

WORK THE PUZZLE

The first puzzle you would work on is a simple one, like a peg puzzle. A puzzle like that would have larger pieces, bright colors, and clear pictures, so it is easy to put together.

DO YOU LIKE PUZZLES? PUZZLES CAN BE FUN AND CHALLENGING!

EACH PUZZLE IS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER. SOME PUZZLES ARE MORE CHALLENGING AND REQUIRE MORE TIME AND SKILL TO COMPLETE.

As you get better at doing puzzles, you start working on ones that are a little harder—a more detailed picture with more colors and pieces. It will usually take you longer to do a bigger puzzle, but with practice and perseverance you are able to complete it.

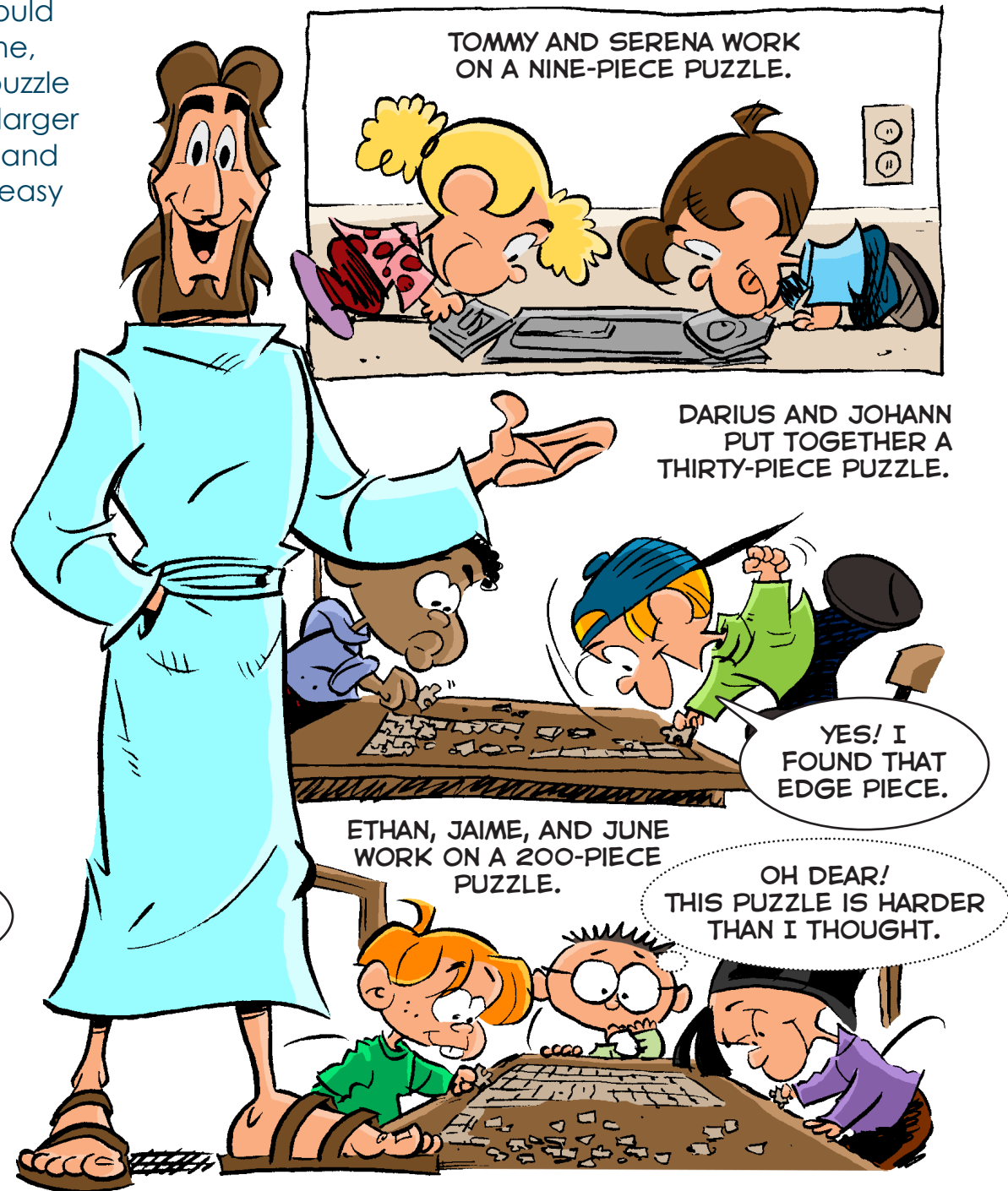
TOMMY AND SERENA WORK ON A NINE-PIECE PUZZLE.

DARIUS AND JOHANN PUT TOGETHER A THIRTY-PIECE PUZZLE.

ETHAN, JAIME, AND JUNE WORK ON A 200-PIECE PUZZLE.

YES! I FOUND THAT EDGE PIECE.

OH DEAR! THIS PUZZLE IS HARDER THAN I THOUGHT.



Eventually, you'll be able to put together puzzles with several hundreds or even thousands of pieces, but it takes time to get to that point. You have to understand how the pieces fit together and how to match the colors, details, and shapes of your pieces to the puzzle you are working to complete. A bigger puzzle will take you more time to work on; in fact, it could take you several days or weeks to complete a bigger puzzle.



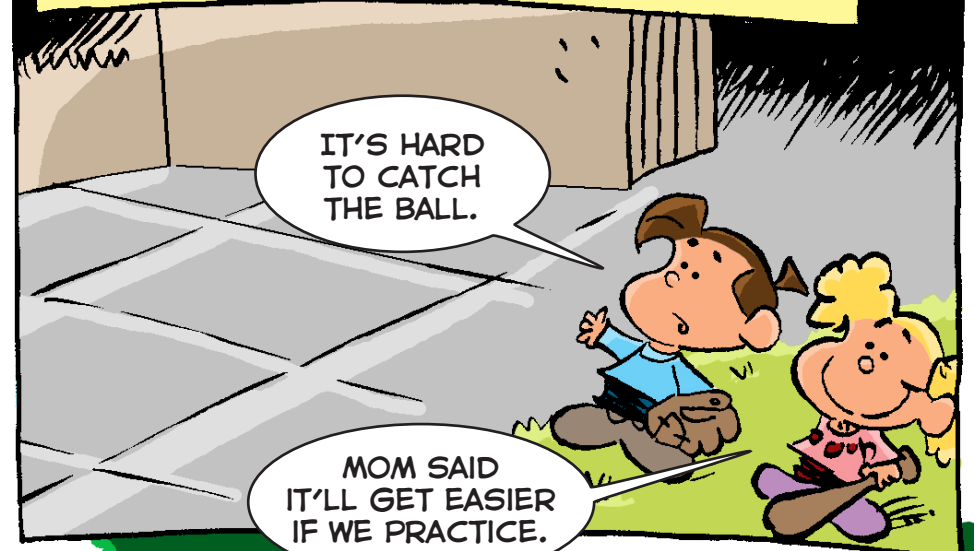
GROWING UP, YOU ARE ALWAYS LEARNING NEW THINGS.



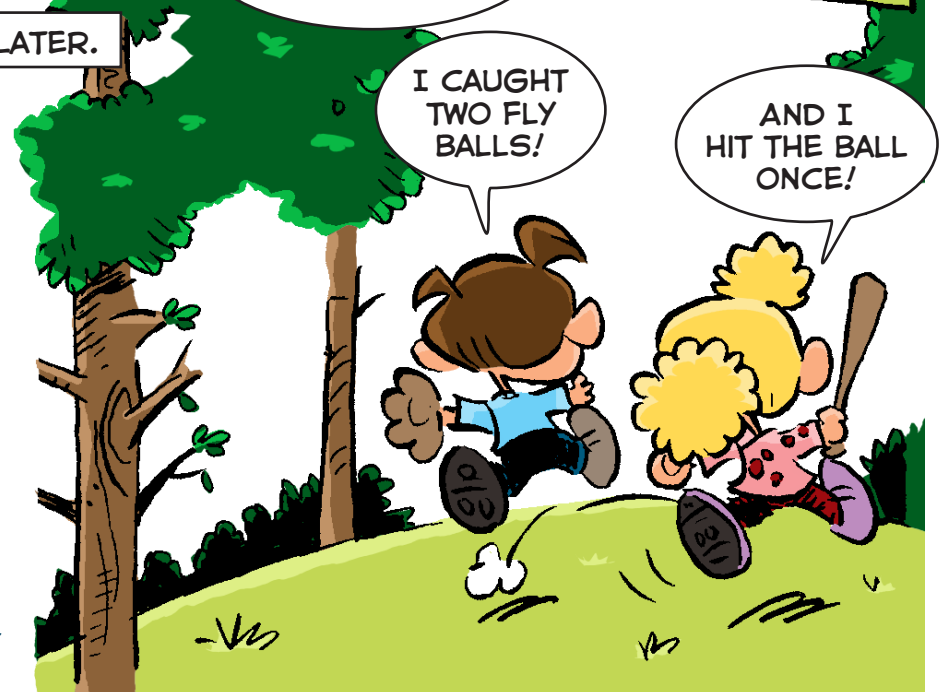
When you are very little, you learn how to do simple and basic tasks, like walking, washing your hands, or eating on your own. Then as you get older, you learn to do harder tasks—putting away your toys, helping with chores around the house, and learning to read and write. These tasks are more challenging and often require you to do them repeatedly before they become easy for you.

Then, you start learning to do even more challenging tasks—caring for others, helping your parents, and learning new subjects in school.

Welcoming new challenges is not always easy, and you may sometimes wish that they were as easy as some of the things you learned when you were younger.



LATER.



Making good decisions is also a part of growing up. As you get older, you are faced with challenging choices, especially when they involve other people.

CAN YOU COME OVER FOR A SLEEPOVER TOMORROW, JOHANN?

I-I ... MAYBE...

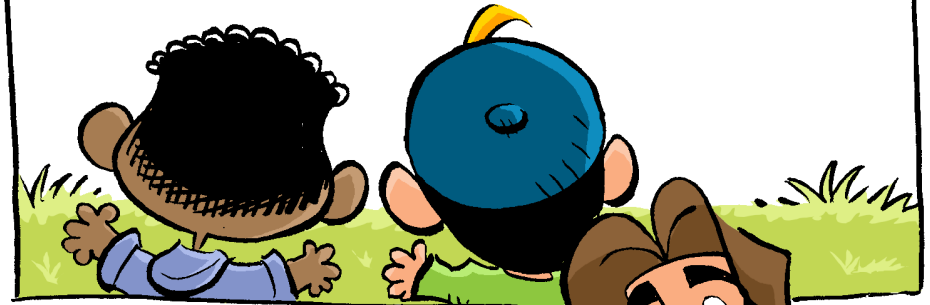
Learning to make choices that make others happy as well as yourself is a part of growing up. It requires that you think about others and what will bring them joy.

Sometimes that means you may not be able to do what you want, or you have to change your plans. It's a bit like doing a harder puzzle; some pieces look like they might fit, but when you try to match them up, the color isn't right or the shape isn't going to work. So you have to try another piece or several different pieces until you find just the right fit.

PLEEEAASSEE!

I WAS GOING TO WORK ON BUILDING MY LEGO® SPACESHIP TOMORROW.

I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU MUCH THIS SUMMER, AND IT WOULD BE FUN TO HANG OUT TOGETHER.



Every new thing you learn is helping to grow you up and make you ready for the next step of growth you face.

Sometimes the choice is not always easy.

ACTUALLY, THAT SOUNDS LIKE FUN. I'LL ASK MY MOM.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO? THE SPACESHIP OR THE BOARD GAME?

LET'S GO WITH YOUR PLAN. WE CAN WORK ON MY SPACESHIP ANOTHER TIME.

AND I HAVE A NEW LEGO® SPACESHIP WE CAN BUILD TOGETHER, IF YOU WANT.

I ALSO HAVE A NEW BOARD GAME THAT I WANTED TO PLAY WITH YOU.

WELL, THE SPACESHIP IS PRETTY HARD AND WILL TAKE A LOT OF TIME TO BUILD.

WORKING TOGETHER TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT IS NOT ALWAYS EASY, BUT THOSE LITTLE DECISIONS HELP TO TRAIN YOU FOR THE BIGGER CHOICES YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE AS YOU GROW UP.