

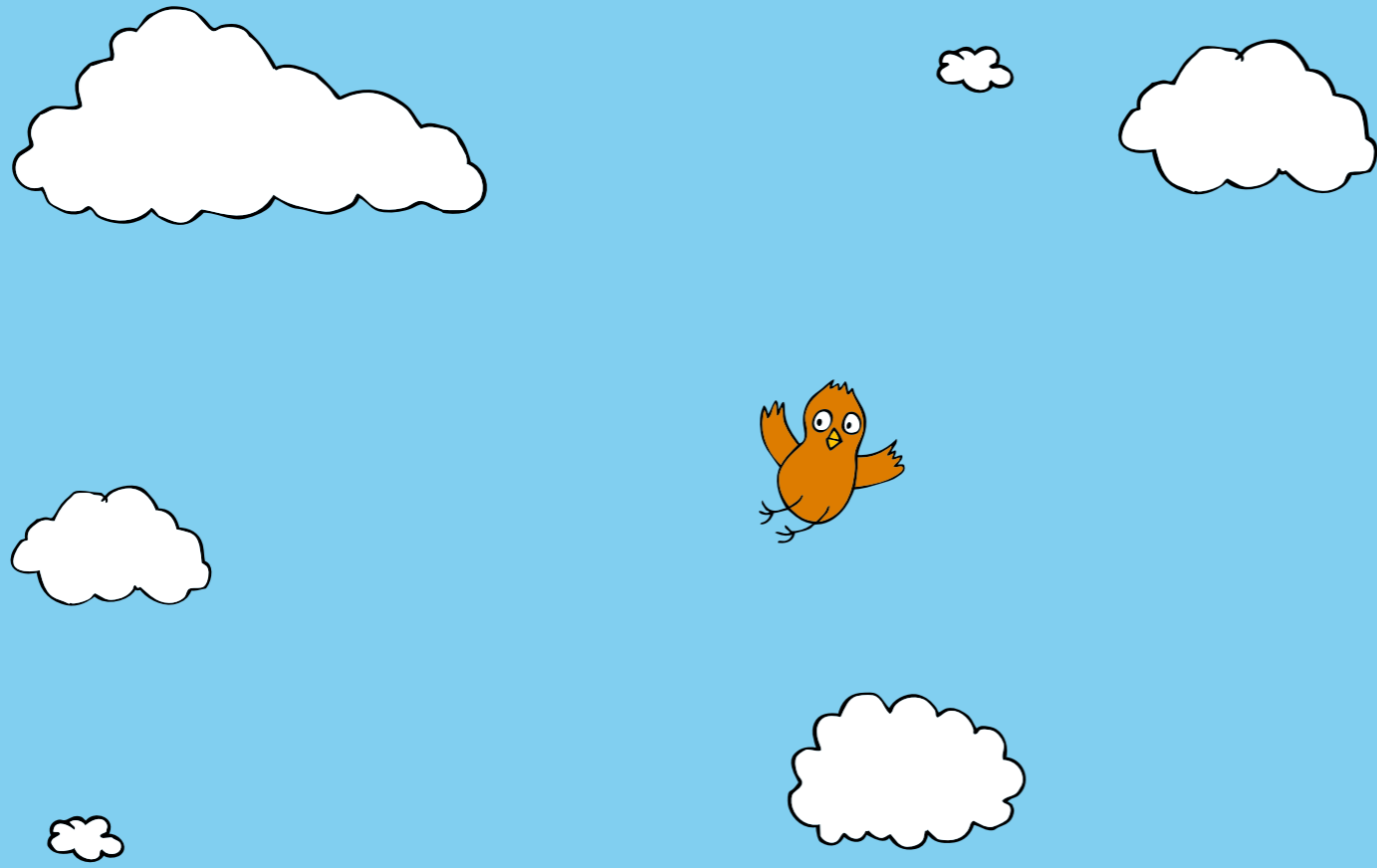


# Simon's Surprise

Holding Hands

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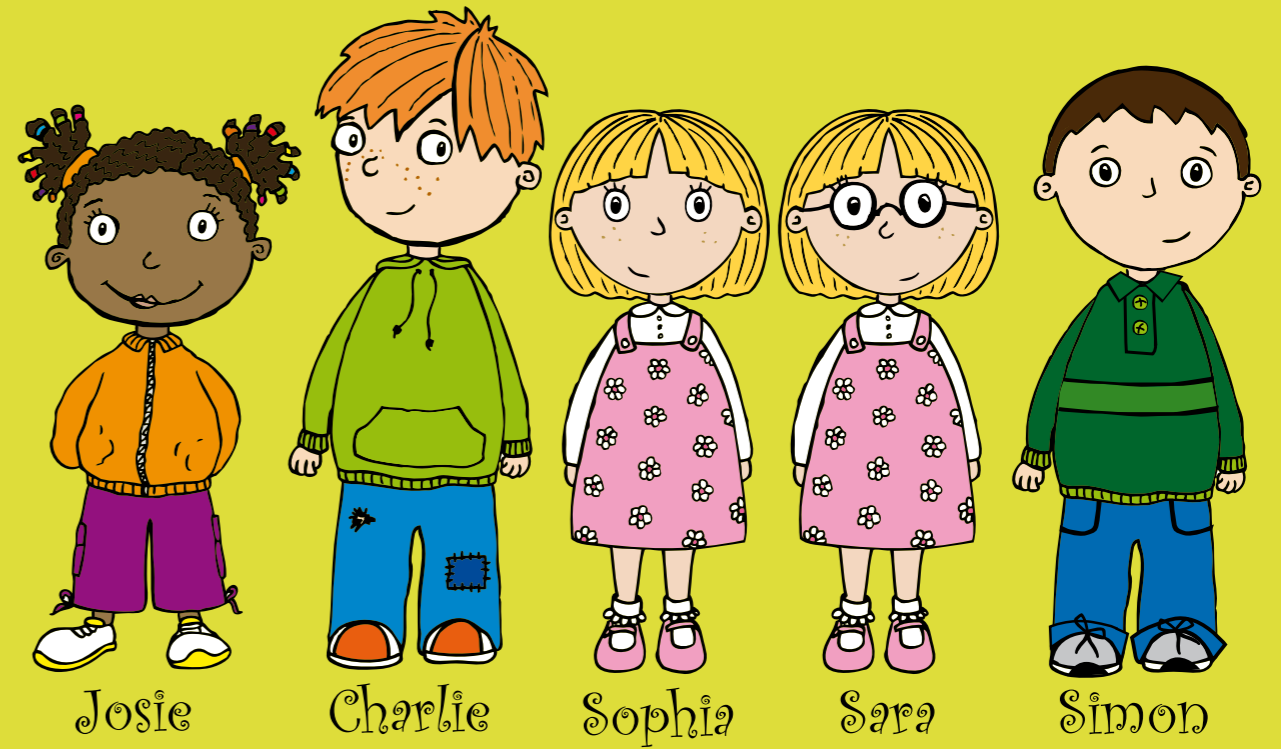


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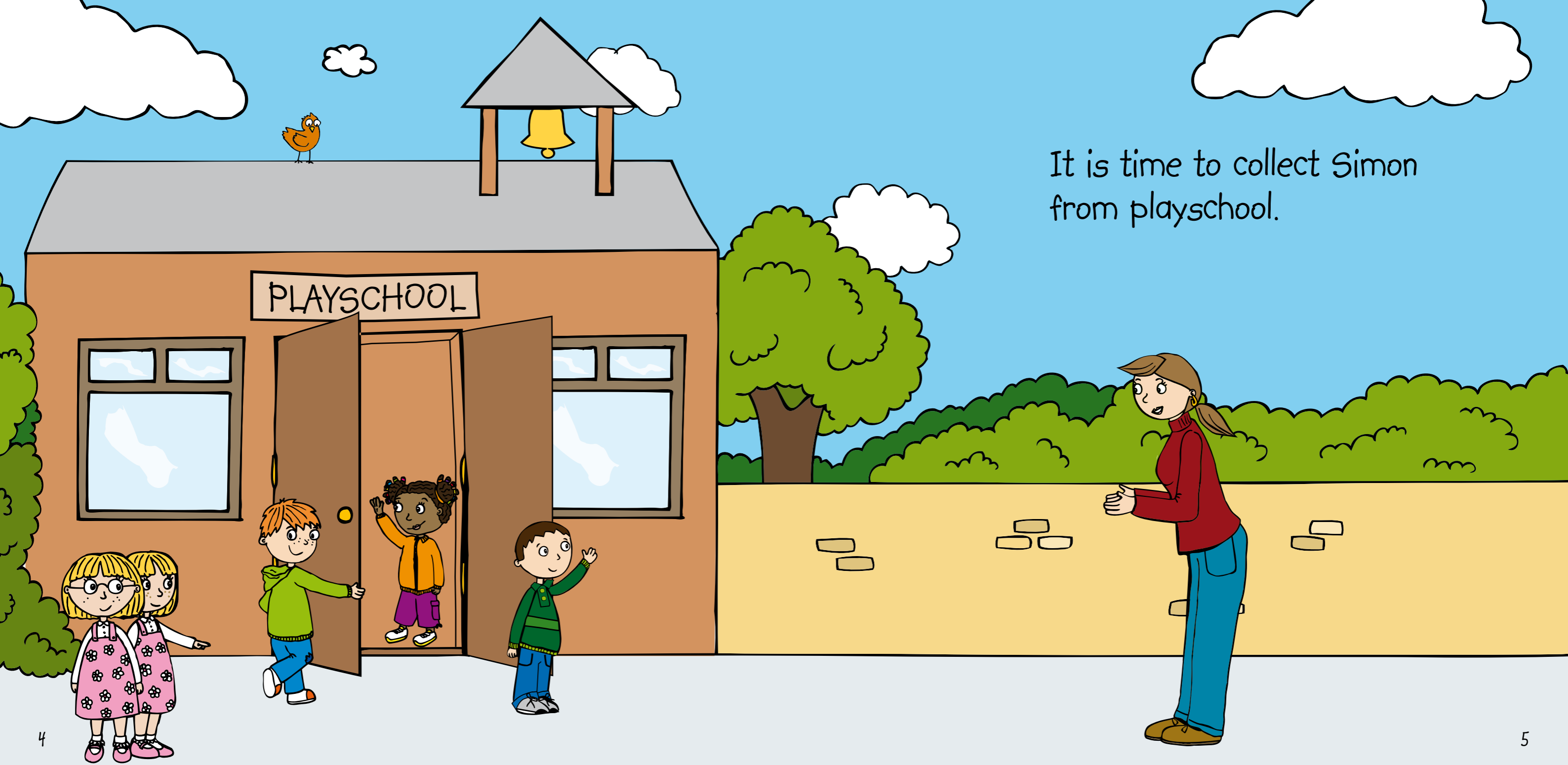
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# Simon and Friends



**Books in the series**  
Simon's Surprise  
Josie's Picnic  
Charlie Goes to a Party  
Sara & Sophia's Trip to the Farm



It is time to collect Simon from playschool.

Mammy says,  
"Hold my hand  
as the roads  
are very busy  
and dangerous."



Mammy then takes Simon to the  
shop to buy him a football.



8 Simon holds his  
football in one hand and  
mummy's hand in the other.

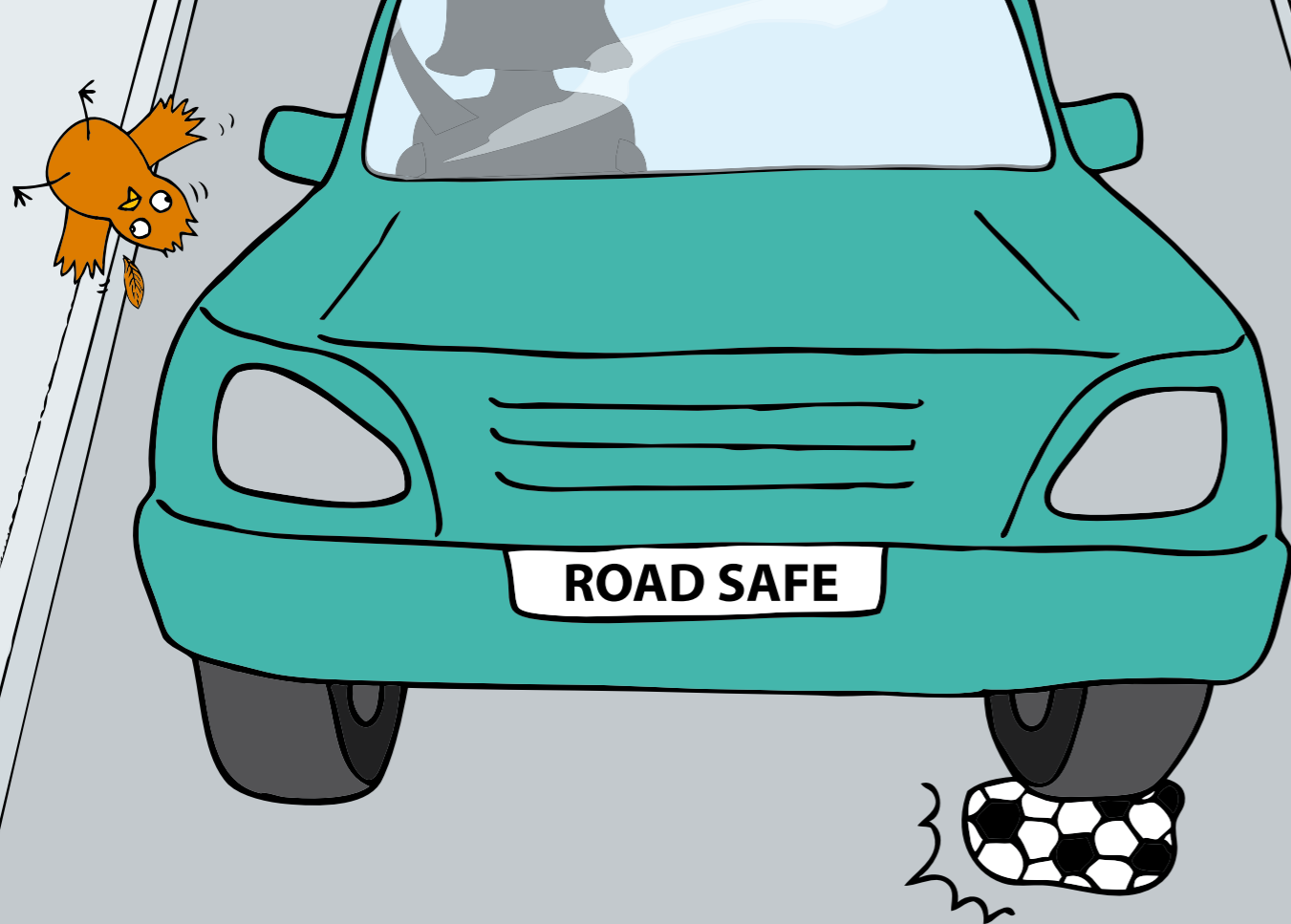


9 But as they walk home  
Simon drops his football.

It bounces high and rolls out into the road.

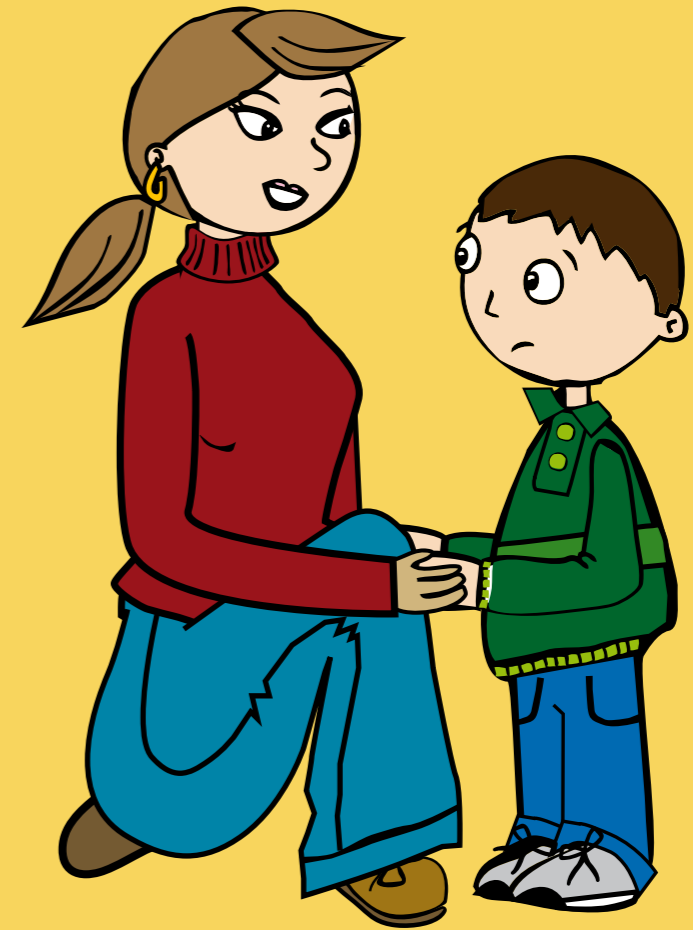


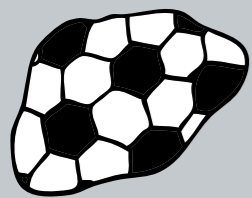
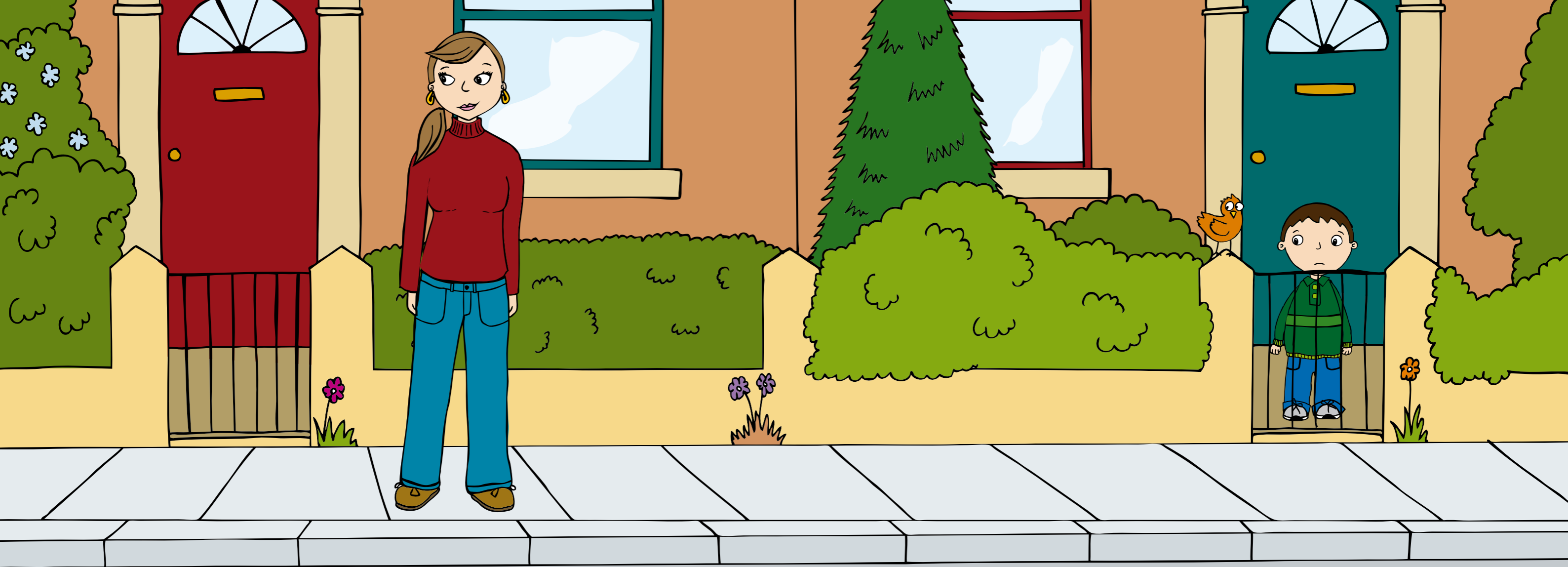
Simon lets go of his mammy's hand and starts to run after the football.



Mammy shouts, "STOP Simon, STOP NOW!"  
Simon stops, but the football doesn't  
and is hit by a car.

Mammy says, "Simon, you must never let go  
of Mammy's hand. You could have been hit by  
the car, just like your football."

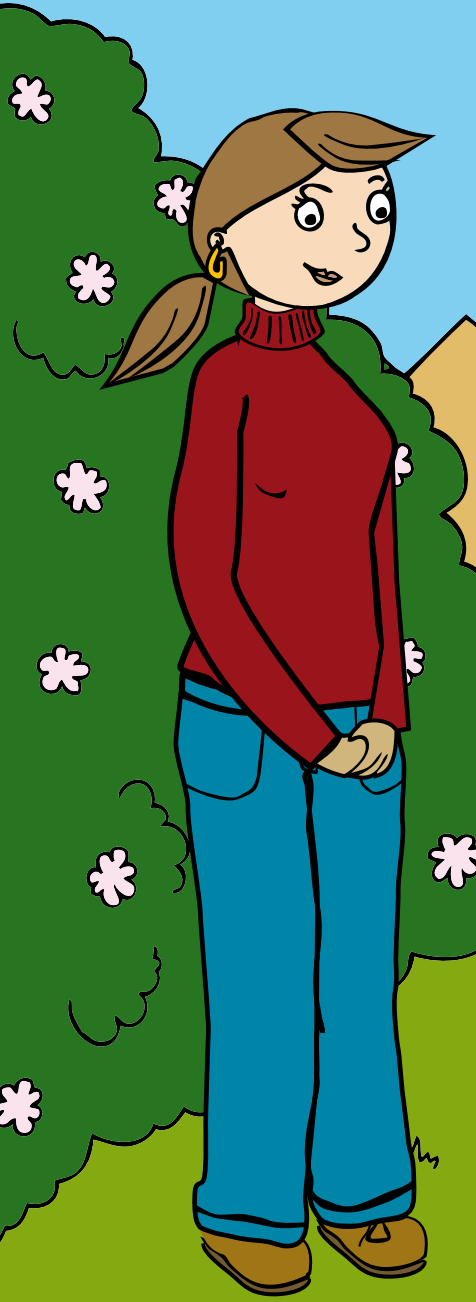




Mammy stops, looks, listens and thinks before she crosses the road to get Simon's burst football.

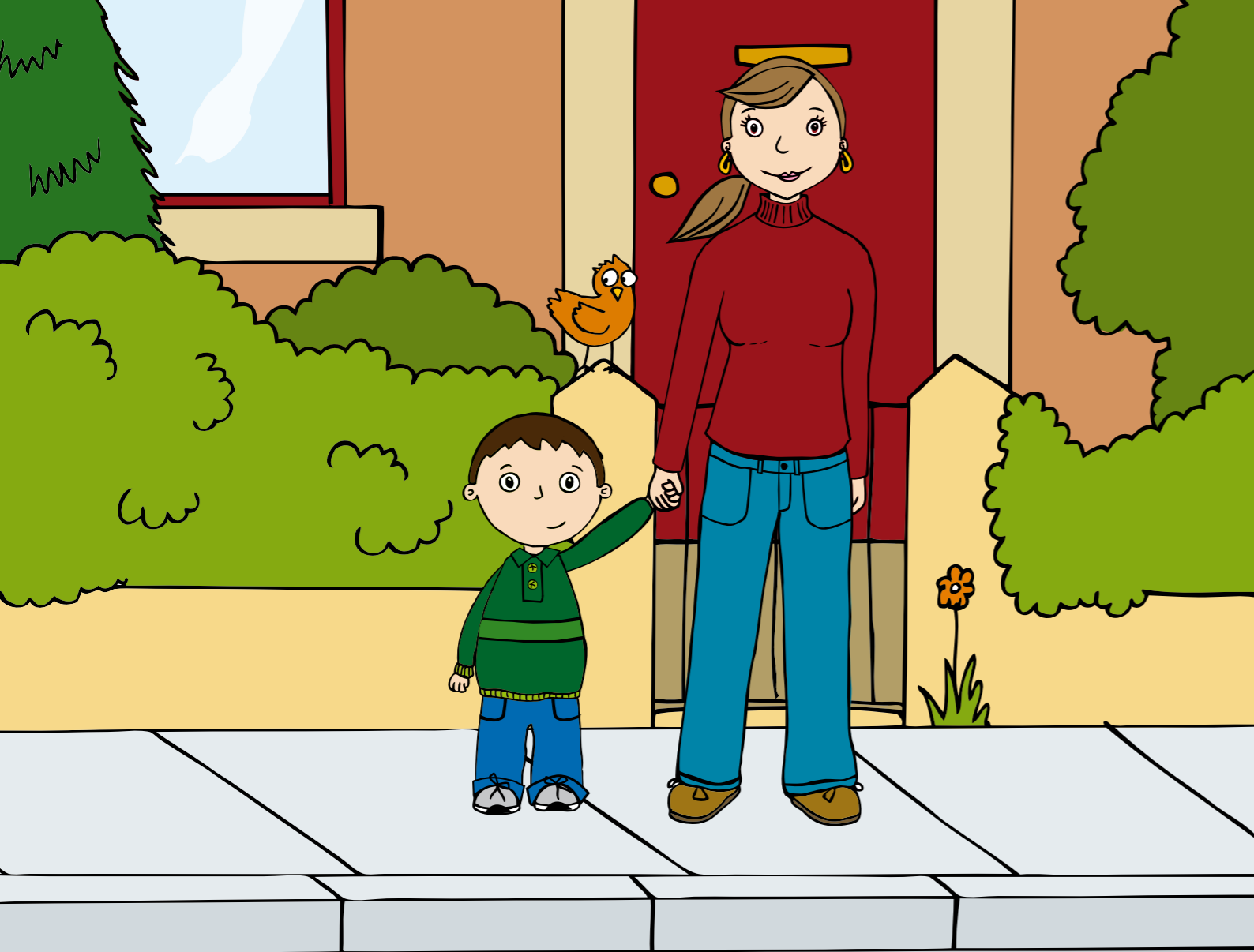
Simon is very upset about his football. Mammy is very happy that Simon is safe.



A woman with brown hair in a ponytail, wearing a red turtleneck sweater and blue jeans, stands on the left side of the page. She is looking towards the right. The background features a green bush with white flowers, a wooden fence, and a blue sky with white clouds.

Mammy surprises Simon  
and buys him a new football.





Simon says, "We must always hold hands when near the road."

You can replace a ball  
but not a child.

## Simon's Surprise – Extension Activities

Enjoy this book with your child. Books are a good way to prompt other activities and learning experiences. You can talk about the story, pictures and characters. Encourage your child to ask questions.

Can your child help you to retell the story?

You can also use this story to talk about road safety points such as

- Why do we need to hold hands?
- Where *must* we hold hands?
- What can we do if it is not possible to hold hands?
- Whose hand is it safe to hold when crossing the road?
- Where are the safe places to cross roads?

### Additional ideas

Choose a quiet time and sit comfortably with your child and look at the book together. The focus of this book is about being safe when crossing the road and the importance of holding hands.

- Read the story to your child.
- Encourage your child to ask questions about each character.
- Look at the book again together but this time ask your child to find the pictures that show Simon holding mammy's hand.
- Ask your child to help you to retell the story.
- Can they find the picture of the burst ball?
- Can they tell you what happened?

- Can they remember what *mammy* said?
- Talk with your child about crossing the road safely together.

Ask your child to think about the different times you go out and when you need to cross the road. Where are you going? How do you cross safely?

Remind your child about the importance of holding hands.

### Other activities to do with your child

#### Role Play

Use toys or family members/friends to recreate different ways to cross the road.

#### Games

Play games that encourage holding hands such as Ring a Ring of Roses.



## Songs

Road Safety Song (tune: If you're happy & you know it)

When you want to cross the road

Hold \_\_\_\_\_ hand

When you want to cross the road

Hold \_\_\_\_\_ hand

If you're clever and you know it

Then you really ought to show it

When you want to cross the road

Hold \_\_\_\_\_ hand.



Holding Hands (tune: Polly put the kettle on)

We must hold our \_\_\_\_\_ hand

We must hold our \_\_\_\_\_ hand

We must hold our \_\_\_\_\_ hand

When we both cross the road.

xxxx must hold his/her \_\_\_\_\_ hand

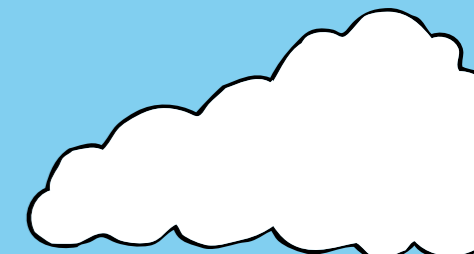
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When they both cross the road.

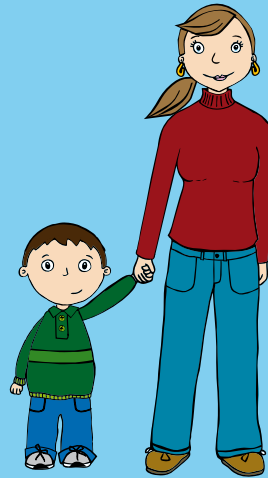
\_\_\_\_\_ insert responsible person i.e. mammy's, daddy's, teacher's, friends name etc.

xxxx insert child's name





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