

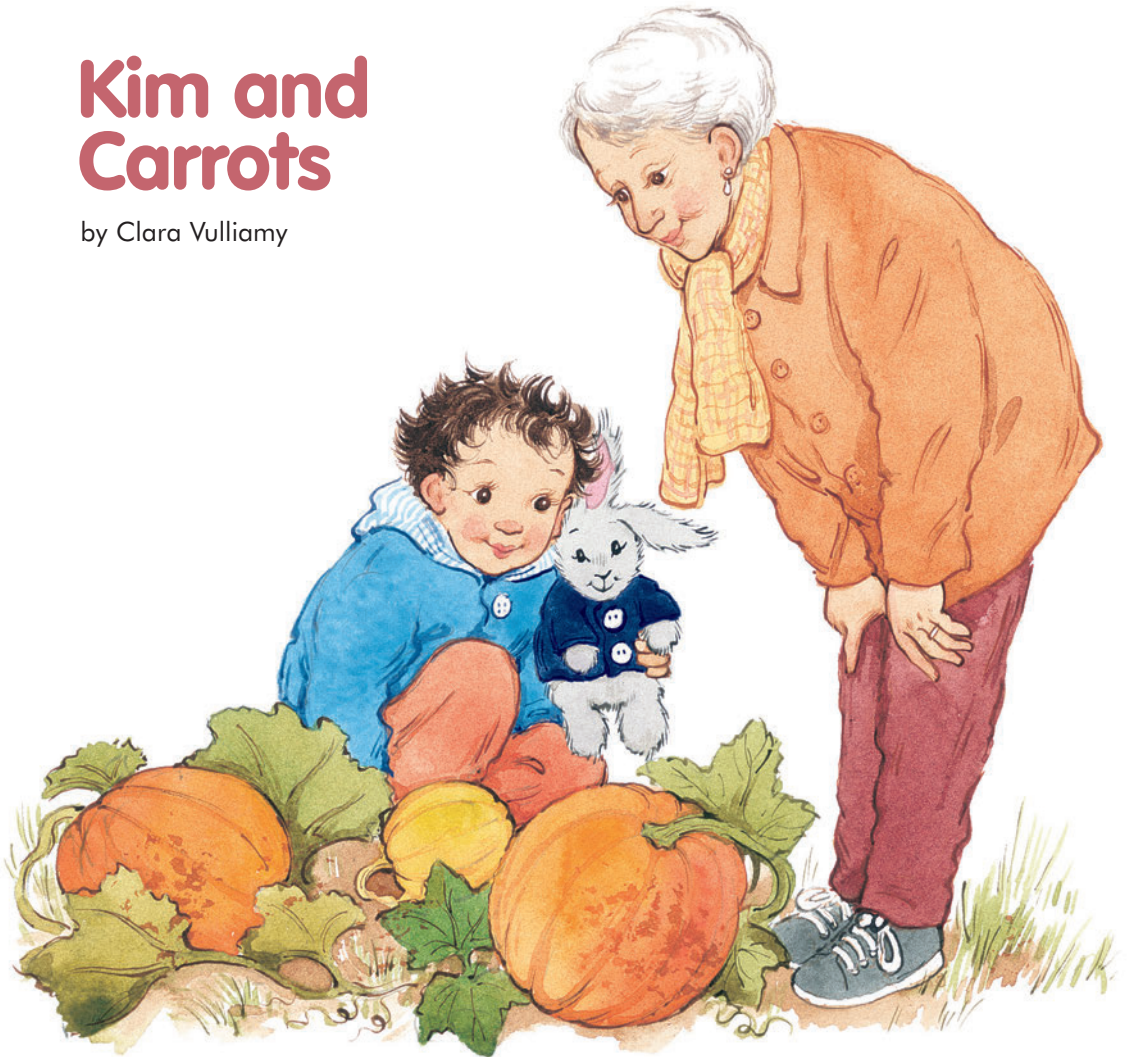
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# Kim and Carrots

by Clara Vulliamy

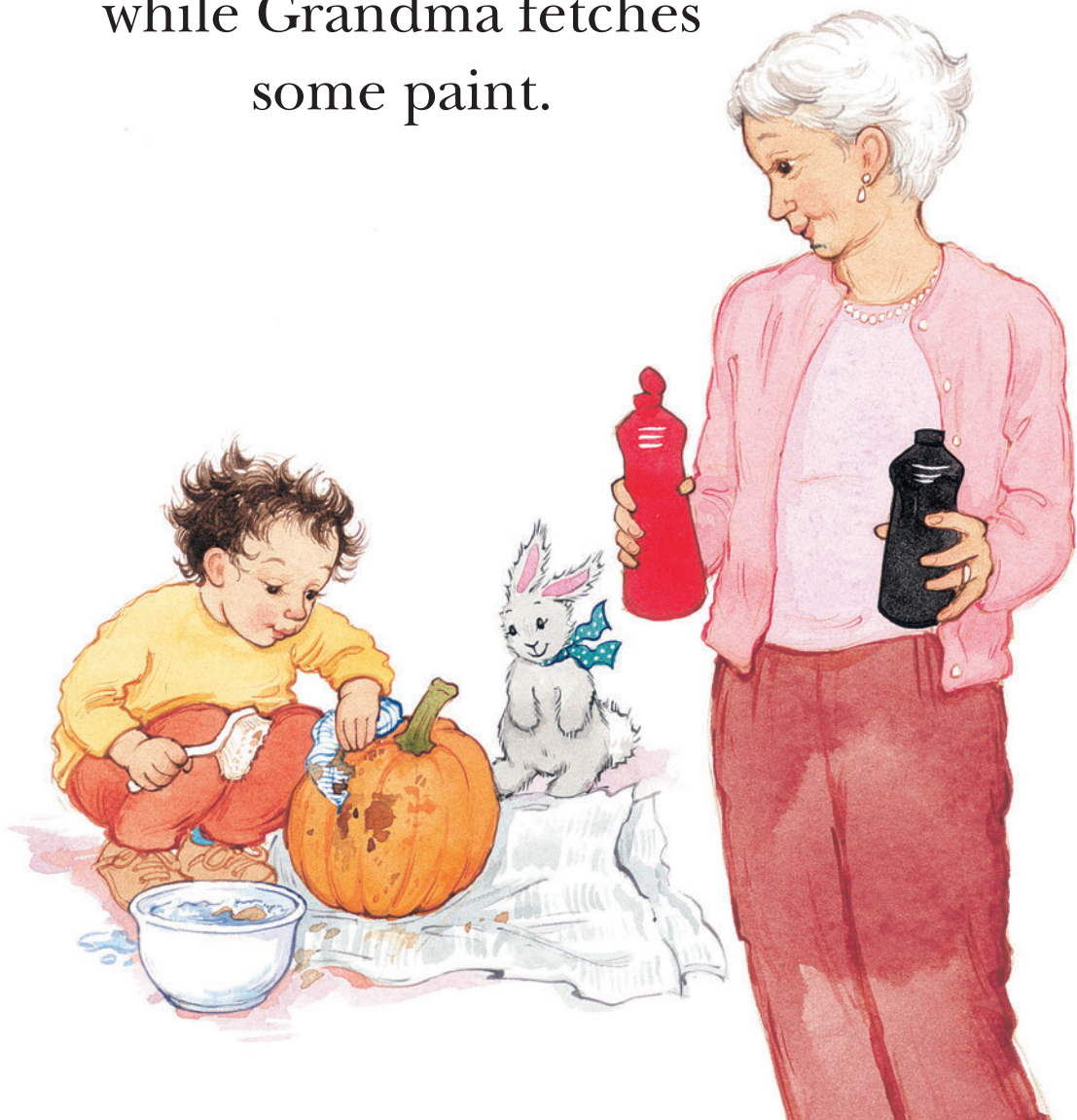


Kim and Carrots are looking at the pumpkins in Grandma's garden.

Kim chooses a lovely orange one.



Kim cleans the pumpkin  
while Grandma fetches  
some paint.



Kim and Grandma  
paint a happy face.



Kim and Carrots help Grandma set  
the pumpkin on the porch.





What a jolly pumpkin!



A FIRST CONCEPT  
**Night**

by Dale Cross Purvis ★ Art by Simona Ceccarelli

The first star twinkles in the sky.  
Sleepy birds fly home to their nests.  
Raccoons walk in the light of the moon.  
An owl watches with golden eyes.





# The Gift

by Sue Sussman  
Art by Luciana Navarro Powell

A red leaf flutters from the tree.



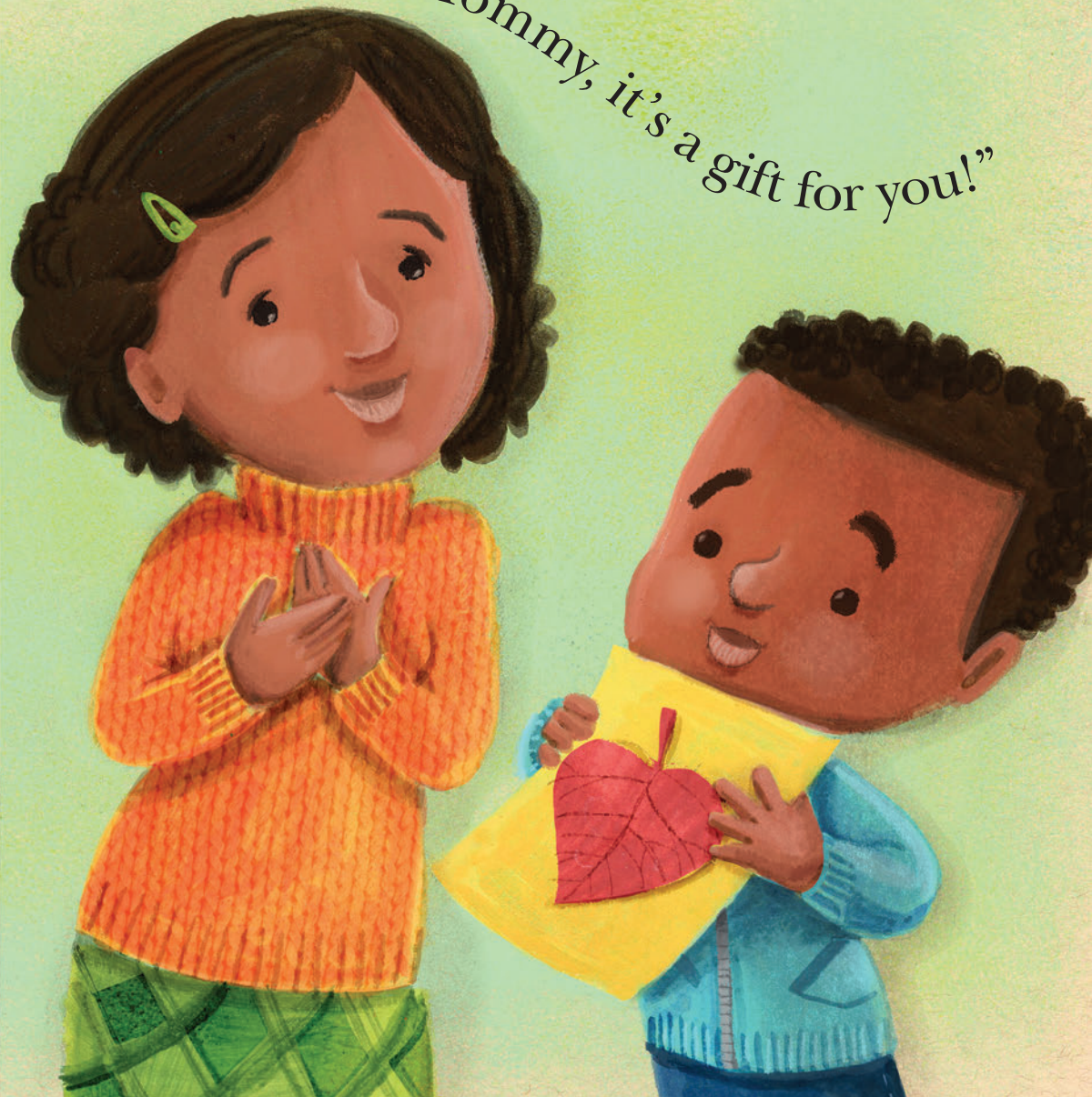
*I think I'll take it home with me.*



A piece of paper, dab of glue.



*“Here, Mommy, it’s a gift for you!”*



# Daddy Boo!

by Kathleen Kull Urban  
Art by Jana Christy

I hide behind  
The bathroom door,  
See Daddy crawl  
Across the floor.



He's getting close—  
What should I do?  
When I jump out,  
We both shout, "Boo!"



An illustration of a hippo looking out from a grassy bank at a river at night. The water is dark blue with white reflections of stars. The sky is dark blue with white stars. The hippo is brown with a red mouth and is looking towards the right. The background shows a dark, silhouetted landscape.

# Stars for Little Hippo

by Valeri Gorbachev

One night, Little Hippo  
couldn't sleep. He went  
to the river and saw  
stars reflected  
on the water.



“Mommy, look!”  
he said. “There  
are stars in  
our river!”



“Can you count the  
stars in the river?”  
Mommy asked.



“Sure!” said Little Hippo.  
“One . . . two . . . three . . .”



And before he knew it,  
Little Hippo fell fast asleep.



LET'S EXPLORE

# Autumn Orange

by Emily Granville



In autumn, orange is everywhere! I see it in glowing faces, prowling kittens, and falling leaves.





There are orange pumpkins to wear and take home. At night, a beautiful orange moon rises outside my window.



# My Mobile

by Rebecca Sutton  
Art by John Nez



My mobile spins above my head,  
Around and 'round it goes—



Casting shadows on the wall  
And dancing to and fro!





# 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 “fall colors” issue of BABYBUG.**

## Colorful Concepts

“What color is the truck?”

“Green!”

“What color is the ball?”

“Green!”

“What color is the cat?”

“Green!”

Because color is such an abstract attribute, it takes a long time before children can name colors reliably. Most children don't begin to do so until they are close to age three.

When a child calls everything by one color name, he or she has taken an important step in separating the idea of color from the object itself.

- Another early step is interest in matching colors. Here is a game you can try. Find a solid-colored toy, perhaps a red block. Carry it on a hunt indoors or outdoors, matching it to as many other red objects as possible. Talk about searching for the color red. If your child enjoys the game, play it again another day, choosing another color.
- If you can find objects that are identical in shape but different in color, name the colors as you explore: here's a red leaf, a yellow leaf, and a green leaf. (Maple trees are especially generous about varying fall colors.)
- Add color adjectives to everyday conversation: not just a pumpkin or a shirt, but an orange pumpkin and a red shirt.

—Sally Nurss, M.Ed



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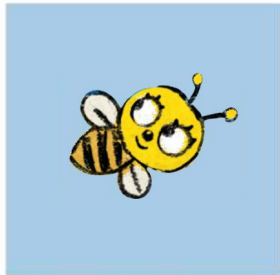
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