

JOIN the HOME FIRE SAFETY PATROL!



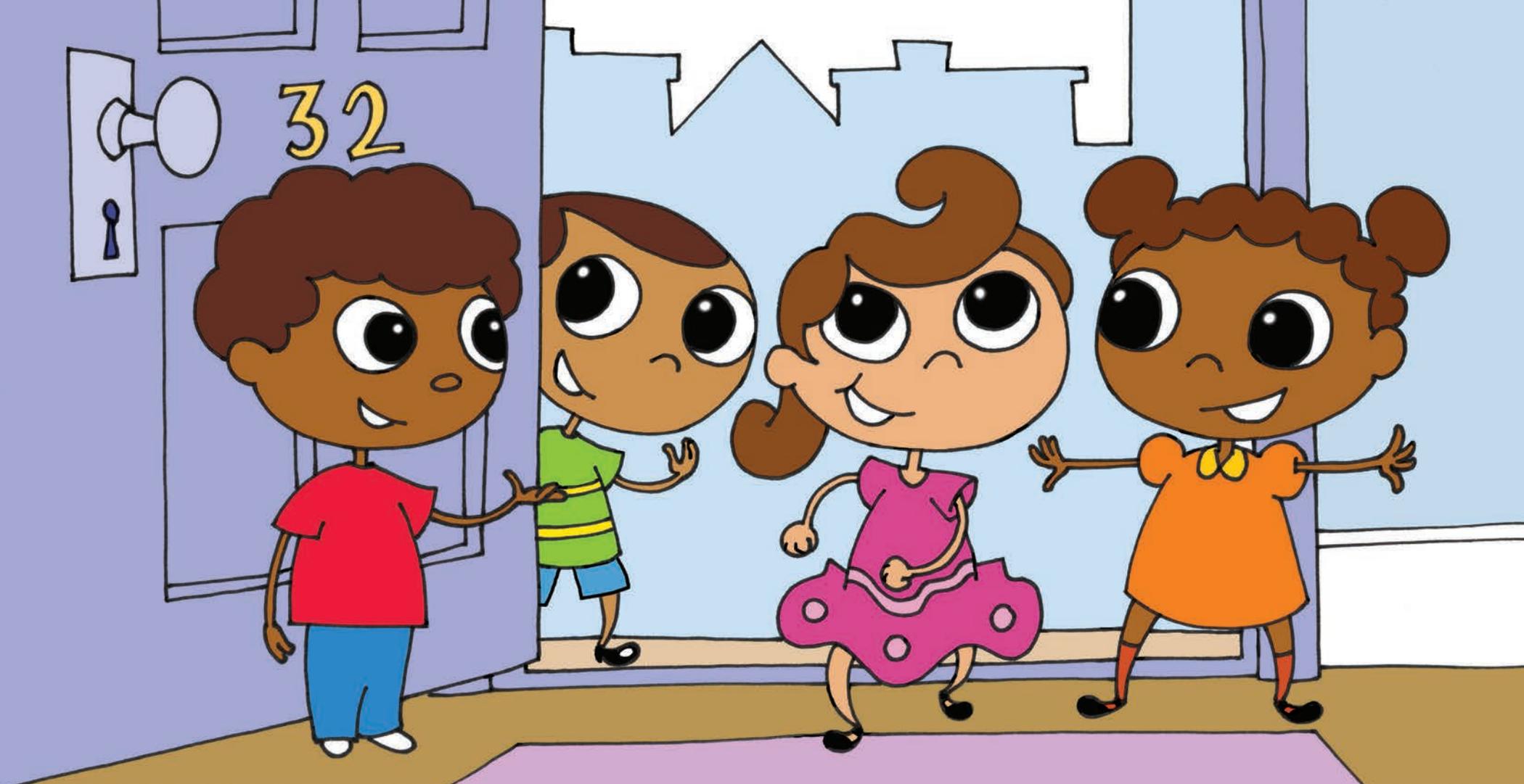


Meet the Home Fire Safety Patrol.

“We help families stay safe from fire,” said Miguel.

“With smoke alarms!” said Sophia.

“And a home fire escape plan!” said Ava.



Today the Safety Patrol is visiting Taylor's home.

"Let's start by looking for smoke alarms," said Sophia, "They sound a warning when a fire gets started so you have time to get out fast!"



“You should have at least one smoke alarm on every floor of your home,” said Ava. “That’s so you get a warning no matter where a fire starts.”

“And you should have a smoke alarm in every bedroom and in other places where people sleep,” said Miguel, “to wake you up if a fire starts while you are asleep.”

Can you spot the smoke alarms in Taylor’s home? Does his family have at least one on every floor?

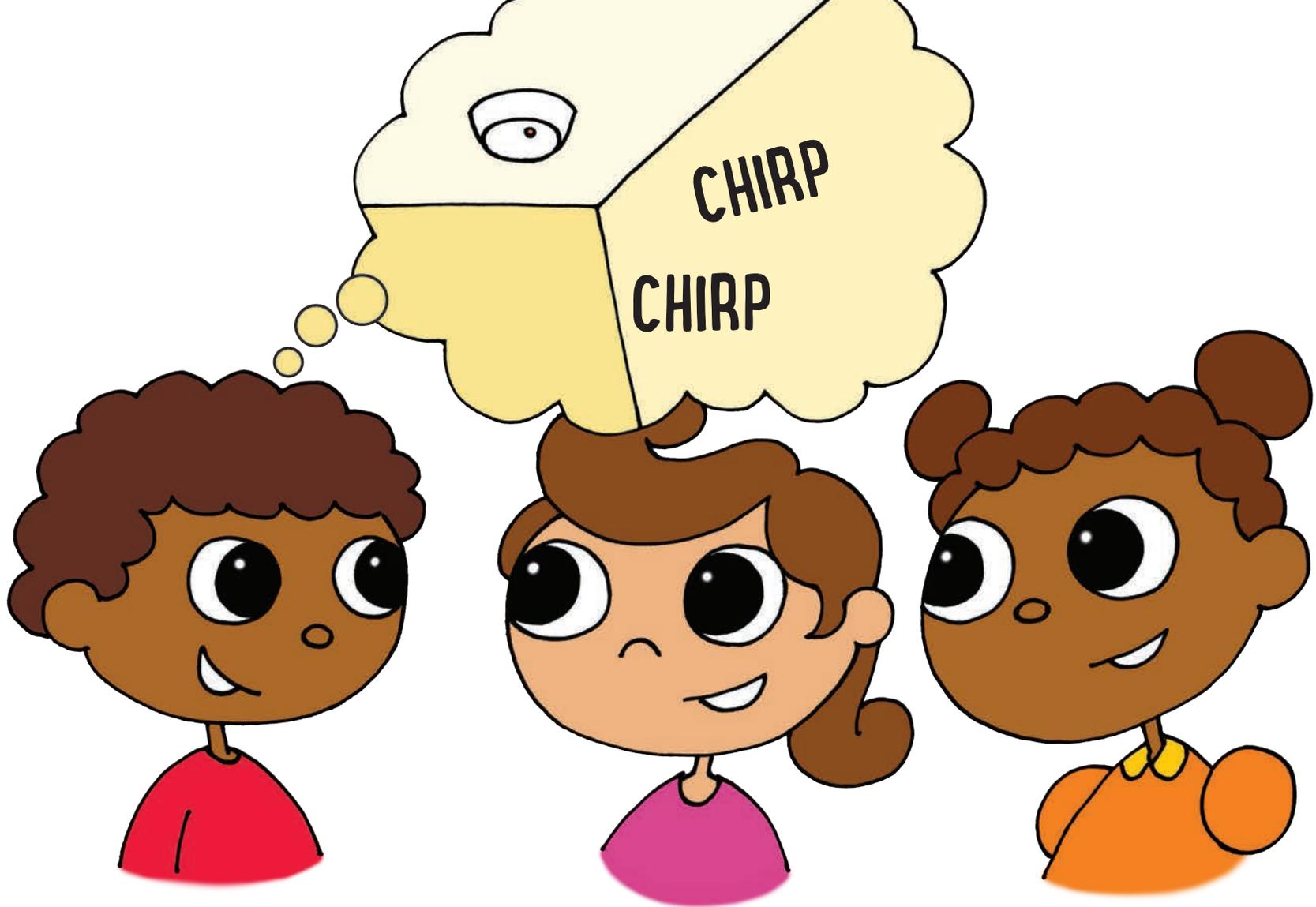


“Do you test your smoke alarms every month?” asked Sophia.

“You bet,” said Taylor. “My mom is testing them today!”

The Safety Patrol went from room to room with Taylor’s mom, testing every smoke alarm. When Taylor’s mom pushed the test button, they heard a loud BEEP-BEEP-BEEP!

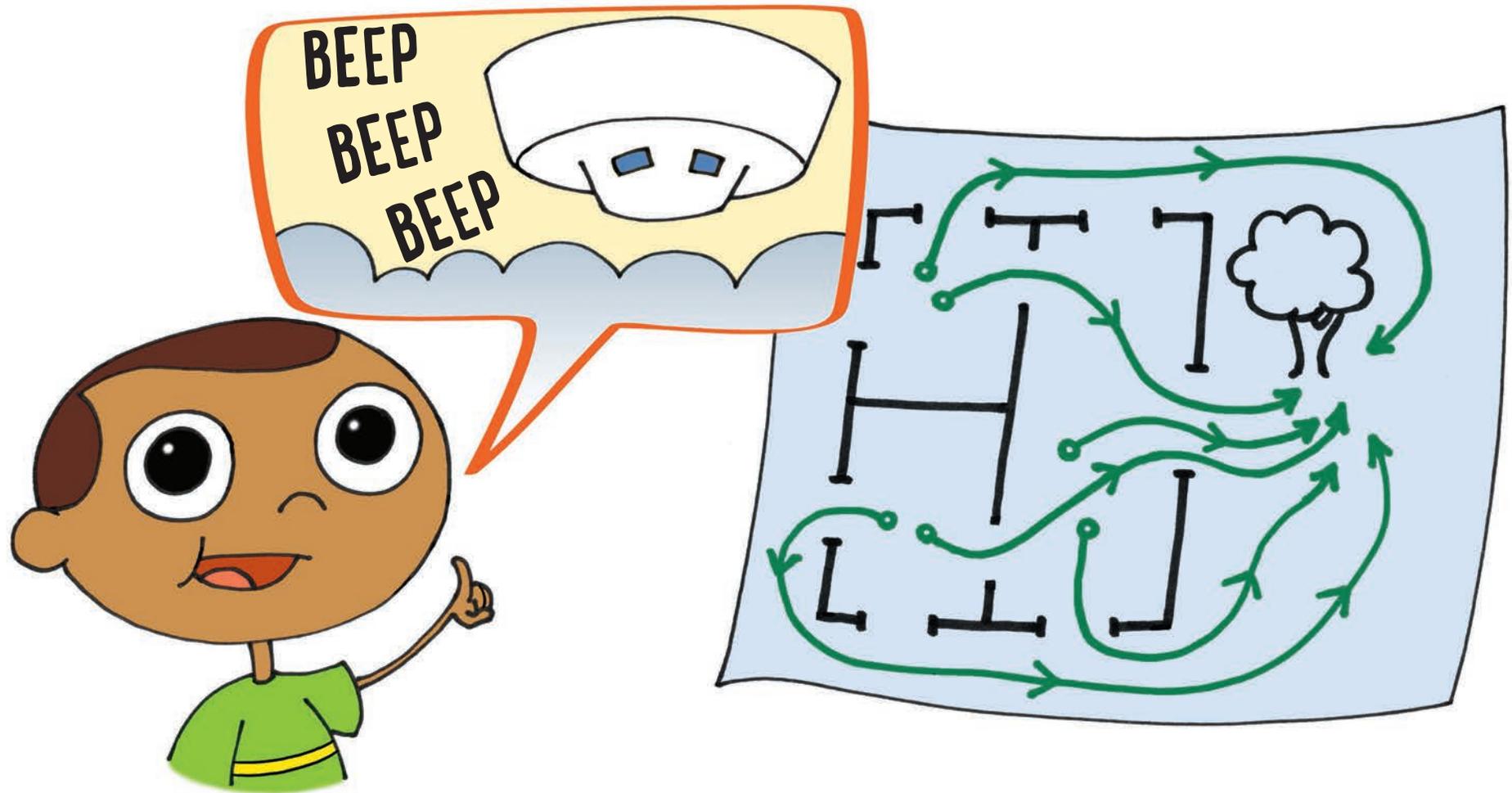
“That sound means the smoke alarm is working,” said Miguel. “And that’s the sound you will hear if there is a fire.”



“One time I heard a smoke alarm make a CHIRP CHIRP sound, like a bird,” said Taylor. “What does that sound mean?”

“It means that the battery is getting old,” said Sophia. “A smoke alarm says CHIRP CHIRP when it needs a new battery.”

“That’s right,” said Ava. “You should either put in a new battery or get a new alarm.”



Miguel said, “Before we go, let’s practice what to do when you hear a smoke alarm go BEEP-BEEP-BEEP!”

“That sound means there’s a fire,” said Taylor, “so we have to get out fast!”

“Very fast,” said Miguel. “Everyone should be able to get outside in less than 3 minutes.”

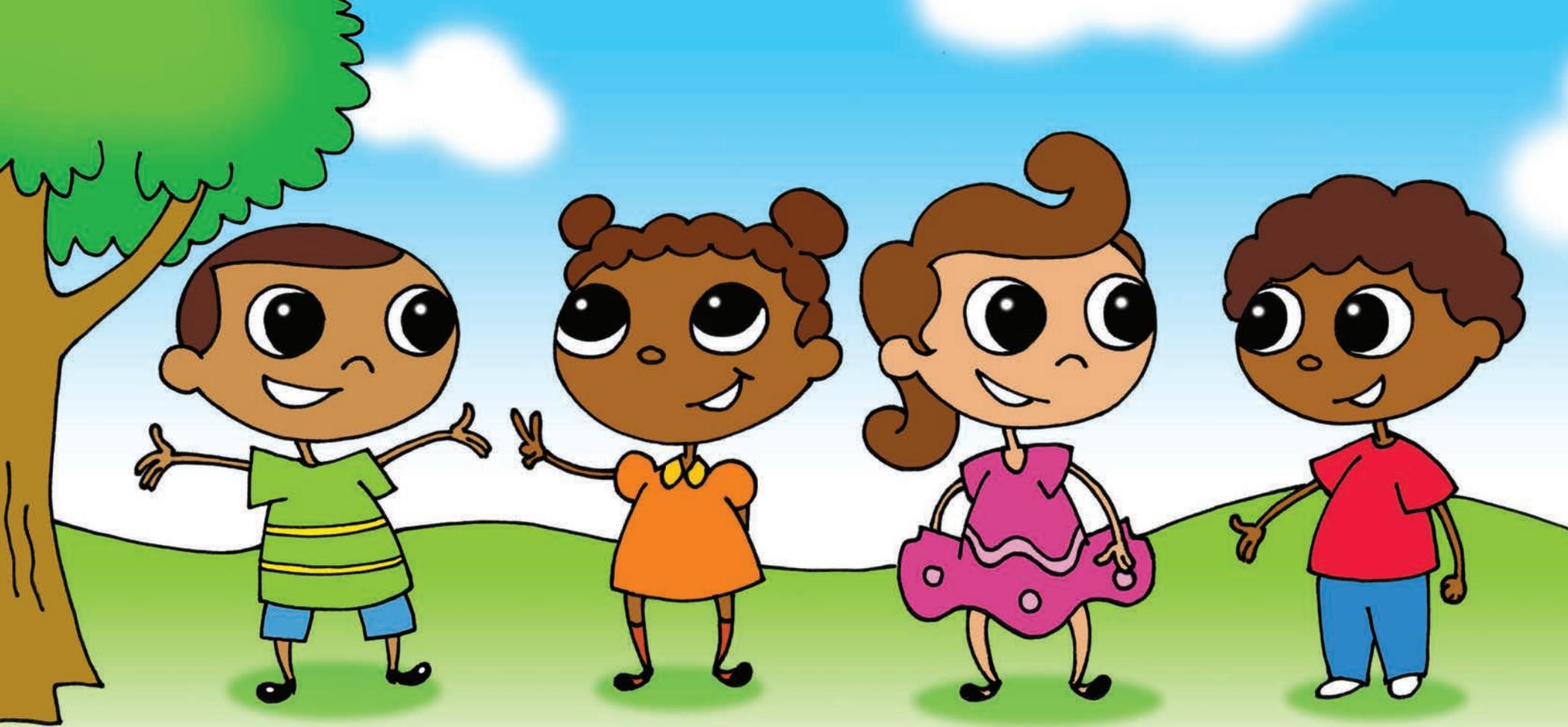
“That’s why you need a home fire escape plan,” said Ava. “Make a map that shows two ways out of every room in your home, so you can get out fast no matter where a fire starts. Draw your outside meeting place. You can call 9-1-1 from there.”



The Home Fire Safety Patrol helped Taylor draw a home fire escape map for his home. Then they all practiced the plan.

“Remember,” said Sophia, “GET LOW AND GO when you are escaping a fire. Smoke rises, so when you stay low, you’re breathing the cleaner air close to the floor.”

“Get out fast! Close the door behind you,” said Ava. “Go to your meeting place!”



“We made it in less than 3 minutes,” said Miguel. “That’s great!”

“Your family should practice your escape plan twice a year,” said Ava. “The more you practice, the faster you can get outside to safety if there’s a fire.”

“And remember,” said Sophia, “once you get outside, never, ever go back into a burning home. It’s too dangerous. Call 9-1-1 and wait for the firefighters. They’ll know what to do.”

“Thanks,” said Taylor. “I’ve learned a lot about home fire safety today.”

What have you learned about home fire safety? Tell your family how to make your home safe.