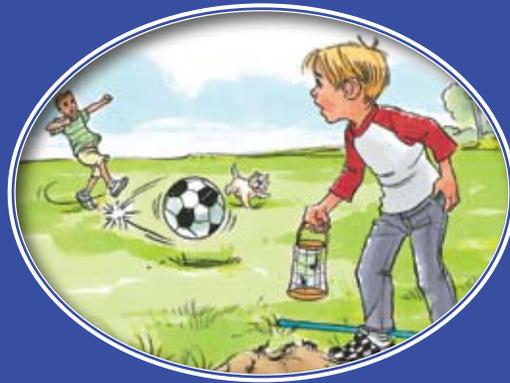


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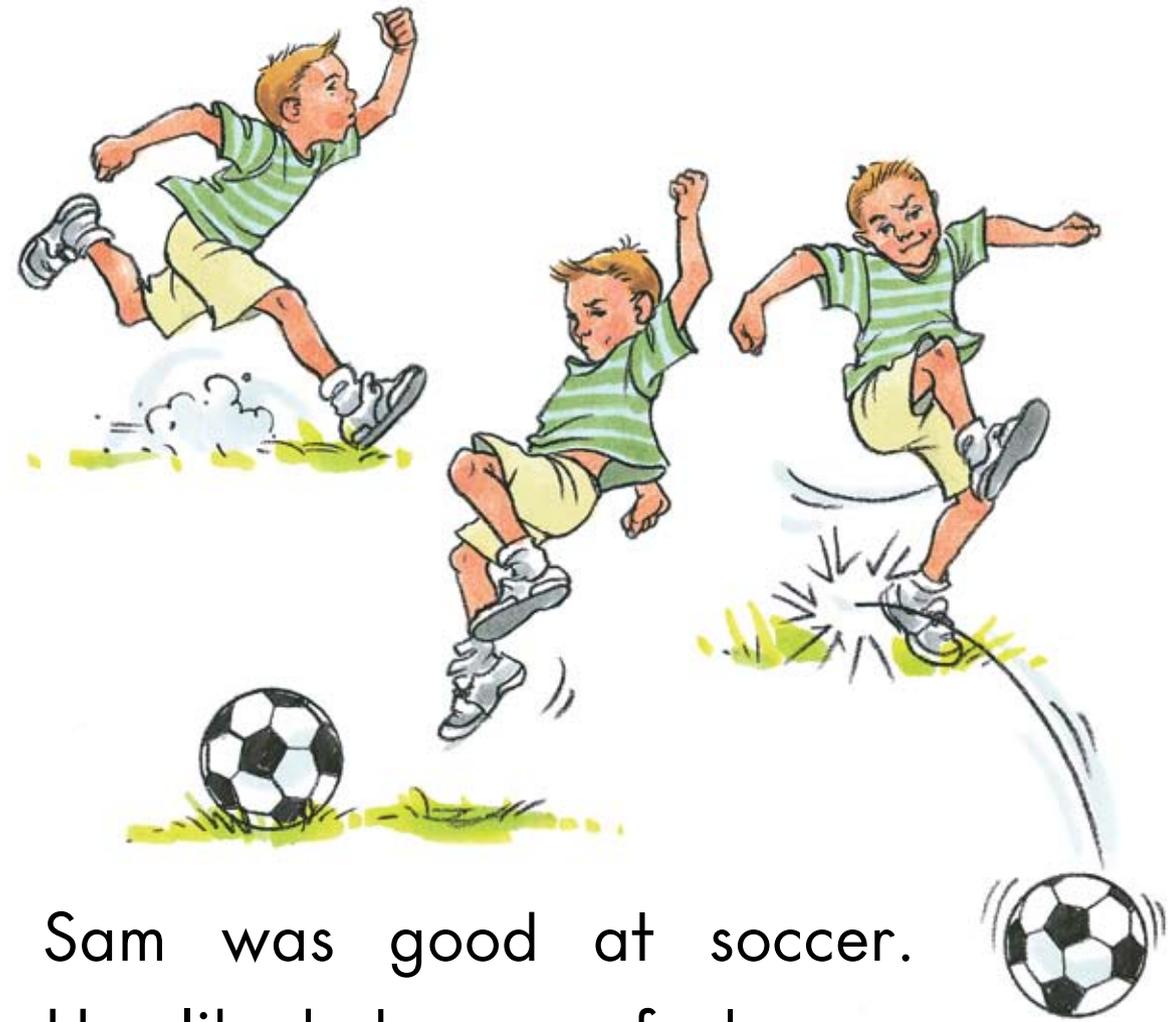
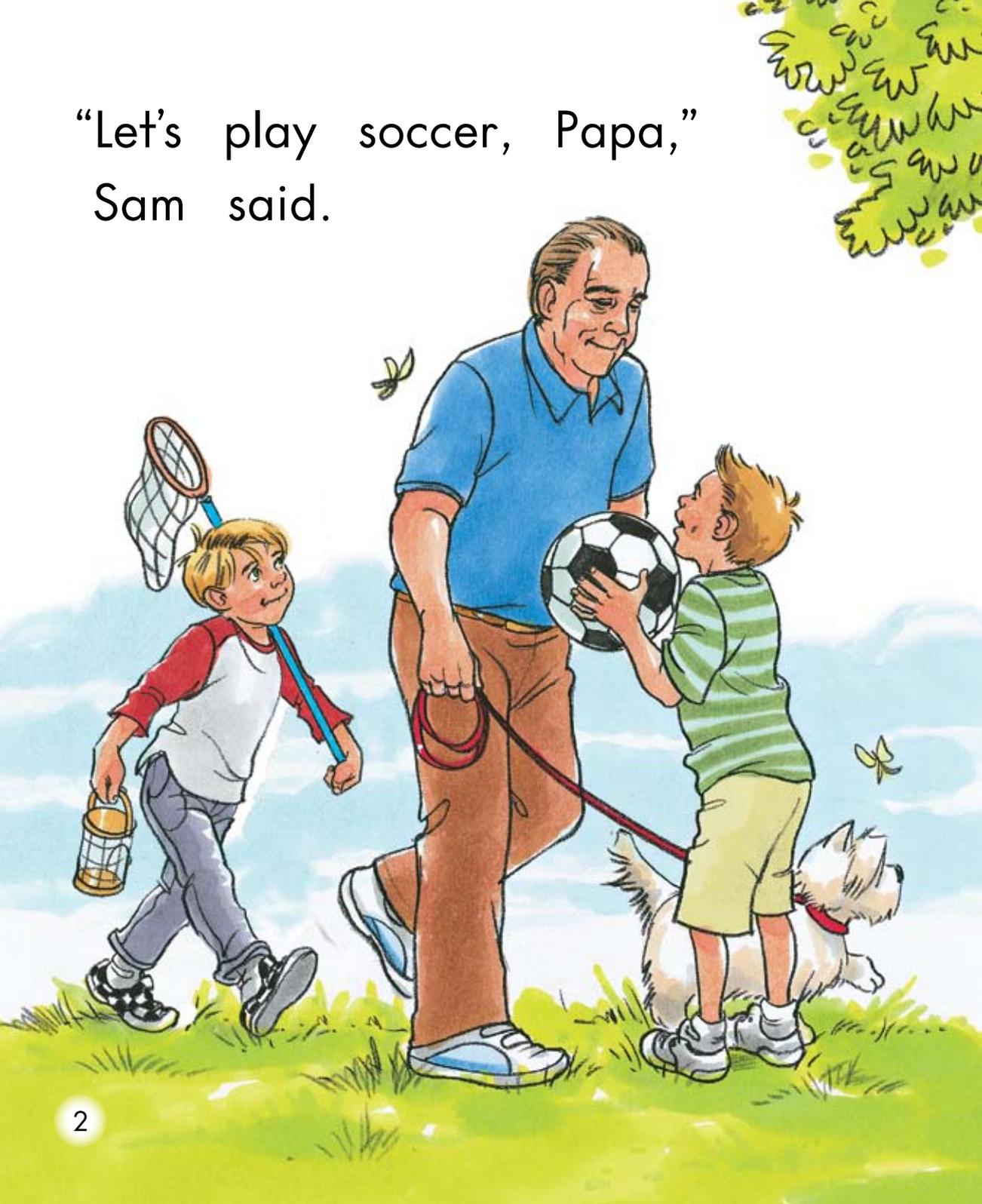


Sam



Jesse

“Let’s play soccer, Papa,”
Sam said.



Sam was good at soccer.
He liked to run fast.
He could jump, and
he could kick the ball
into the net.

“I want to play, too,”
Jesse said.

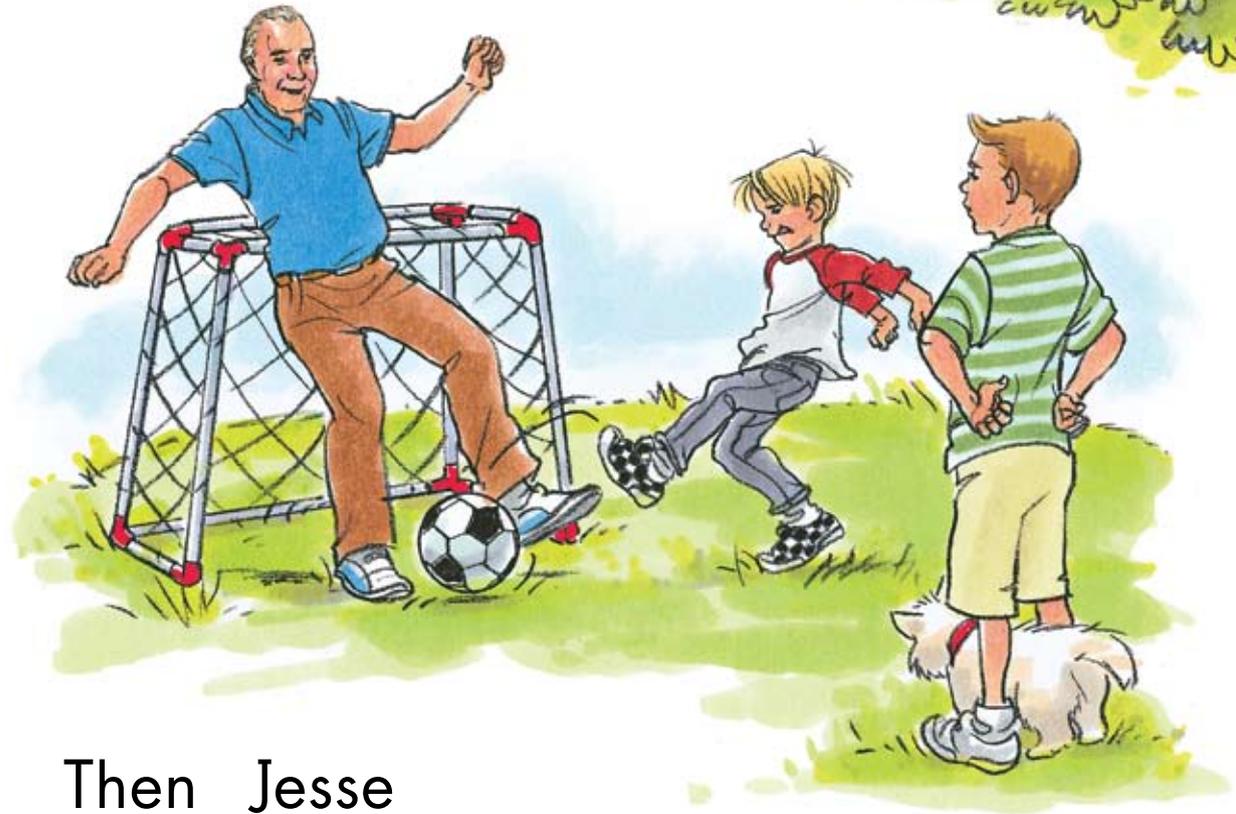
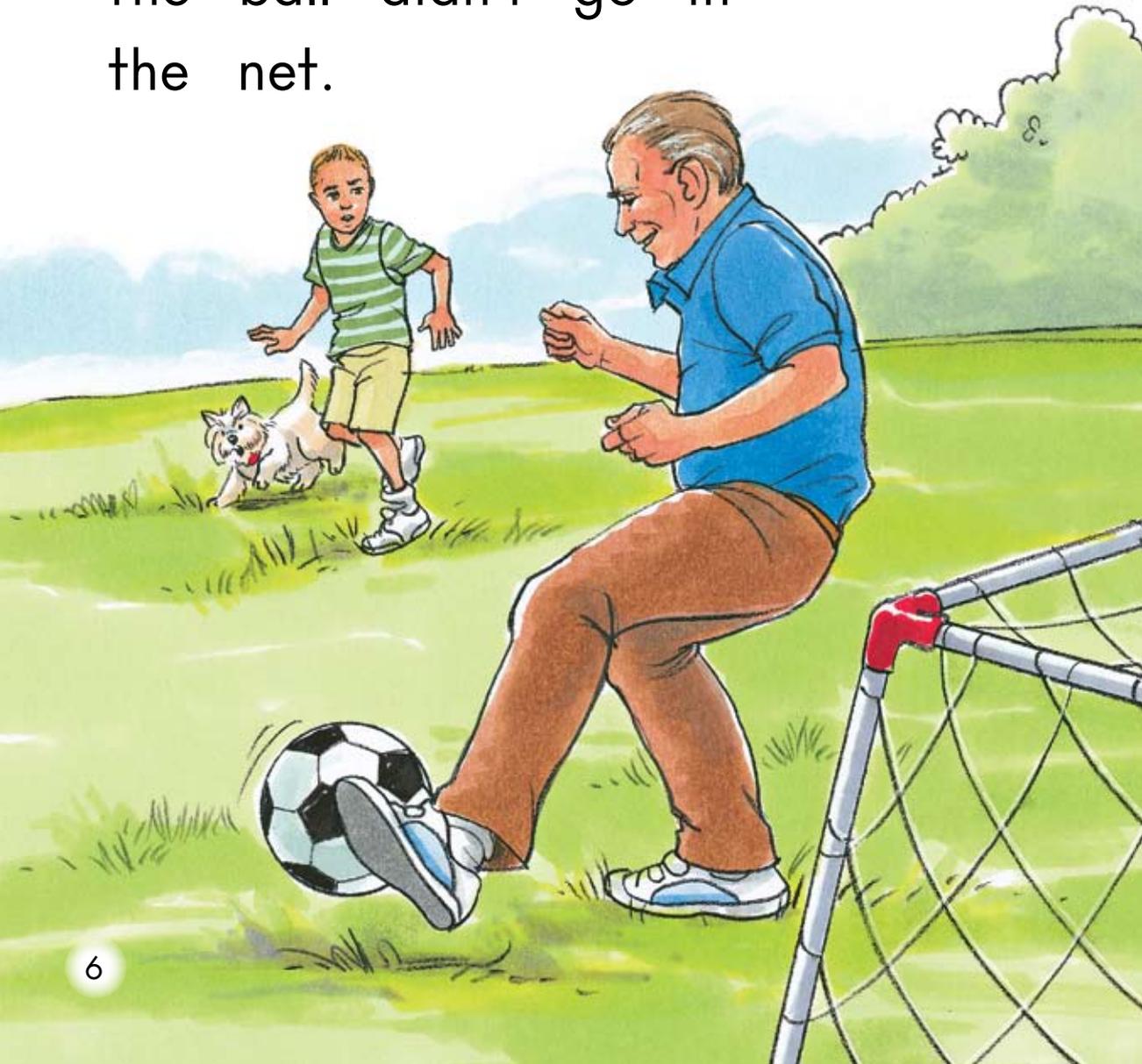
“You do?” said Sam.
Jesse liked soccer,
but he liked bugs more.

“Let’s play, boys,”
Papa said.

“See if you can kick
the ball past me.”



Sam kicked the ball,
but Papa stopped it.
The ball didn't go in
the net.



Then Jesse
kicked the ball,
and Papa stopped it.
“You have to help
each other, boys,”
Papa said.

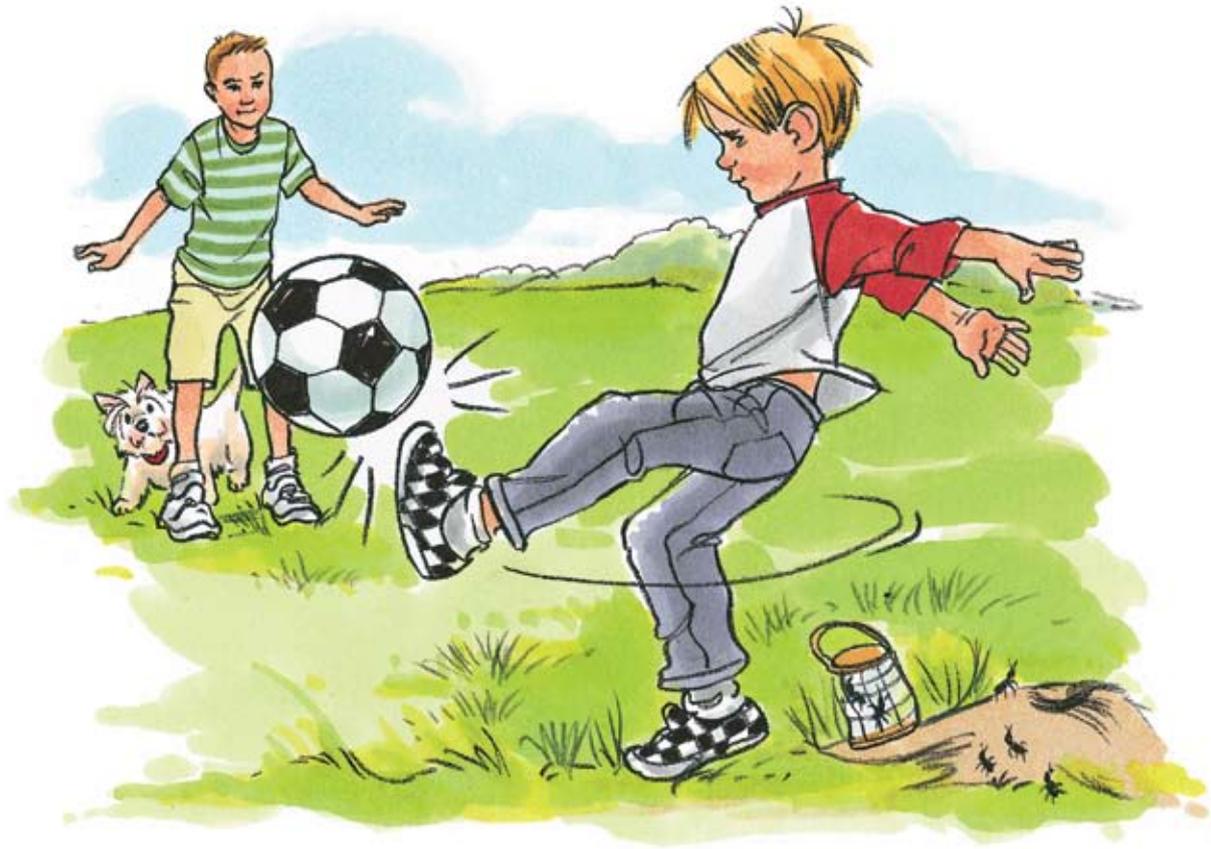
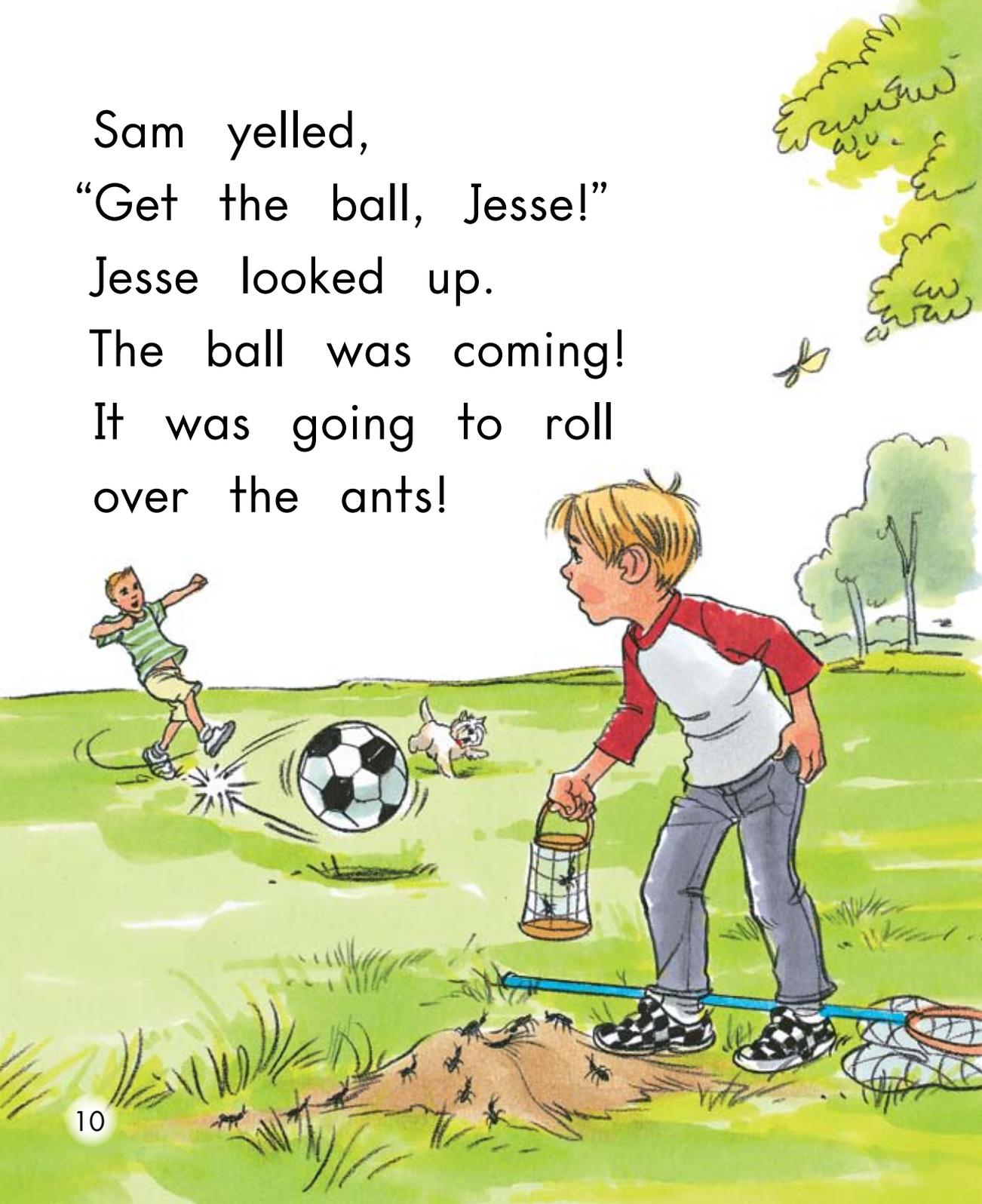
Papa kicked
the ball back.
Sam had to run
to get it.

“Come on, Jesse.
Come and help me,”
Sam said.

But Jesse was looking
at an ant hill.
The ants were
red and black.
They had six legs.

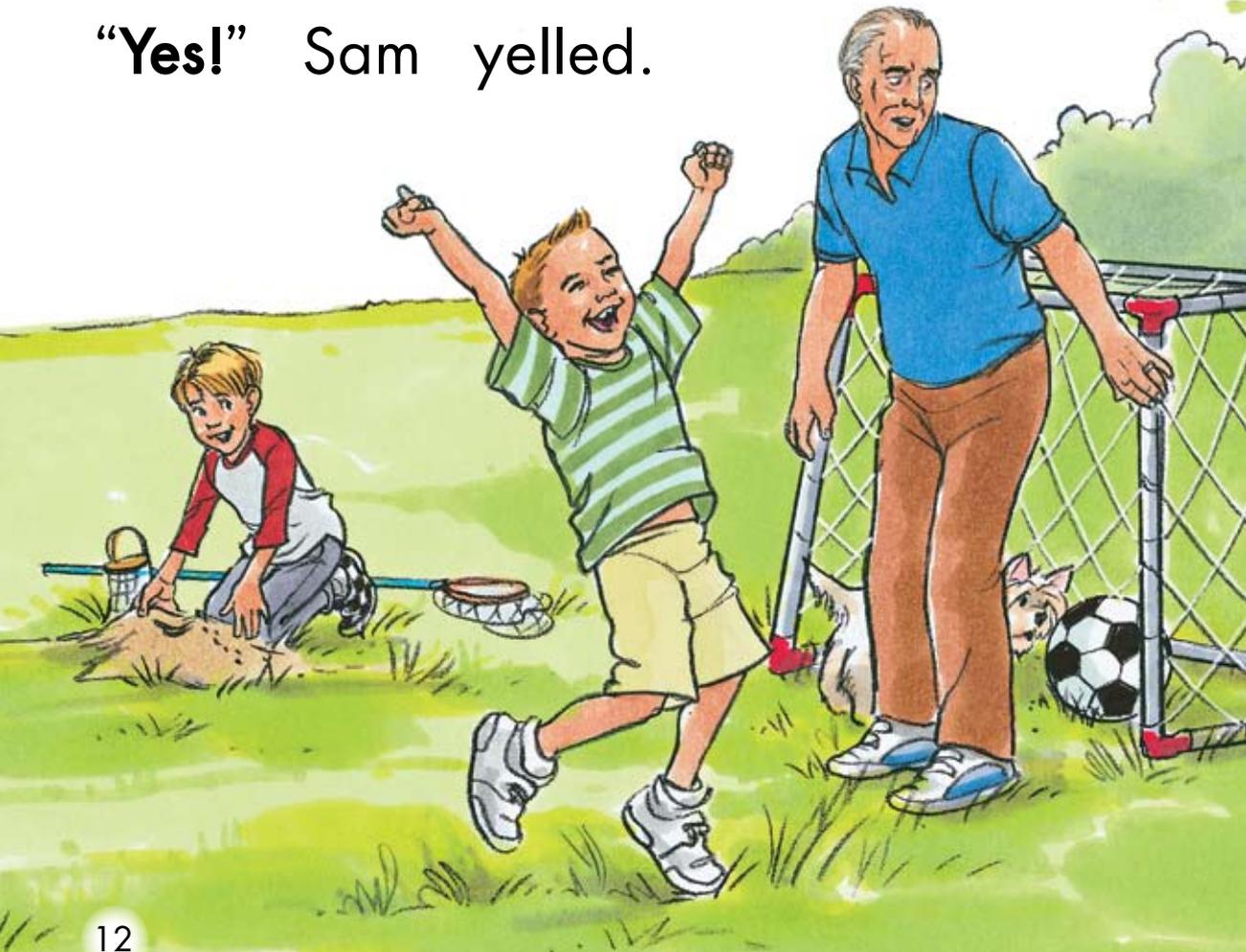


Sam yelled,
“Get the ball, Jesse!”
Jesse looked up.
The ball was coming!
It was going to roll
over the ants!



Jesse put his foot out.
He stopped the ball
to save the ants.
Then he kicked the ball
back to Sam.

Sam stopped the ball.
He gave it a hard kick.
It went past Papa.
It went into the net.
“**Yes!**” Sam yelled.



“We did it!” Jesse said.

“**We** did it?” Sam said.

“No, I kicked
the ball into the net.
You were looking at ants.”

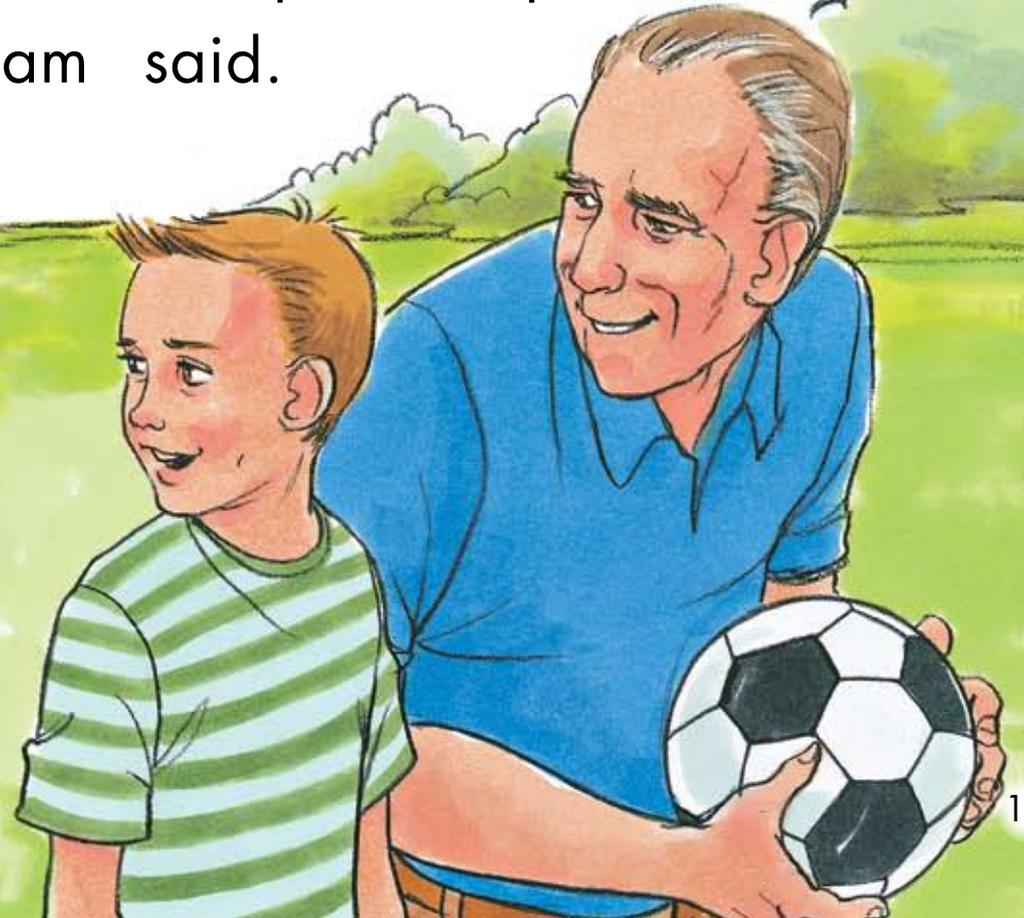
“I kicked the ball to you,”
Jesse said.

“You just wanted to save
your ants,” Sam said.



Papa smiled. “It **was**
a good kick,” he said.
Sam looked at Jesse.

“You did help me get
the ball past Papa,”
Sam said.



“We make a good team,”
Sam said.

“Yes, we do,” Jesse said.
“You, me, and the ants!”

