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## About This Book

Our storybook is more than just a heartwarming story; it's a powerful and innovative tool for learning, designed by the lexicographers at Wordsmyth for K-3 readers.

### **The Wordsmyth Difference: A Two-List Approach to Vocabulary**

This book features a unique and deliberate approach to vocabulary building, ensuring children not only understand the story but also grow their academic language skills.

- **Words to Understand the Story:** These are topic-specific words—such as "flashlight," "ranger," and "campground"—that are crucial for comprehending the narrative. These words are defined with kid-friendly definitions and displayed right on the page where the word occurs.
- **Vocabulary to Grow With:** Woven seamlessly into the story are words from the **Wordsmyth Vocabulary Inventory (WVI)**. The WVI is our research-based list of the 10,000 most important words for academic success. By encountering these words in a natural storytelling context, children build a strong vocabulary foundation that will improve their reading comprehension for years to come. A glossary of the WVI words from the story is listed at the end of the book for young readers to review.





Sam was excited. Tomorrow he would get up early to go camping with his dad in the big forest! He was dreaming of taking a hike with his dad and finding a fun place to go fishing. At night, they would make a fire outside their tent. They would cook their dinner and listen to the sounds of the forest, just he and his dad.



“The weather is just right for camping,” said Sam’s dad.  
“It’s going to be cool and sunny.”

“**Hooray!**” shouted Sam.

Sam went to his room. What should he pack? A flashlight. A jacket. A hat. A sweater. But then he remembered the **marshmallows!** He went to the kitchen and hoped he could fit a whole bag of them in his backpack.

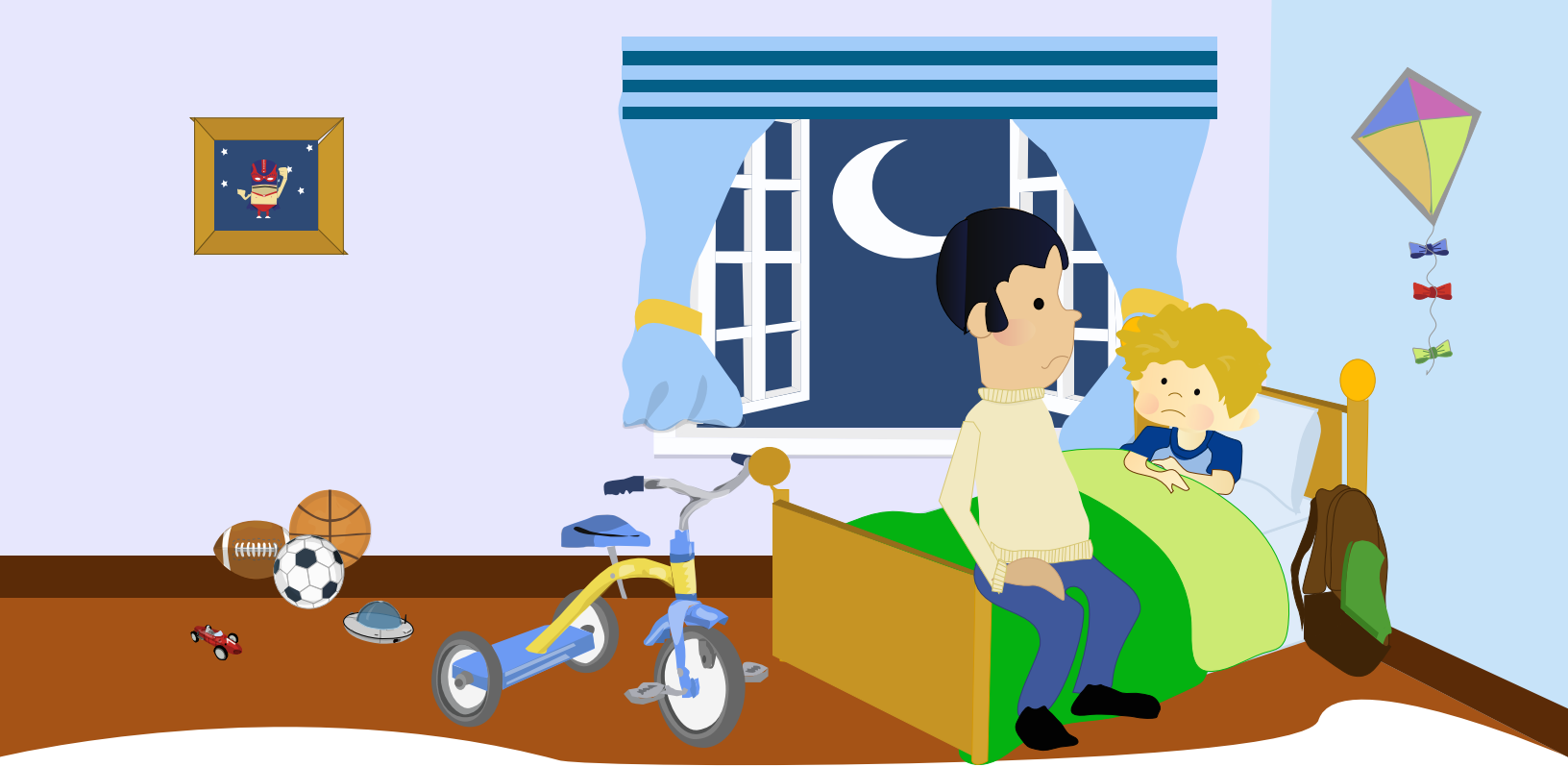
Hooray! They fit! Camping was going to be great!



**Hooray** is something we sometimes say or shout when we are very happy about something.

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A **marshmallow** is a very soft candy that is very light and full of air. Marshmallows are usually white and shaped like small, round pillows.



Sam's dad came in to say goodnight. Sam was already in bed. His dad looked very serious.

"Sam," he said, "I do not know if we can go camping."

"Why not?" asked Sam. He looked surprised.

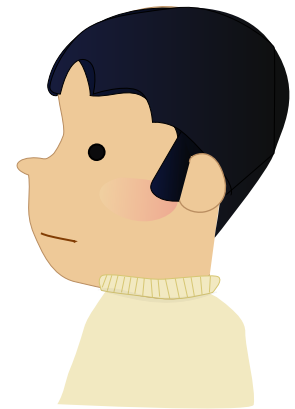
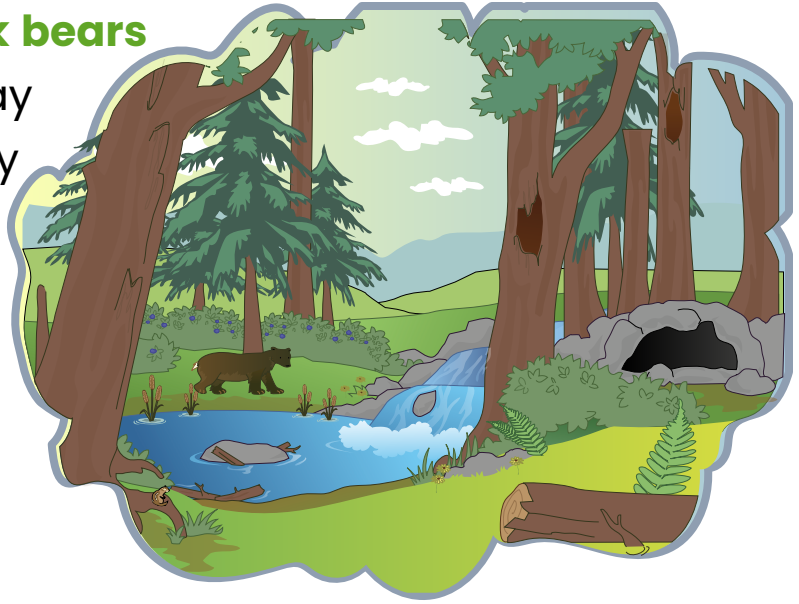
“There is a report of **black bears** walking along the highway outside of the forest. They might close the road to the campground.”

“I will check in the morning, Sam.”

“Okay, Dad.”

“Goodnight Sam.”

“Goodnight Dad.”



A **black bear** is a kind of bear. It has thick fur that is usually black or reddish brown. Its size is medium compared with other bears. Black bears are the most common bears in North America, and they live in forests and mountain areas. During the winter, they go into a kind of deep sleep, which is called hibernating.