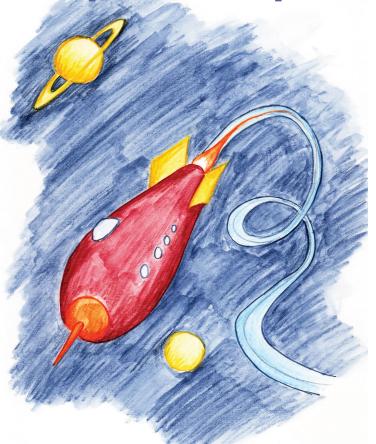
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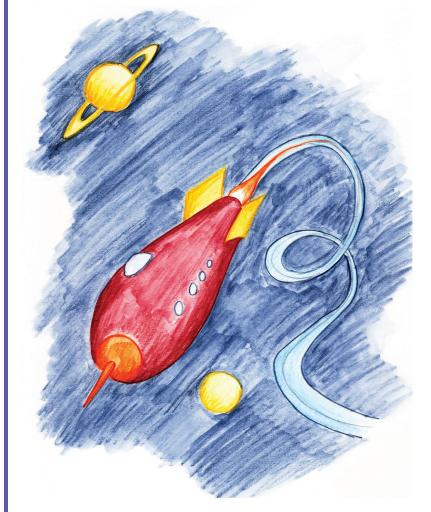
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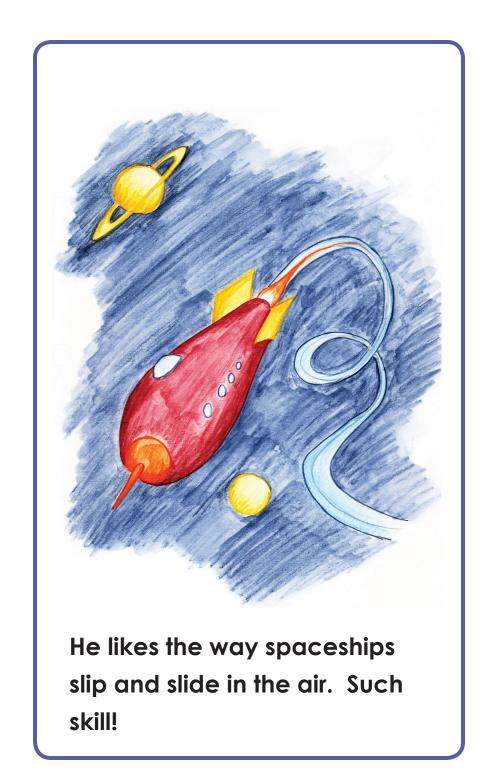


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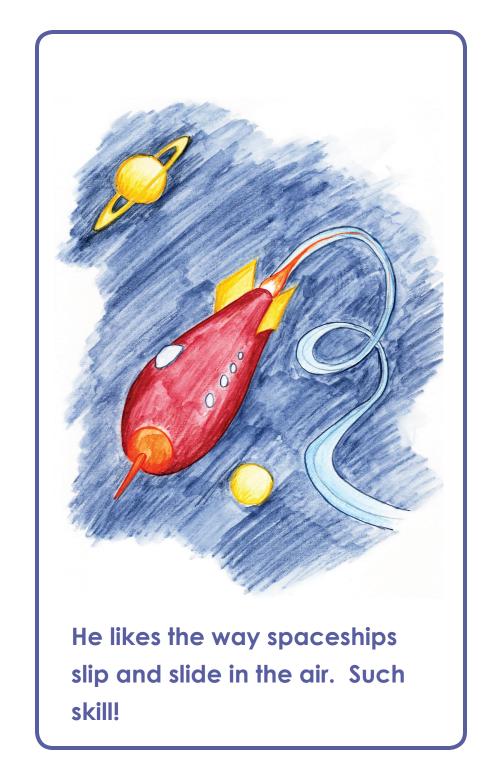


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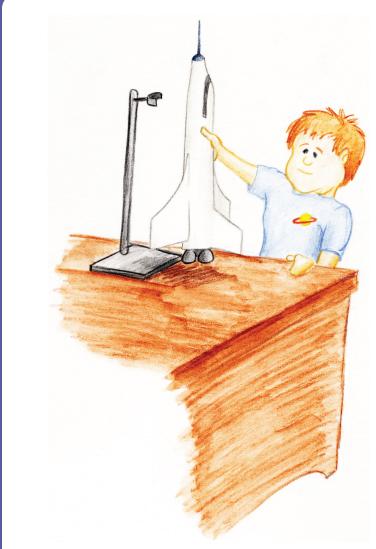




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Scott smiles with pride as he grips it and makes it float in space.

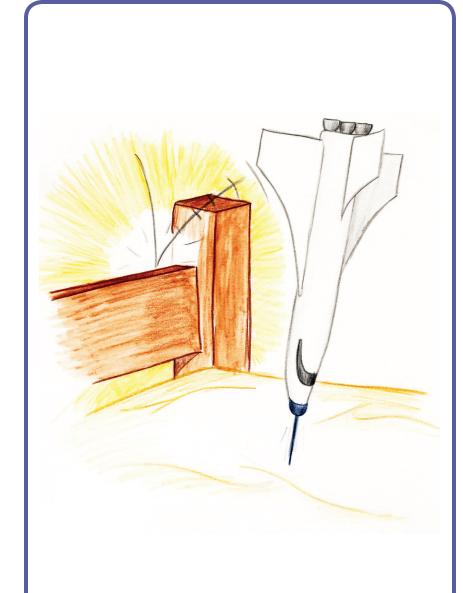


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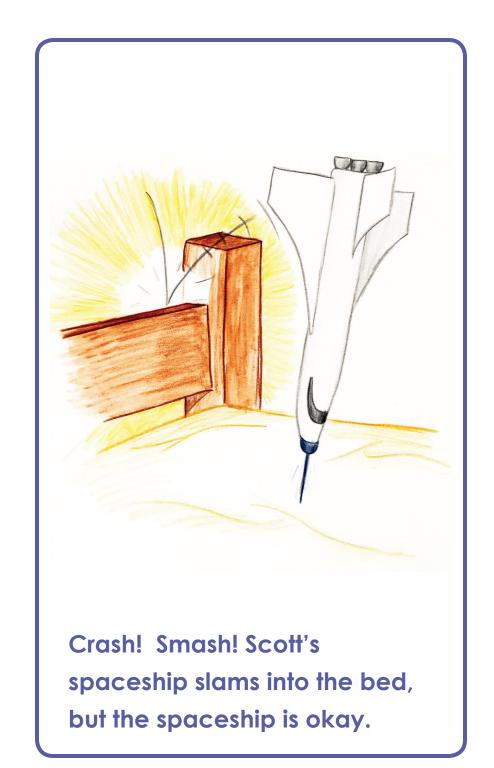
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Crash! Smash! Scott's spaceship slams into the bed, but the spaceship is okay.



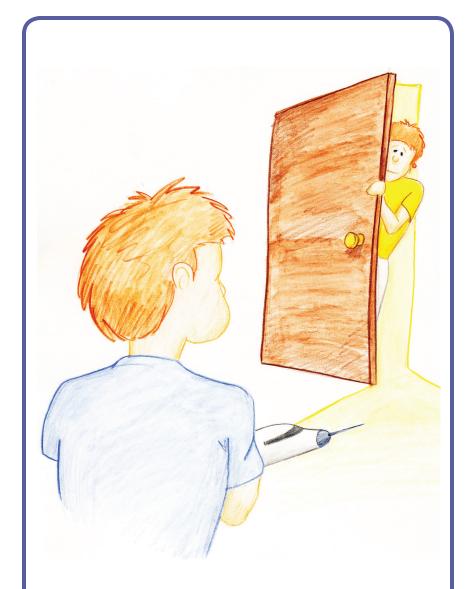
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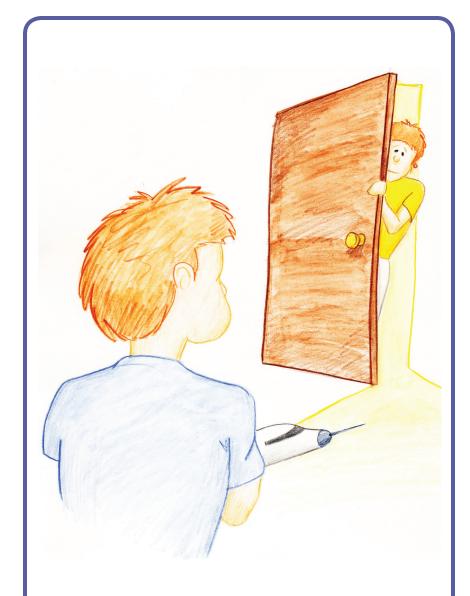


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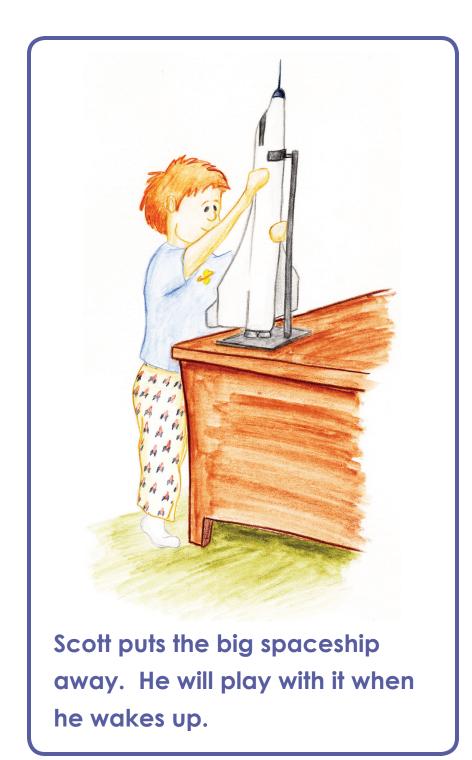


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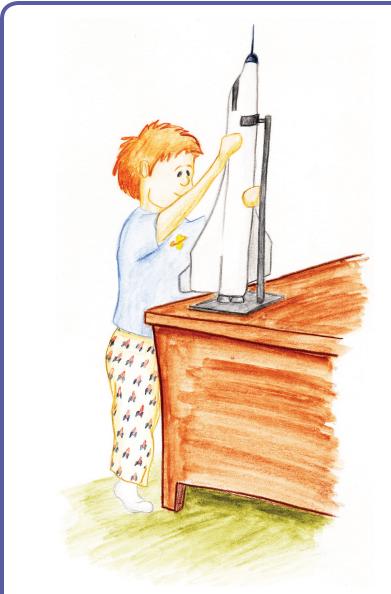
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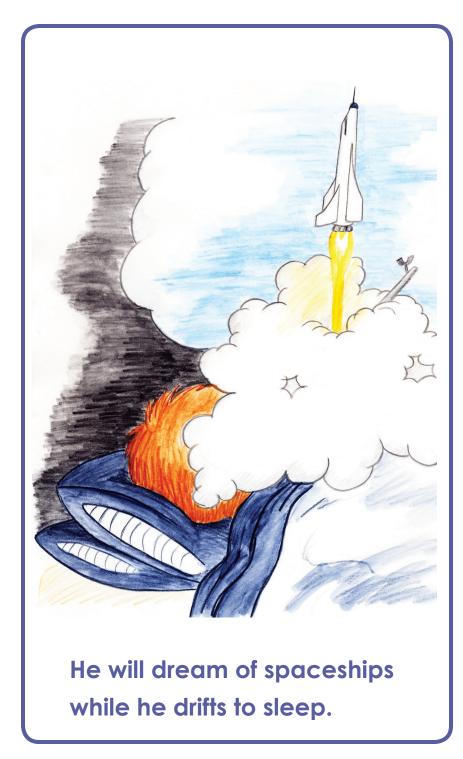


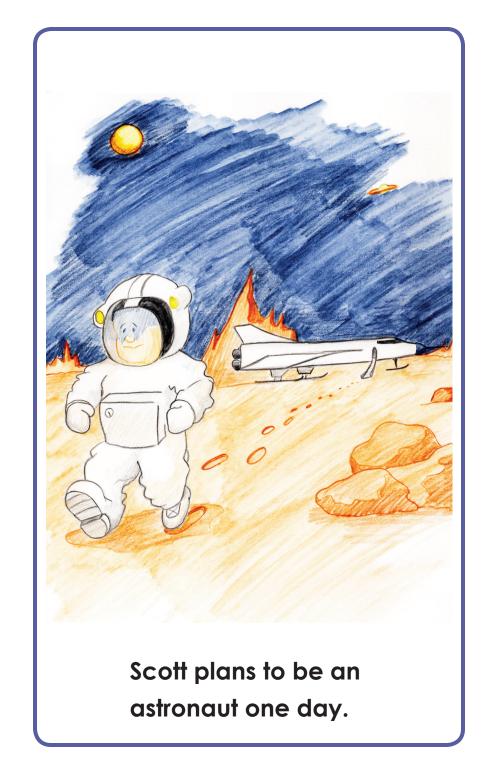




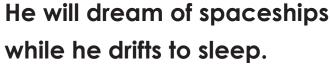
Scott puts the big spaceship away. He will play with it when he wakes up.

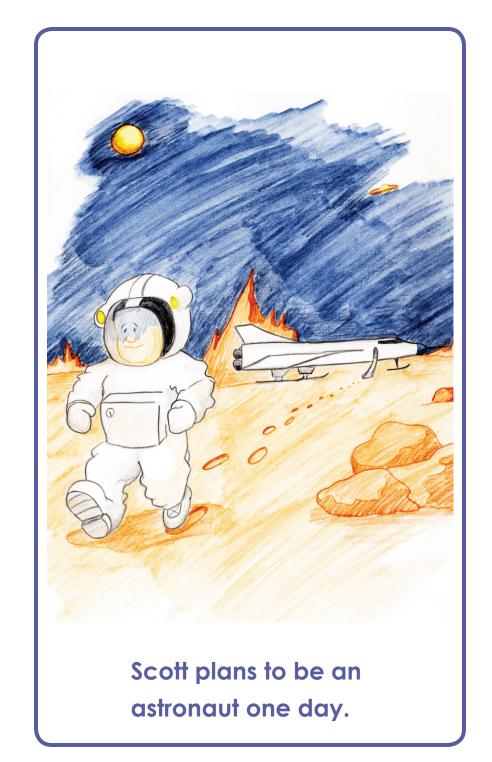














#### Comprehension (discussion with reader)

- 1. How old is Scott?
- 2. Where does Scott keep his big white spaceship?
- 3. What does Scott's mom hear from the den?
- 4. What does Scott's mom tell Scott to do?
- 5. Who wants to be an astronaut one day?

#### Conversation Time

- 1. When you are outside and you look up, what do you see? Have you ever thought about what is beyond the clouds? (sun, moon, stars, planets)
- 2. Spaceships were designed so that we could find out more about what is in the skies way beyond the clouds. Do you know what an astronaut is? It is someone who flies in a spaceship into space. In 1969, a man named Neil Armstrong, an astronaut from America, flew in a spaceship to the moon and was the first person ever to walk on the moon! Astronauts wear special suits to protect them in space and to help them breathe while in space.
- 3. When spaceships take off, the control center "counts down" to launch time. Can you count backward from 10?

#### Sequencing

Draw a line to the numbers to show the order in which these things happened in the story. Can you remember? (If you prefer, you can point to them.)

















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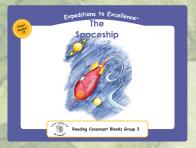
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