

Pippa and Paul playing safely in the water

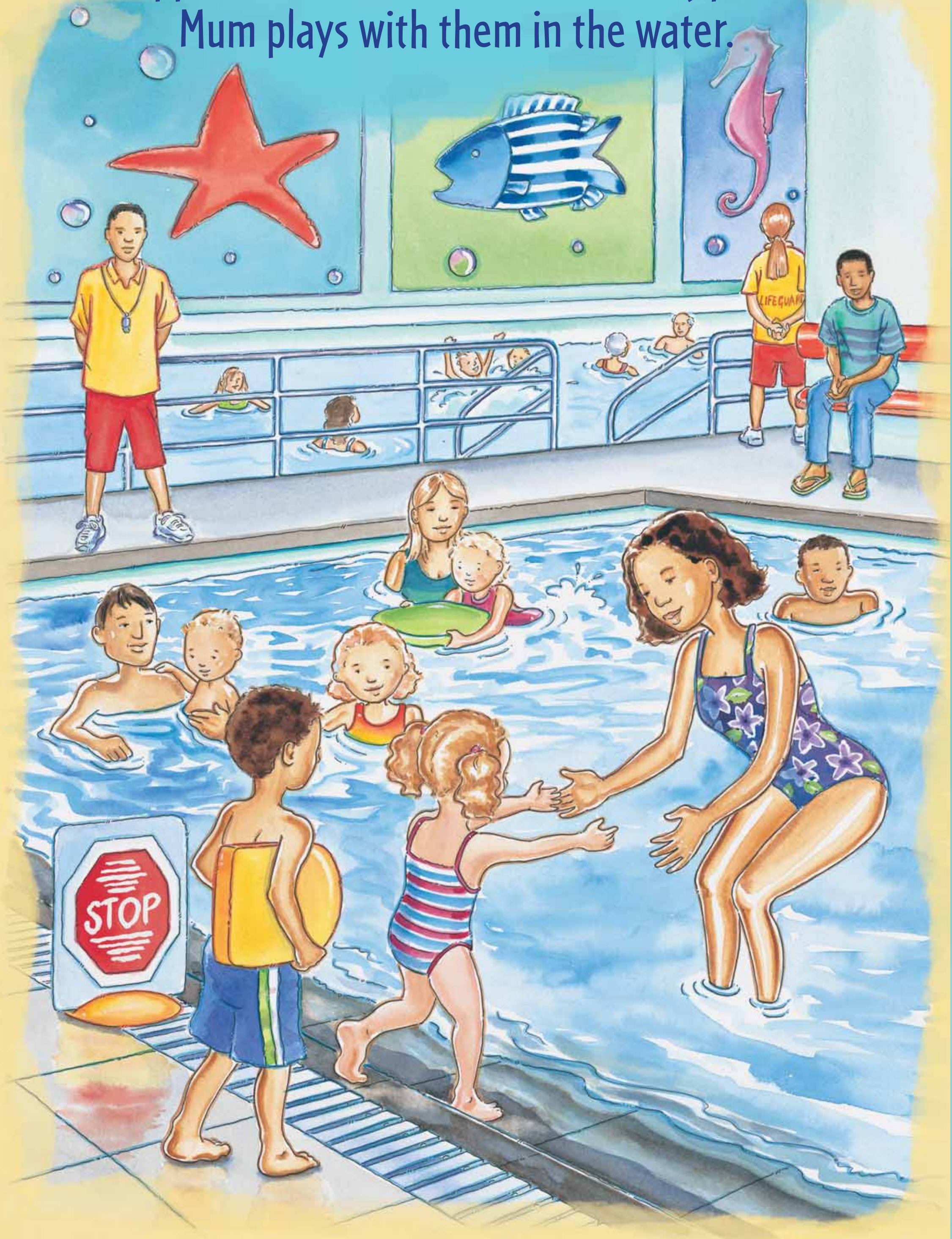


Pippa and Paul go down to the river.
Mum is there to keep them safe.

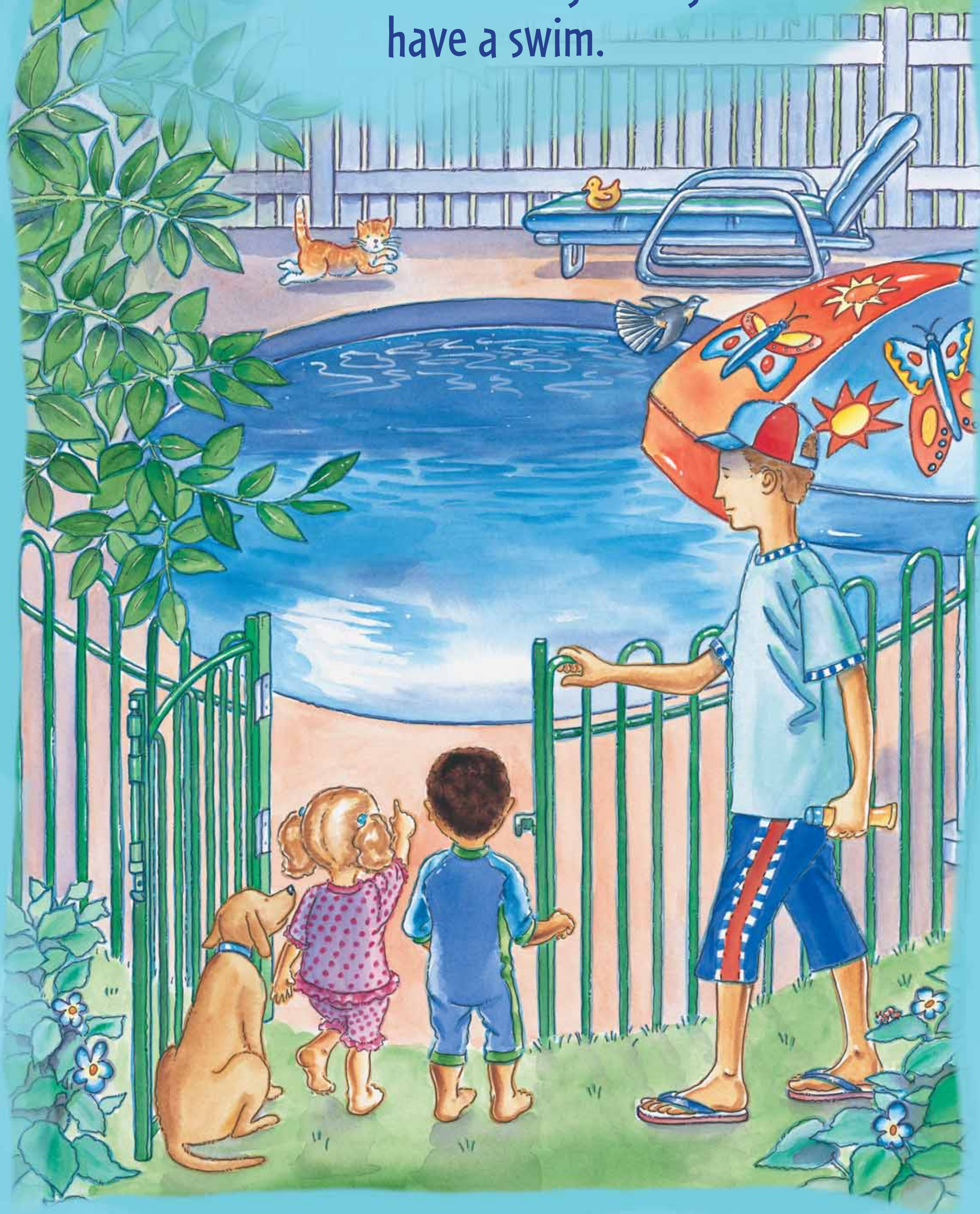




Pippa and Paul are at the swimming pool.
Mum plays with them in the water.



Pippa and Paul have a pool at home.
Dad takes them through the gate to
have a swim.





Pippa and Paul are ready for a bath.
Mum is there to keep them safe.



Pippa and Paul are at the beach.
Pippa splashes in the waves.
Mum is close by Pippa to keep her safe.

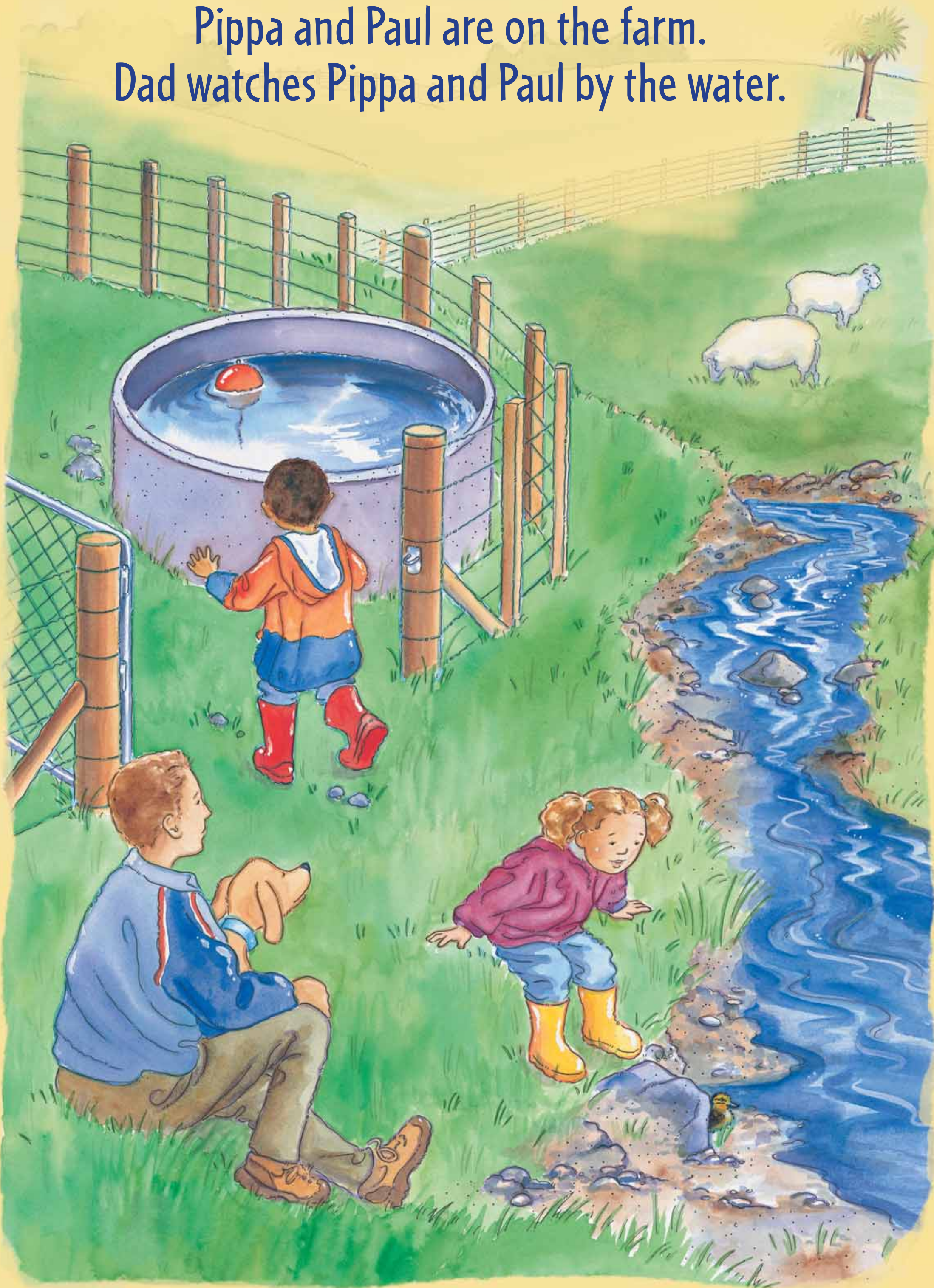




Pippa and Paul are having
fun with water.
Dad watches Paul.
Mum watches Pippa.



Pippa and Paul are on the farm.
Dad watches Pippa and Paul by the water.



Information for those who read the book with children

This book provides opportunities to learn that **'When we play with water we need a Mum or Dad or a grown-up/adult to watch us.'**

There are eight scenarios in this picture book. It is not expected you will read and discuss all scenarios with the children at the same time, but rather read the book over a period of time. Each reading provides the opportunity to reinforce the prior learning and add one or two new scenarios.

Cover page

Use questioning and the front cover picture to establish that Pippa and Paul and Mum and Dad are a family and Pippa and Paul are playing safely in the water because Mum and Dad are there to look out for them and make sure they don't get hurt.

Other pages

Use a piece of card or your hand and remove Mum and/or Dad from the picture and ask questions like the ones below to discuss the ideas that:

- Pippa and Paul are only safe playing in the water if Mum or Dad is watching them.
- No Mum or no Dad or no grown-up/adult - no play with water.

What is happening in the picture?

Are Pippa and Paul safe?

Who needs to be watching them to keep them safe around water?

Is this safe? (Mum or Dad covered up)

Is this safe now? (Mum or Dad back in the picture)

Who watches us when we go to the beach (or river etc)?

Why do we need Mum or Dad or an grown-up/adult to watch us when we are near or in the water?

What do we do if there is no Mum or Dad or grown-up/adult? (We stay away from the water, we don't play with or in the water.)

Home pool

Although home pools are fenced with secure self-locking gates, every year on average four under-5-year-olds drown in unattended home pools. If it is appropriate extend children's thinking to include the ideas that:

- the water in the pool is deep so we would be in trouble if we fell in and Mum or Dad or another grown-up/adult was not there to help us
- if we find the pool gate open we go and tell Mum or Dad or a grown-up/adult so they can shut the gate and keep us safe. We do not go through the gate to the pool.

Some background information that relates to specific safety and supervision issues in each situation is provided in the parents' information sheet *Be WaterWise - Keep kids safe near water*.

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