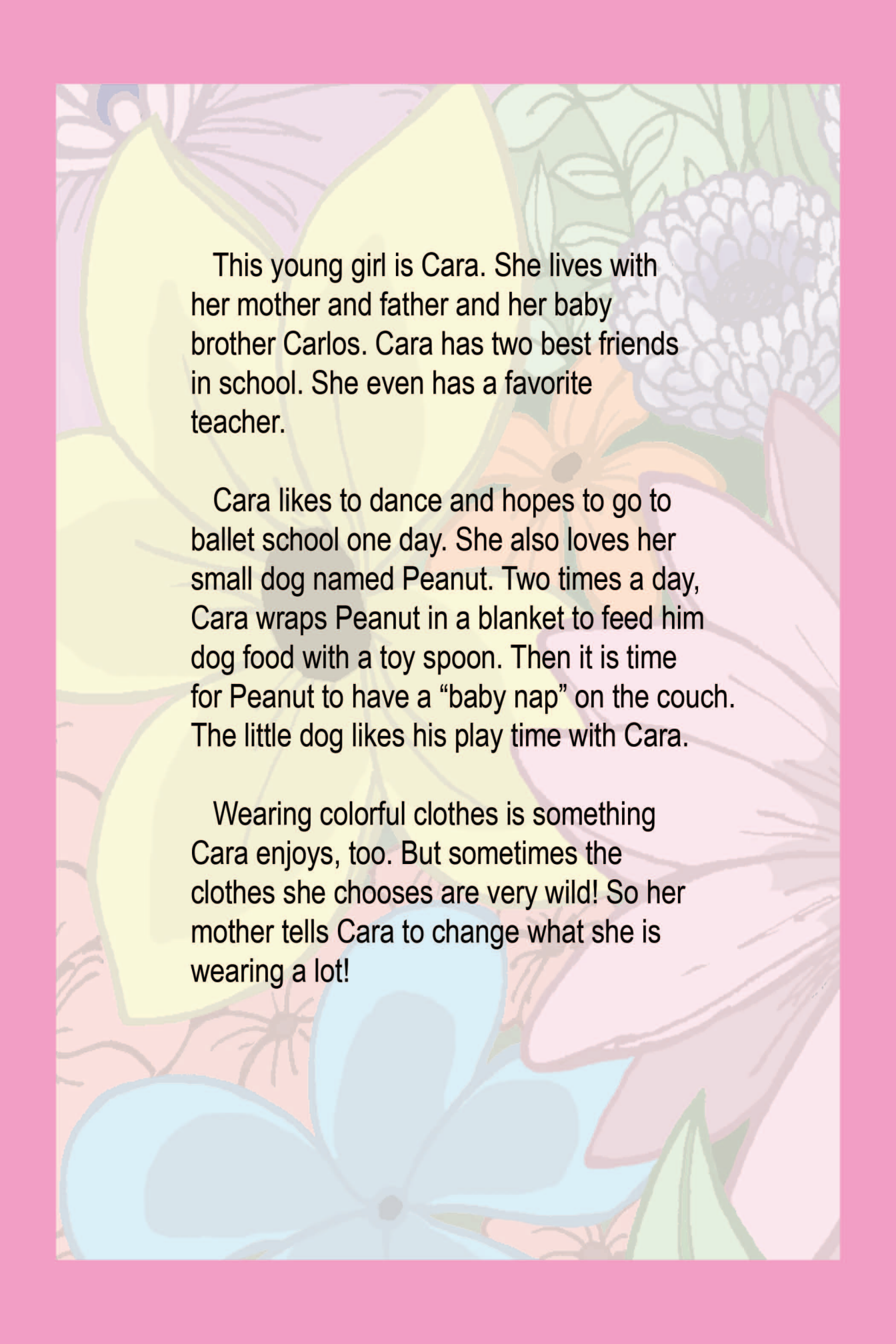
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Do you see how to read this adventure? If you need help, ask your mother or father or someone older than you.

Ready? Let us start this Jesus adventure!

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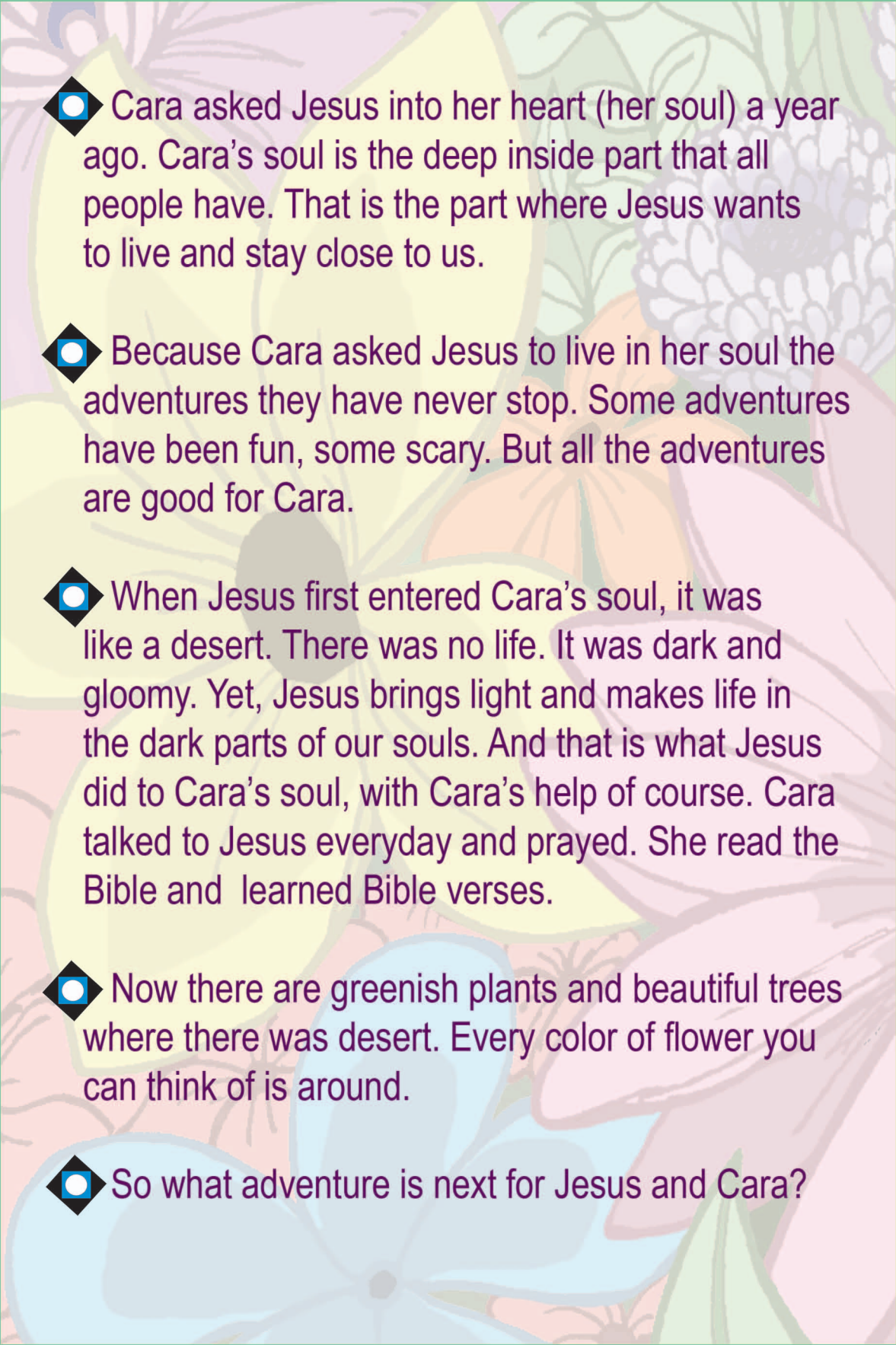


This young girl is Cara. She lives with her mother and father and her baby brother Carlos. Cara has two best friends in school. She even has a favorite teacher.

Cara likes to dance and hopes to go to ballet school one day. She also loves her small dog named Peanut. Two times a day, Cara wraps Peanut in a blanket to feed him dog food with a toy spoon. Then it is time for Peanut to have a “baby nap” on the couch. The little dog likes his play time with Cara.

Wearing colorful clothes is something Cara enjoys, too. But sometimes the clothes she chooses are very wild! So her mother tells Cara to change what she is wearing a lot!





◆ Cara asked Jesus into her heart (her soul) a year ago. Cara's soul is the deep inside part that all people have. That is the part where Jesus wants to live and stay close to us.

◆ Because Cara asked Jesus to live in her soul the adventures they have never stop. Some adventures have been fun, some scary. But all the adventures are good for Cara.

◆ When Jesus first entered Cara's soul, it was like a desert. There was no life. It was dark and gloomy. Yet, Jesus brings light and makes life in the dark parts of our souls. And that is what Jesus did to Cara's soul, with Cara's help of course. Cara talked to Jesus everyday and prayed. She read the Bible and learned Bible verses.

◆ Now there are greenish plants and beautiful trees where there was desert. Every color of flower you can think of is around.

◆ So what adventure is next for Jesus and Cara?



One day before school was over, Cara was in Gym class. Gym is her favorite class, because Cara can play sports she likes. Kickball, tennis and basketball are sports Cara likes.

Today in Gym class there is a race! The boys are against the girls--the race begins! Cara runs ahead of all the other runners! She runs as fast as she can! No one can catch up to her! She gets tired, but she never quit moving her legs! And the winner is Cara!

Cara celebrates with her best friends Jennifer and Macy. These girls have been best friends for a long time. They love to talk and play together.

“Girls are better than boys! Girls are better than boys!,” the good friends sing and giggle. Cara’s favorite teacher Mrs. Jacosky looks at the girls and giggles herself.

◆ Jesus feels joy when Cara has fun and plays with her friends. Jesus loves Cara very much.



When Cara came home she saw her father and mother eating a snack in the kitchen.

“Why are you home early Daddy?” Cara wonders.

“God blessed me with a new job honey. But I’m afraid it’s in a different city,” said her father, “We are moving with Grandma this summer, until I find a new house for us. Grandma is near the city we are moving to.”

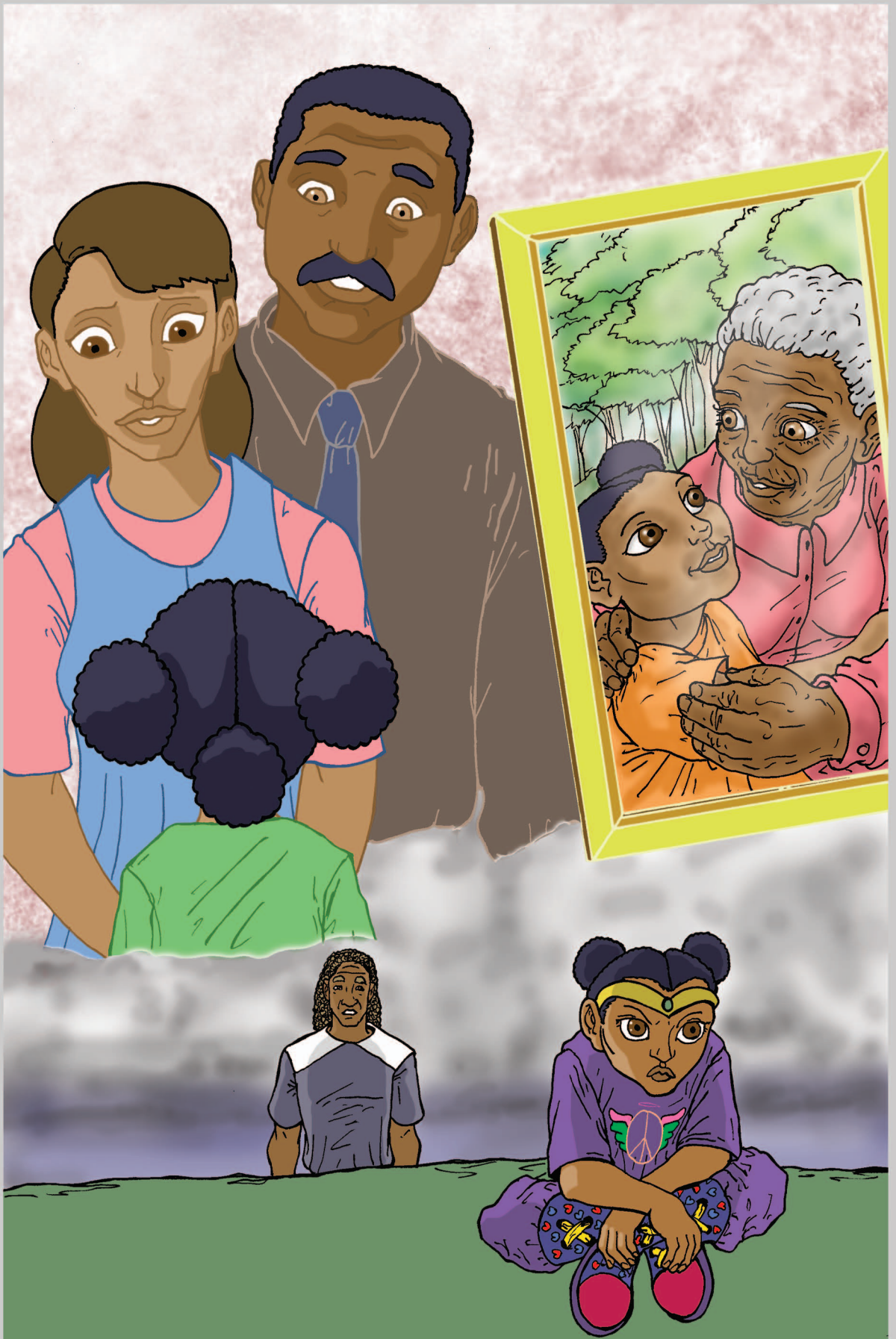
Cara loves her Grandma, but her Grandma lives very far away. Cara feels sad, she doesn’t want to leave her best friends Jennifer and Macy and her school.

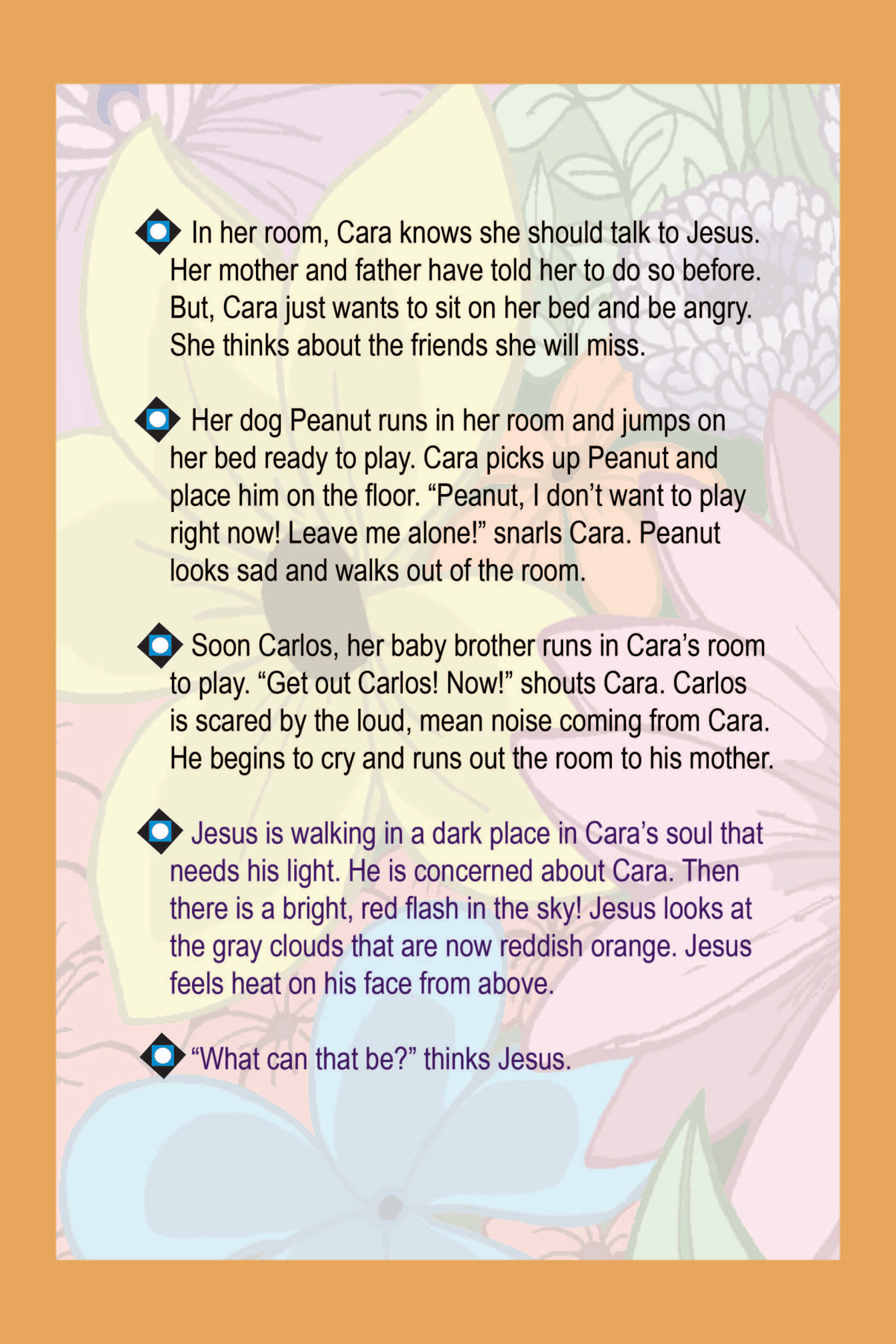
“I don’t want to move!” yells Cara, “It’s not fair! I don’t want to go!”

Her parents are surprised by her yelling. Cara’s father with a strong voice says, “Cara, we know this may be hard for you. But, you don’t talk to your parents that way. Go to your room and talk to Jesus about how you are feeling.” Cara goes to her room.

◆ Jesus can see Cara sitting on a hill. He can tell she is angry. “What is wrong Cara?” asks Jesus.

◆ Cara just stays angry and says to Jesus, “ Nothing.”





◆ In her room, Cara knows she should talk to Jesus. Her mother and father have told her to do so before. But, Cara just wants to sit on her bed and be angry. She thinks about the friends she will miss.

◆ Her dog Peanut runs in her room and jumps on her bed ready to play. Cara picks up Peanut and place him on the floor. “Peanut, I don’t want to play right now! Leave me alone!” snarls Cara. Peanut looks sad and walks out of the room.

◆ Soon Carlos, her baby brother runs in Cara’s room to play. “Get out Carlos! Now!” shouts Cara. Carlos is scared by the loud, mean noise coming from Cara. He begins to cry and runs out the room to his mother.

◆ Jesus is walking in a dark place in Cara’s soul that needs his light. He is concerned about Cara. Then there is a bright, red flash in the sky! Jesus looks at the gray clouds that are now reddish orange. Jesus feels heat on his face from above.

◆ “What can that be?” thinks Jesus.





◆ METEORS! FIERY METEORS ARE FALLING FROM THE SKY!

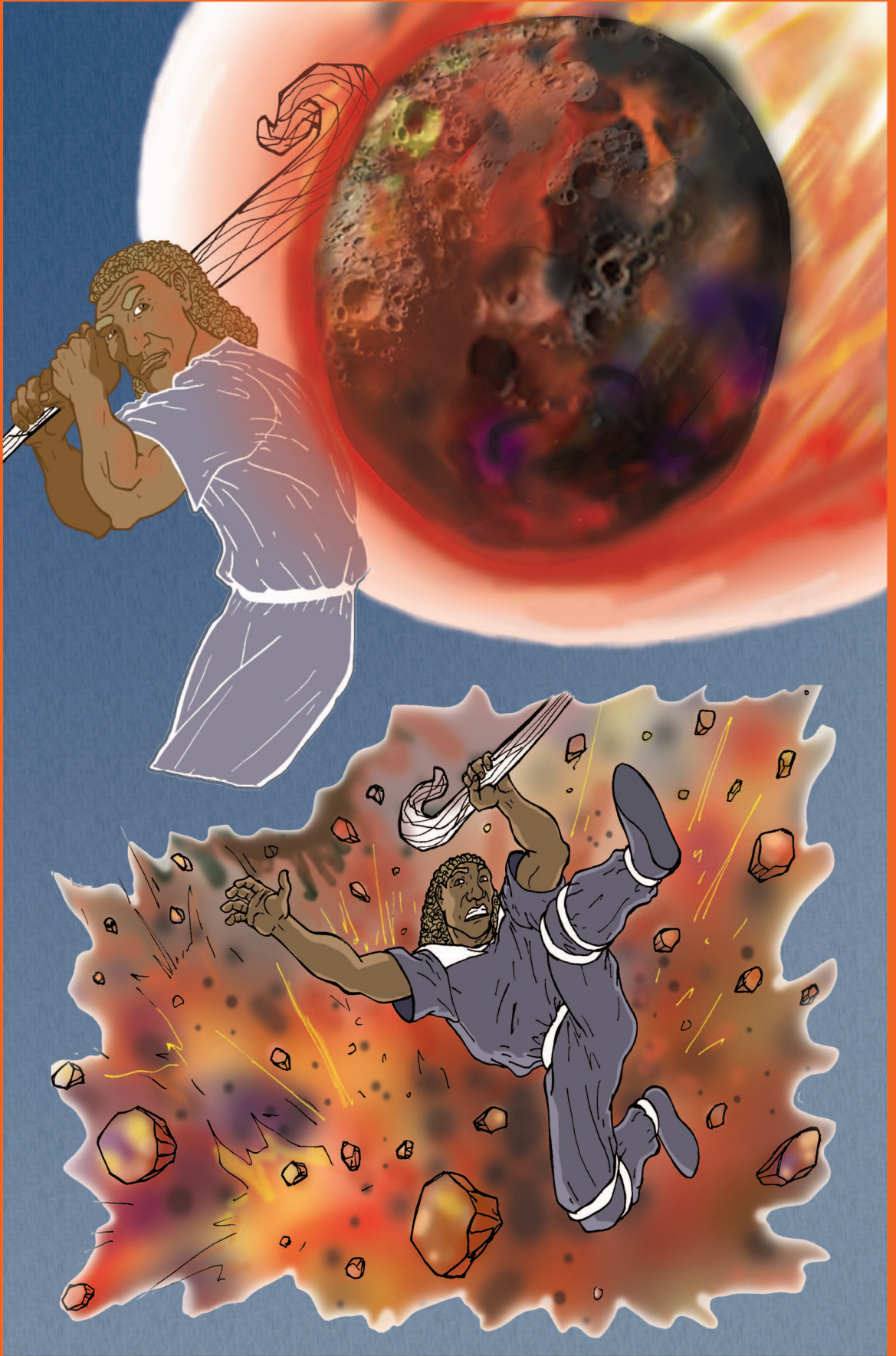
◆ “Oh Cara, you must really be very angry,” Jesus thinks as he lifts his shepherd staff. He holds the staff like a baseball bat. He waits for the first meteor to come near him.

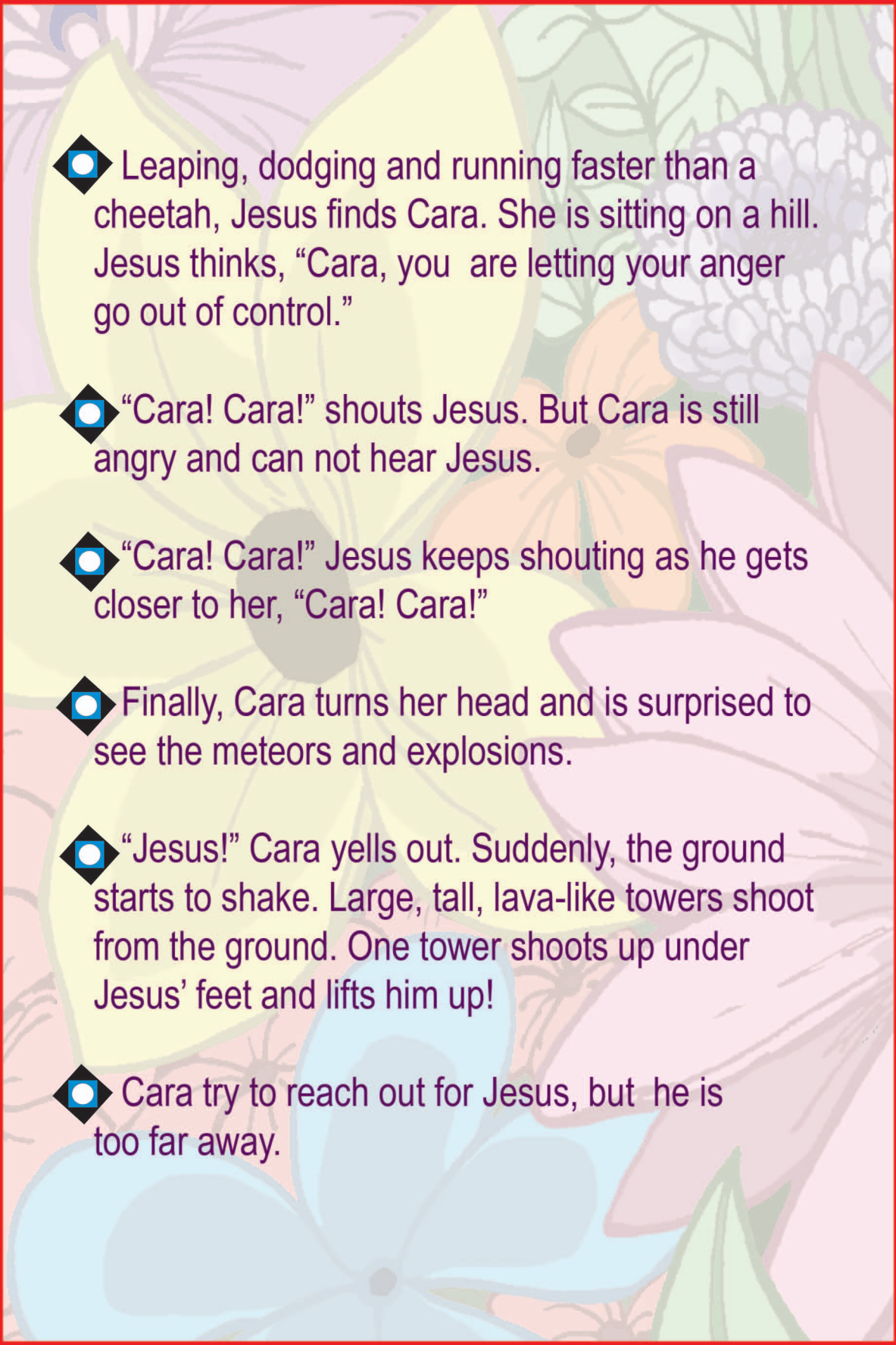
◆ “CRACKOOOM!” goes the first meteor as Jesus knocks it back into the sky! “CRACKOOOM! CRACKOOOM!” Jesus hits two more meteors up into the glowing clouds!

◆ Jesus knocks more meteors away, but more meteors come! Too many meteors for Jesus to strike! He begins to run from the falling large rocks!

◆ Meteors hit and blow up on the ground! Stones and dirt fly in all directions! Jesus jumps and run away from the blasts!

◆ “I have to find Cara, fast!” hurries Jesus.





◆ Leaping, dodging and running faster than a cheetah, Jesus finds Cara. She is sitting on a hill. Jesus thinks, “Cara, you are letting your anger go out of control.”

◆ “Cara! Cara!” shouts Jesus. But Cara is still angry and can not hear Jesus.


◆ “Cara! Cara!” Jesus keeps shouting as he gets closer to her, “Cara! Cara!”

◆ Finally, Cara turns her head and is surprised to see the meteors and explosions.

◆ “Jesus!” Cara yells out. Suddenly, the ground starts to shake. Large, tall, lava-like towers shoot from the ground. One tower shoots up under Jesus’ feet and lifts him up!

◆ Cara try to reach out for Jesus, but he is too far away.





Cara's mother and father walk into her room. Cara's mother sits beside Cara and says, "Honey, your father and I know you are feeling bad. We are sorry that leaving your friends hurts and- "

"I'm so mad", cries Cara, "I'll never see my friends again and school...and...and everything! I don't want to be so mad, but I am."

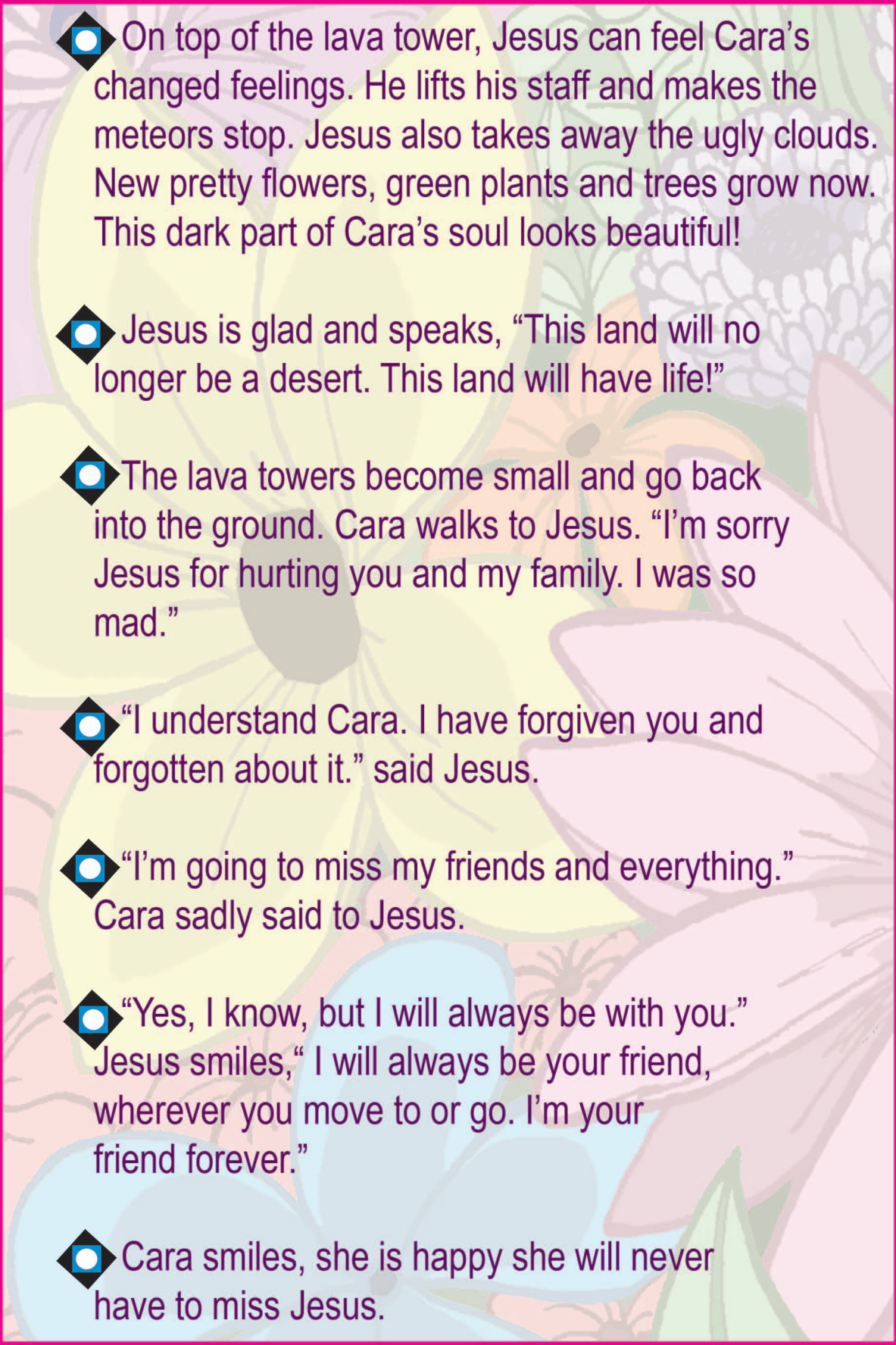
Cara's father places his hand on her shoulder. "It's fine to be mad," said her father, "Sometimes stuff happen that we don't like and it hurts. Jesus knows that too. But, we can't act mad and mean to other people."

"Like you and mommy and Carlos?" whispers Cara.

"Yes, and even Peanut," said her mother smiling. "Cara, remember you can always talk to Jesus, daddy and me when you feel bad. Now let's have a big hug everybody."

Angels come from heaven and comfort Cara and her family.





◆ On top of the lava tower, Jesus can feel Cara's changed feelings. He lifts his staff and makes the meteors stop. Jesus also takes away the ugly clouds. New pretty flowers, green plants and trees grow now. This dark part of Cara's soul looks beautiful!

◆ Jesus is glad and speaks, "This land will no longer be a desert. This land will have life!"

◆ The lava towers become small and go back into the ground. Cara walks to Jesus. "I'm sorry Jesus for hurting you and my family. I was so mad."


◆ "I understand Cara. I have forgiven you and forgotten about it." said Jesus.

◆ "I'm going to miss my friends and everything." Cara sadly said to Jesus.

◆ "Yes, I know, but I will always be with you." Jesus smiles, "I will always be your friend, wherever you move to or go. I'm your friend forever."

◆ Cara smiles, she is happy she will never have to miss Jesus.





Cara is playing with Carlos and Peanut at the park. The summer is near and she will soon have to move to a new city. She plans to write her best friends Jennifer and Macy, after the move. Cara will also write to her favorite teacher Mrs. Jacosky.

Some days Cara feels sad when she thinks about moving away. She will miss her friends. The good thing is Cara has one friend who will always be with her. That is her friend Jesus. He is forever ready to listen to her talk to him. He is forever ready to talk to her.

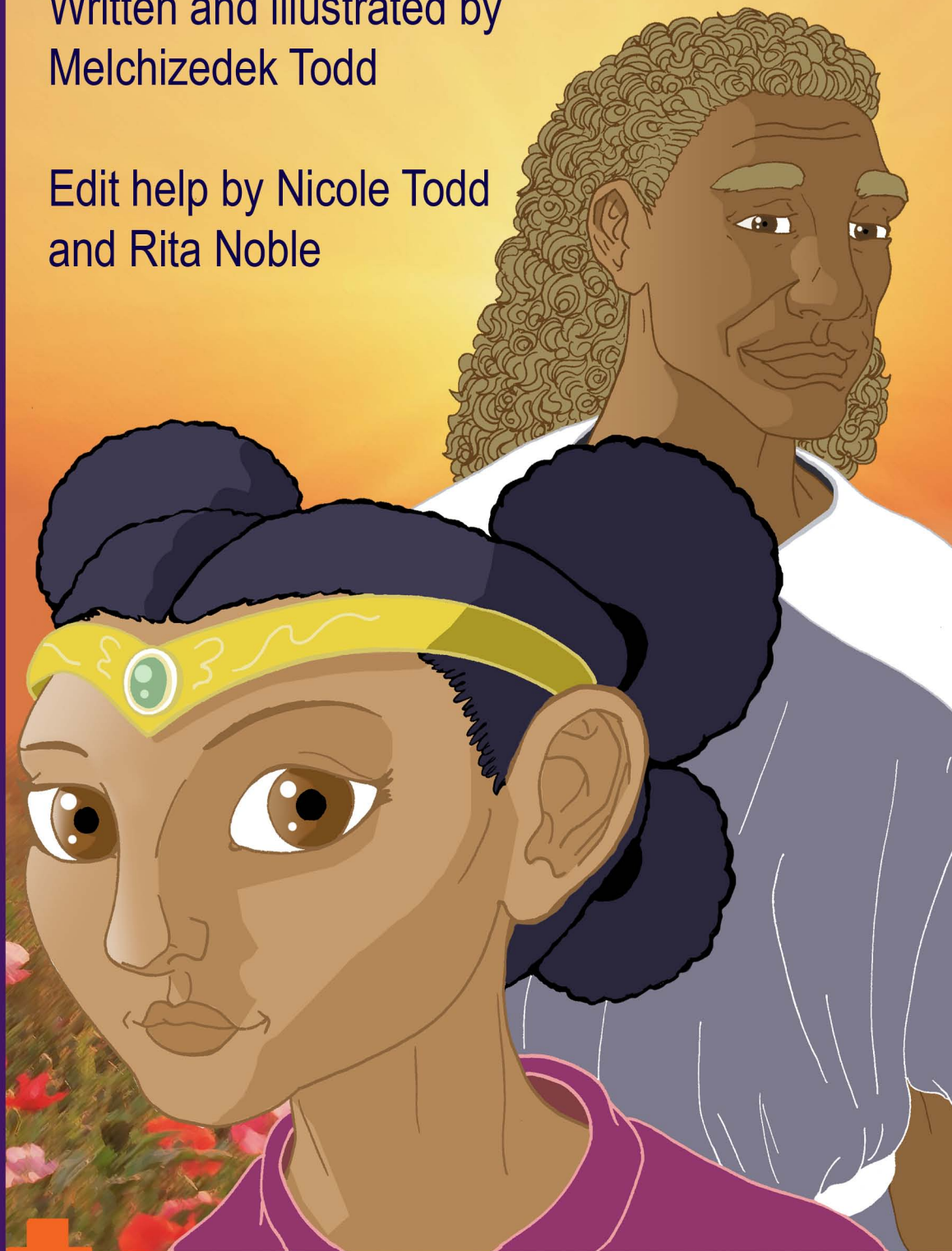
◆ And Jesus is forever ready for another adventure.

THE END.



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