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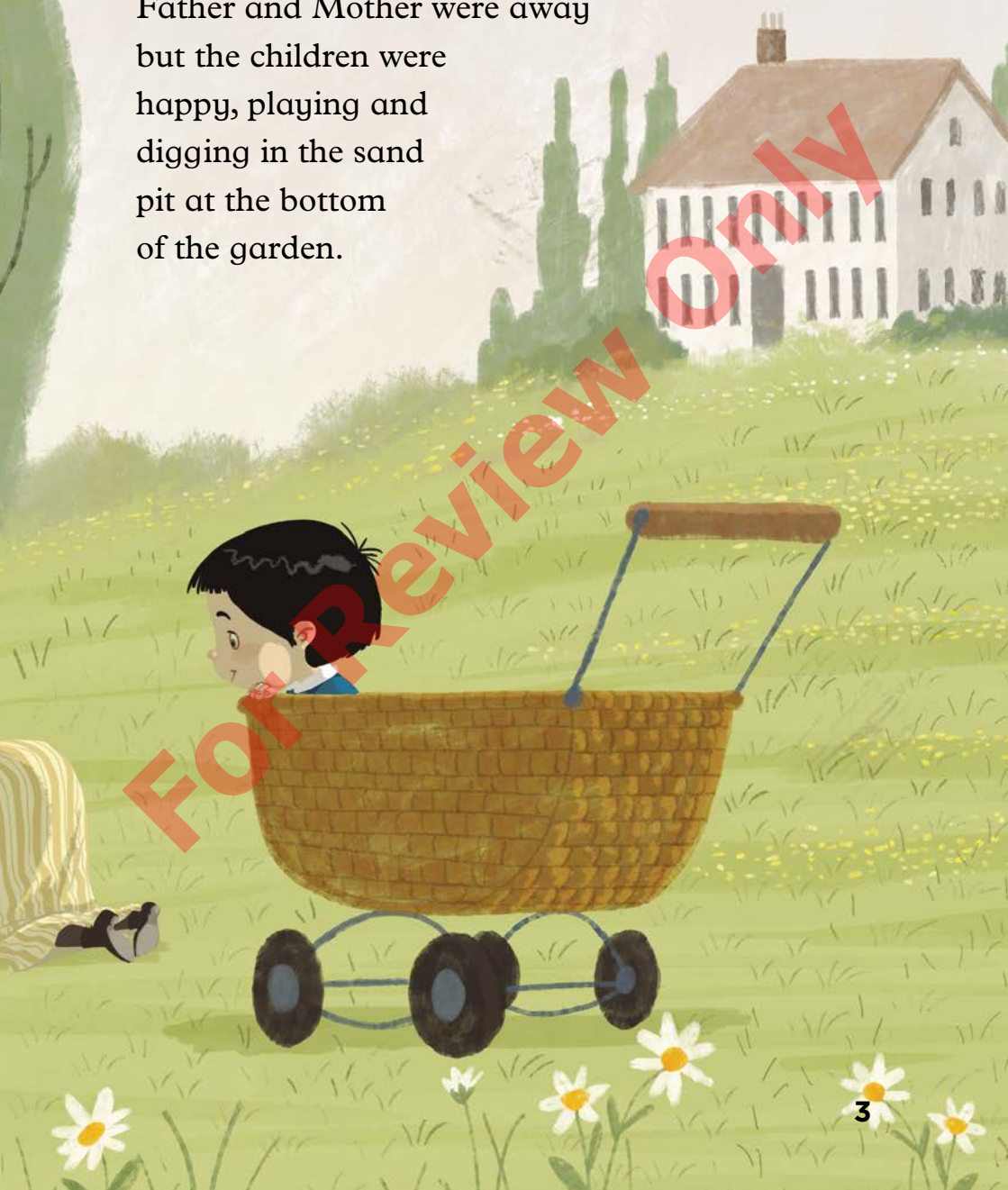


## 2 CHAPTER 1: The first wish

Five children, Cyril, Anthea, Robert, Jane and their baby brother, the Lamb, lived in a big white house in the countryside. The baby was called the Lamb because the first thing he said was ‘Baaaa!’



At the time of our story the five children were at home with their nanny, Martha, and the cook. Father and Mother were away but the children were happy, playing and digging in the sand pit at the bottom of the garden.





- 3 One day the children were at the sandpit when suddenly Anthea said, ‘Oh! Look! What a strange animal!’ It had lots of fur, hands like a monkey and ears like a bat. But the strangest thing about it was its eyes. They were on long horns like a snail’s. ‘I beg your pardon! I’m *not* a strange animal! I’m a Sand Fairy and I can give you one wish every day.’ The children looked at the Sand Fairy in surprise. ‘Wow!’ said Robert, ‘A wish every day?’ ‘Yes,’ said the Sand Fairy, ‘but the wish goes away at sunset.’



- 4 Anthea said, 'We want to be as beautiful as the day and night!' The Sand Fairy's body began to get bigger and bigger and bigger. Then it said, 'You've got your wish,' and it disappeared into the sand.



The children looked at each other. Their hair was as yellow as the sun and their eyes as blue as the sky. They were all very beautiful! The Lamb began to cry.

Lamb!  
Don't cry!  
It's only us!





# Activity Pages



- 1** Write the names. Finish the descriptions.  
Draw and colour the faces.

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| <br>_____ | In the first<br>wish the<br>children had<br><b>1</b> _____<br>as yellow<br>as the<br><b>2</b> _____<br>and<br><b>3</b> _____<br>as blue<br>as the<br><b>4</b> _____ |  |
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- 2** Answer the questions in sentences.

**1** Was the Sand Fairy happy?

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**2** Did it get smaller and smaller?

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**3** Did the children buy ice creams?

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