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Kim and Carrots

by Clara Vulliamy



Kim is getting bigger every day!



This coat is too small for Kim now.



Mommy takes Kim shopping.



This beautiful yellow coat
is just the right size for Kim!



Kim's feet are getting bigger, too.
Mommy buys some new socks.

But Kim is still small enough for
a cuddle on Mommy's lap.



Follow me to the
Guide for Caregivers!

Up, Up, Up!

by Pamela Love
Art by Tatjana Mai-Wyss



First Stella could look up,



Then Stella could sit up,



And now Stella can stand up,



All because Stella is growing up.





Morning at School

by Carol Coven Grannick

Art by Laurel Aylesworth

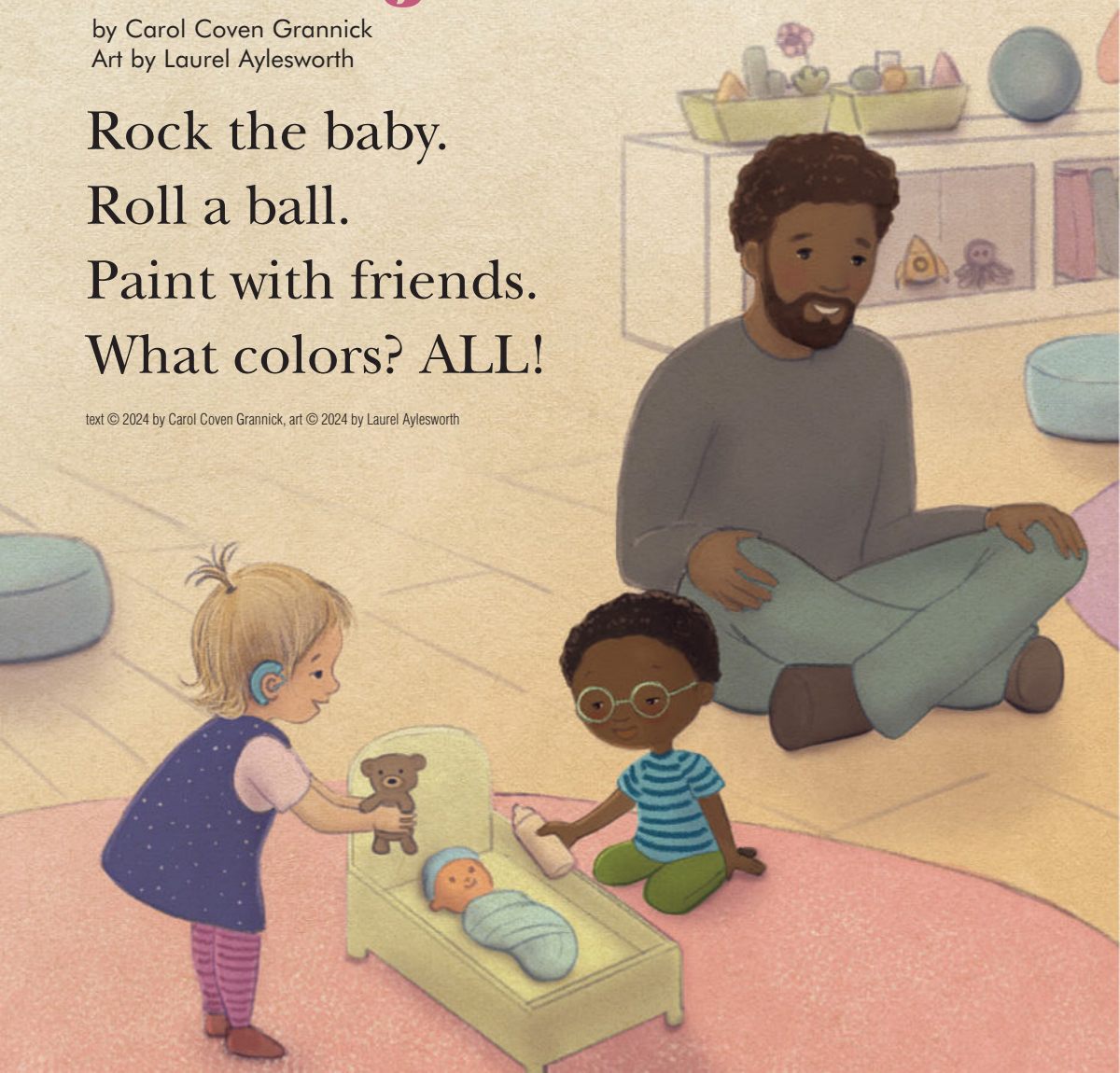
Rock the baby.

Roll a ball.

Paint with friends.

What colors? ALL!

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Zoo Parade

by Galen Goodwin Longstreth * Art by Bonnie Lui

I line them up from head to tail,
lion, tiger, monkey, whale,
alligator, penguin too,
elephant, and kangaroo.
Can you see what I have made?
Romping, stomping zoo parade!

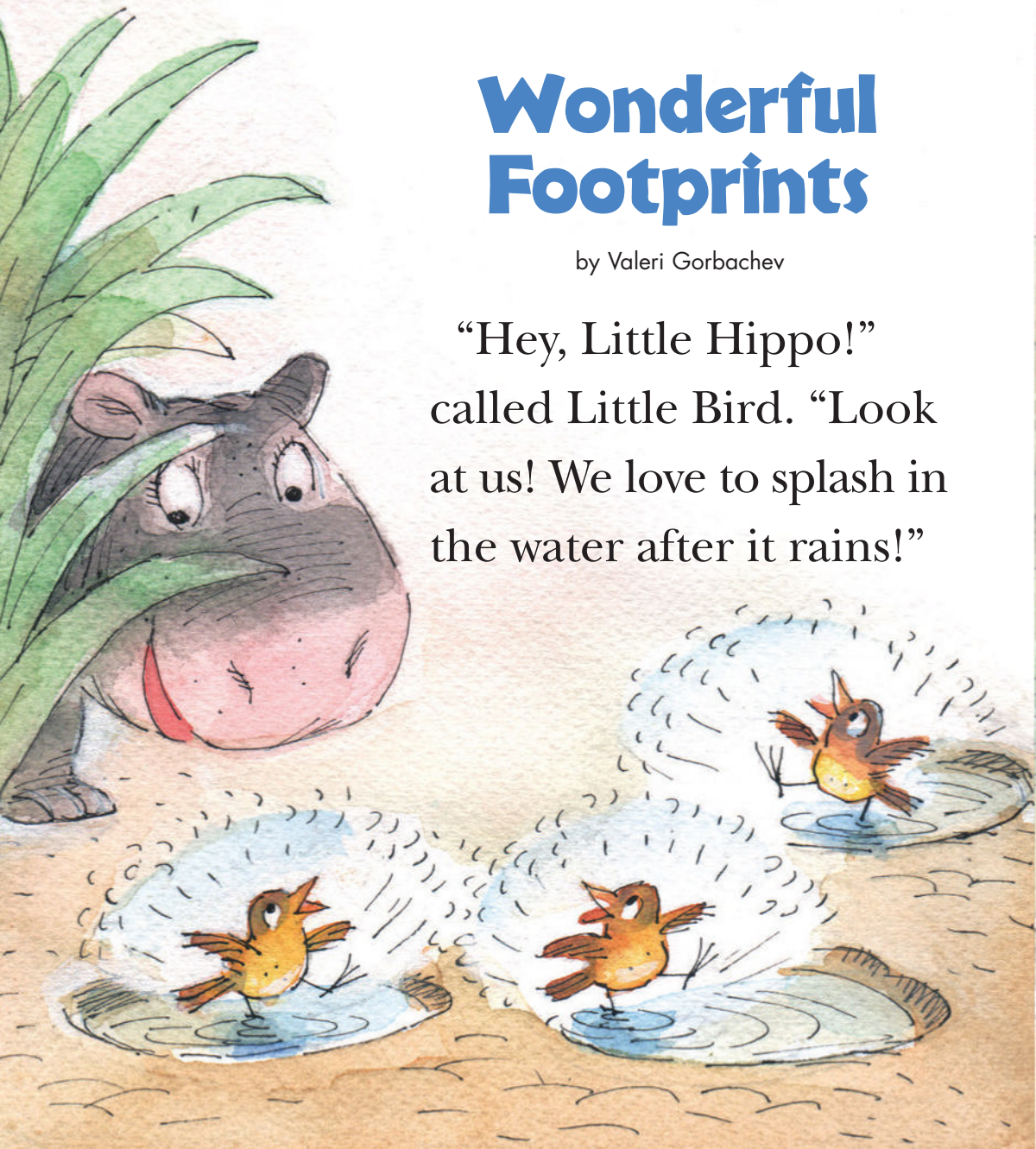




Wonderful Footprints

by Valeri Gorbachev

“Hey, Little Hippo!”
called Little Bird. “Look
at us! We love to splash in
the water after it rains!”



“You are splashing in my mom’s
footprints,” said Little Hippo.





“Your mom has wonderful footprints!”
said Little Bird.

“They are exactly like mine,” said
Little Hippo. “Just much
bigger.”



“When I grow up,”
Little Hippo told Mom,
“little birds will splash
in my footprints, too.”

A FIRST CONCEPT

High Five

by Lucy Ford ♦ Art by Chad Cameron



I have **little** hands.



Daddy has **big** hands.

Together, we say, “**High five!**”



LET'S EXPLORE **Ups-A-Daisy!**

by Doug Madison

All babies get tired after a while.
Ups-a-daisy! Time for a ride.



“Hang on tight,” grunts the mommy monkey. Off they go!

“Wait for me! I need a ride, too,” calls the last baby swan.





“Let’s get hopping,”
says the kangaroo
to the little joey
in her pouch.



“Almost there!” purrs
the lion to her cub.



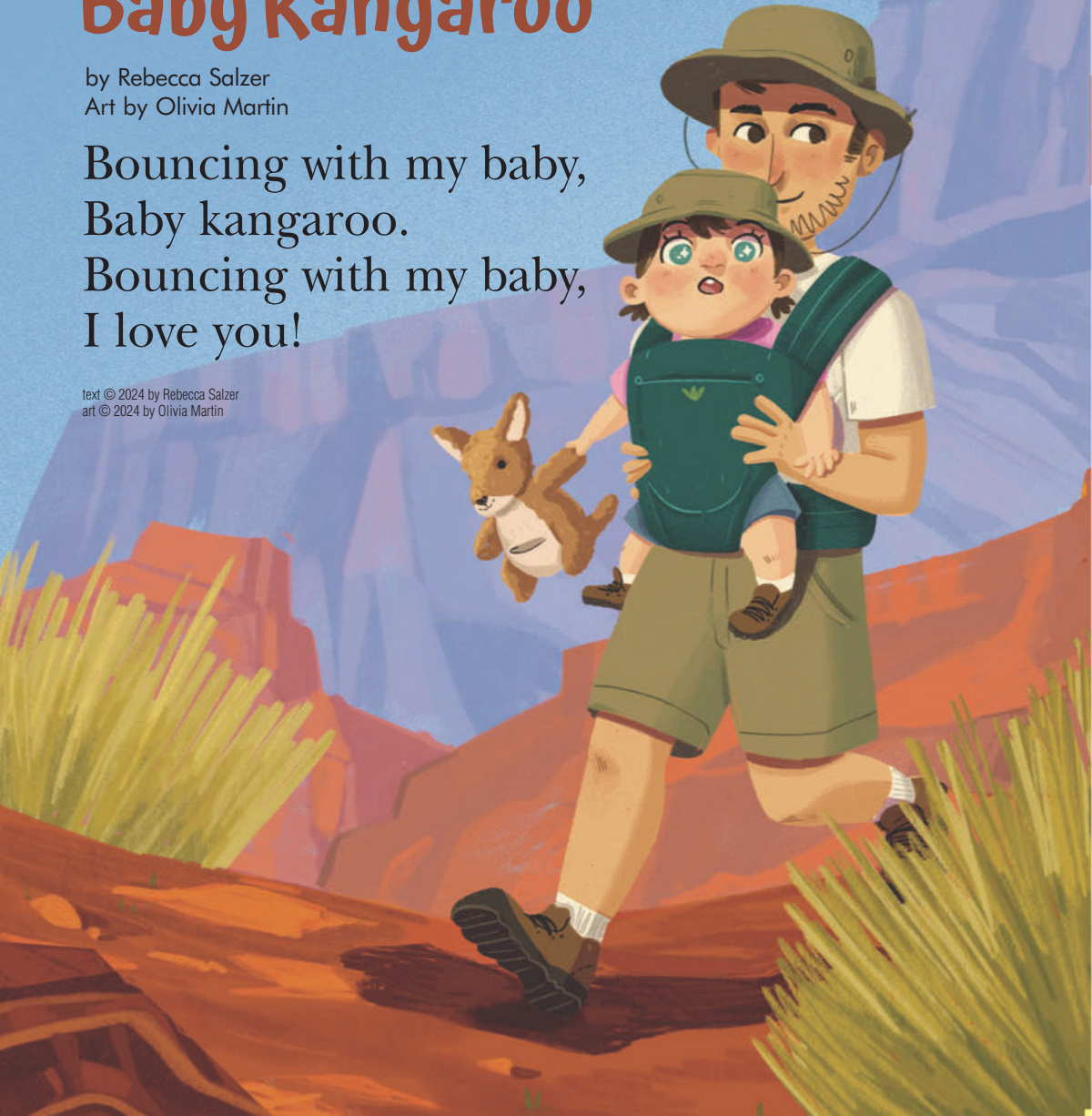
“Sleep tight,” whispers the sea otter to
her pup as the waves gently rock them.

Baby Kangaroo

by Rebecca Salzer
Art by Olivia Martin

Bouncing with my baby,
Baby kangaroo.
Bouncing with my baby,
I love you!

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guide

for caregivers

BABYBUG is for babies who love to be read to—and for adults who love to read to them.
Here are a few tips to help you get the most out of this “getting bigger” issue of BABYBUG.

1. Kim and Carrots: Between the ages of one and three, the average toddler increases in height by a remarkable eight to nine inches. No wonder Kim needs a new coat and new socks!

Toddlers grow rapidly in other ways as well, including socially and emotionally. They strive mightily to be like the grownups they admire—competent and self-reliant in a world that beckons to them—but at the same time they yearn for (and still need) the warmth and protection of infancy. Toddlerhood can be a challenging period as children struggle with these contradictory needs.

Over time and with the support of understanding adults,

toddlers eventually internalize the loving care and the sense of safety they’ve experienced with parents and caregivers. In the meantime, like Kim, they’re getting bigger, but are “still small enough for a cuddle on Mommy’s lap.”

2. High Five: Help your child discover that little hands can do many of the good things big hands do. They can greet Daddy with a high five. They can gently pat a dog or cat. If you use your hands for comforting others, for working and playing, or for turning the pages of a book, your child will, too.

—Sally Nurss, M.Ed



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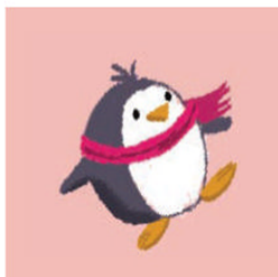


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