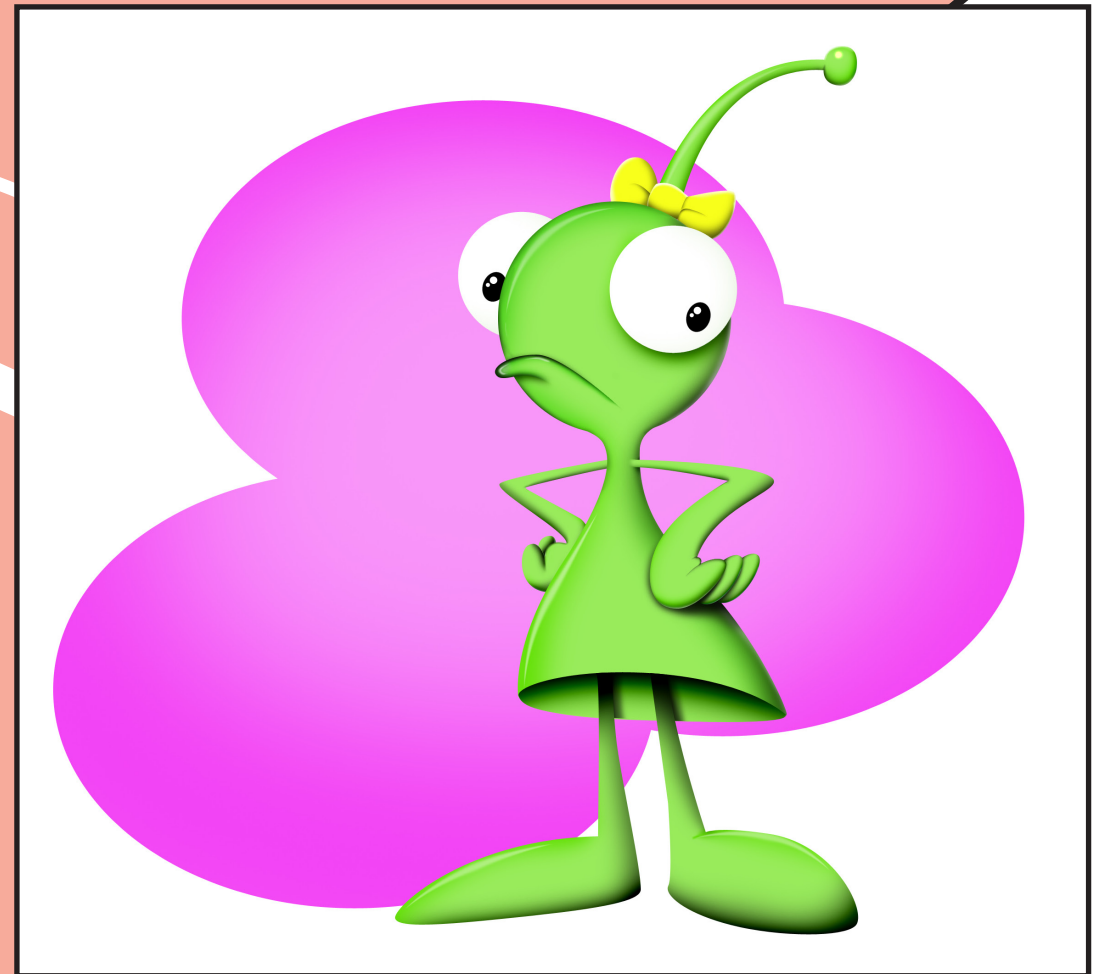


# LITTLE BOSSY

There once was a dame,  
Little Bossy was her name,  
Who at school or at play  
Wanted things done her way.

"In everything, treat people the  
same way you want them to treat  
you." (Matthew 7:12 NASB®)



With a squeal or a stomp,  
A loud yell or a chomp,  
She ordered her friends, "Go here, go there."  
If it bothered her friends, she didn't care.

"Little Bossy, be nice to your friends.  
Or playtime will come to an unhappy end!"  
Her mother would often plead,  
But Bossy would not concede.





"Playing with you makes us sad;  
You make us feel angry and mad.  
We can't always do things *your way*,"  
Bossy's friends told her one day.

With a huff and puff,  
And a growl that was gruff,  
Bossy cried, "It's not fair!"  
As she ran down the stairs.



"Why, Bossy, dear,  
What's this that I hear?"  
Her mom asked with a sigh,  
As her little girl let out a cry.

"My friends won't listen to me;  
They're as naughty as can be!"  
Bossy was red in the face;  
Her hair was displaced.





"Calm down, my dear.  
Please listen and you will hear,  
That your friends like things their way too.  
Be kind, as you want them to be to you."

"If you always shout and yell  
Your friends will bid you farewell  
To find a friend who is kind and sweet  
And listens when they speak."

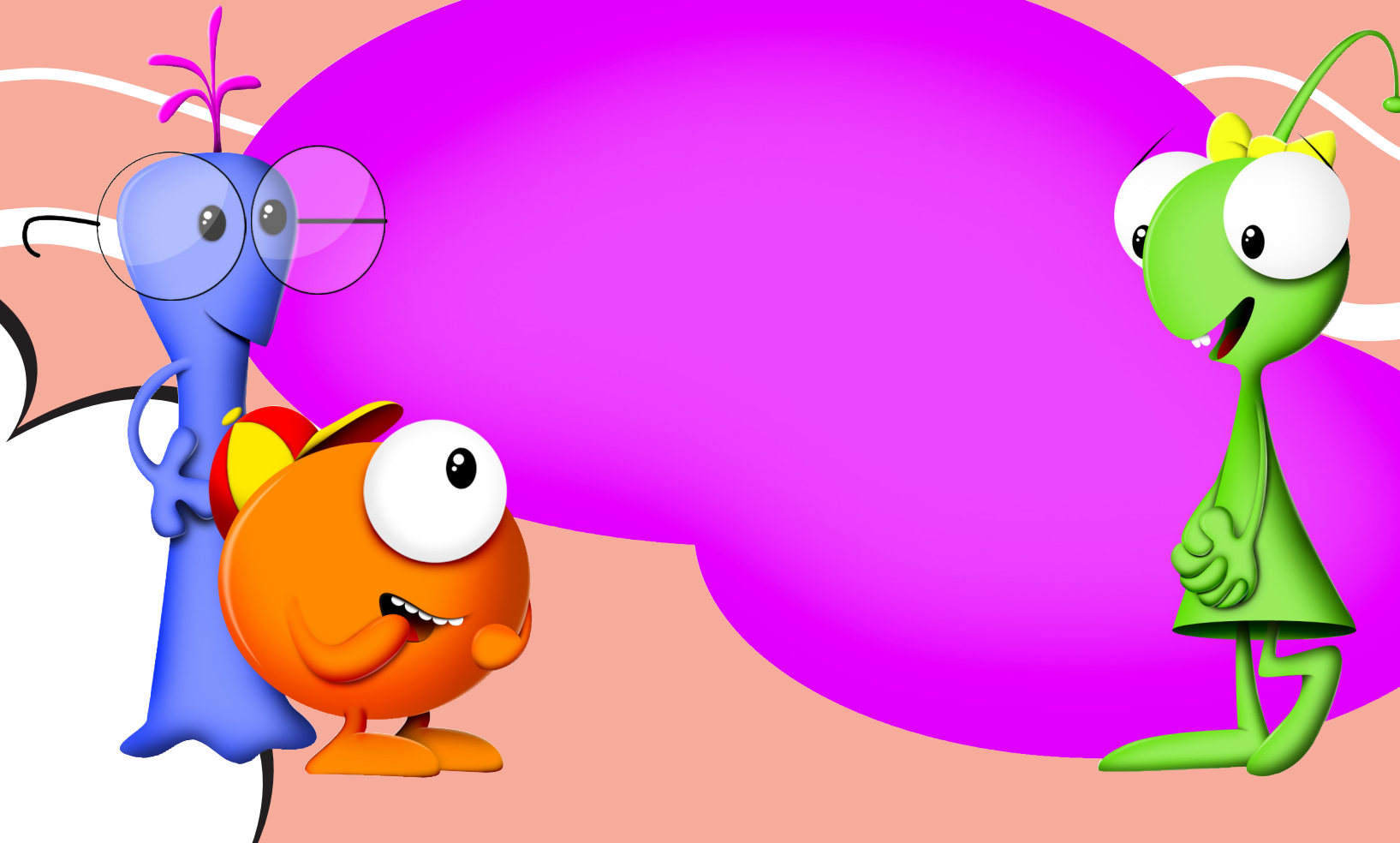
Little Bossy thought a little,  
And then squirmed and wiggled  
When she thought of how sad it'd be  
If her bossiness caused dear friends to flee.

"I will try to be kind,  
Even when I find  
That my friends want to use their doll  
To run down a field playing football."



"I will try to listen and not shout  
Even when I want to pout."  
Little Bossy felt better already,  
And her pretty smile grew steady.

Bossy went to make amends,  
"I'm so sorry, my friends!  
My bossiness stops today!  
I will try to be nice, always."





And before too long  
She had righted the wrong.  
Now happier times they all share  
Since she replaced bossiness with care.



Are you someone who squeals  
And flaps and barks like a seal  
When things don't go your way?  
Why not try a little thing  
That'll make you king of the ring?  
Choose what others want to play.



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