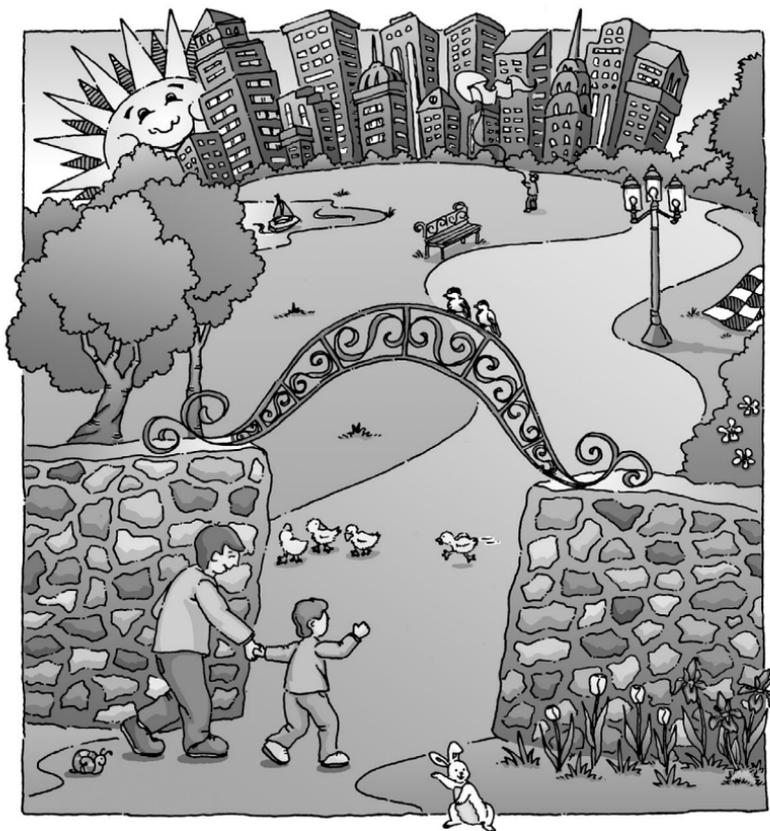


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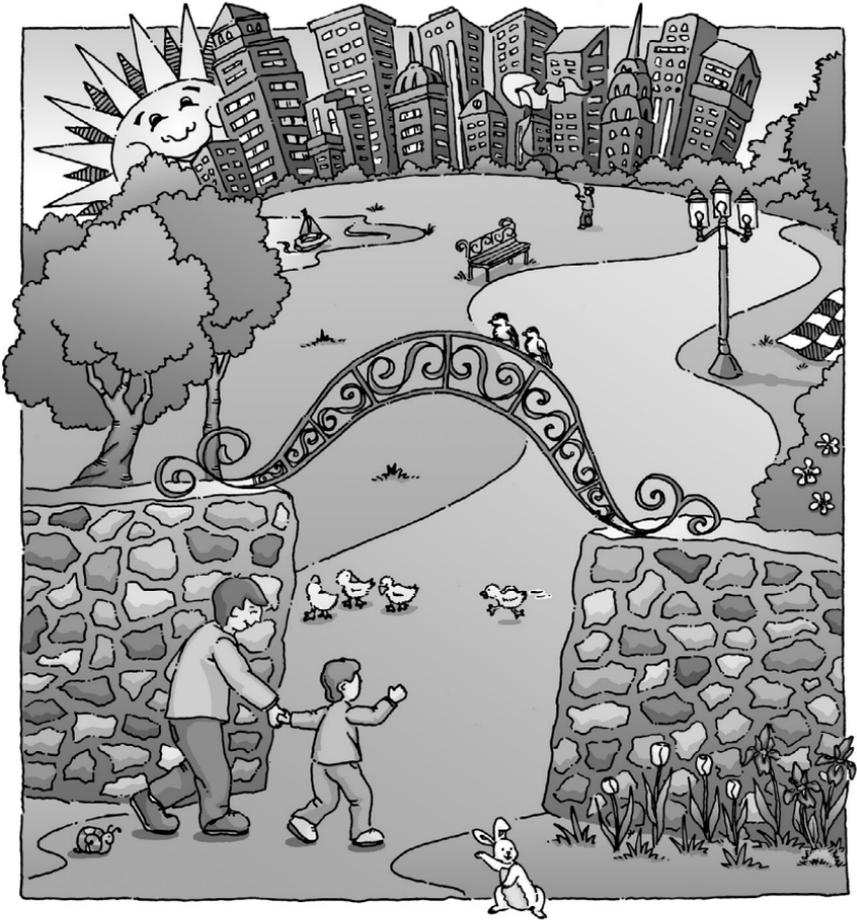


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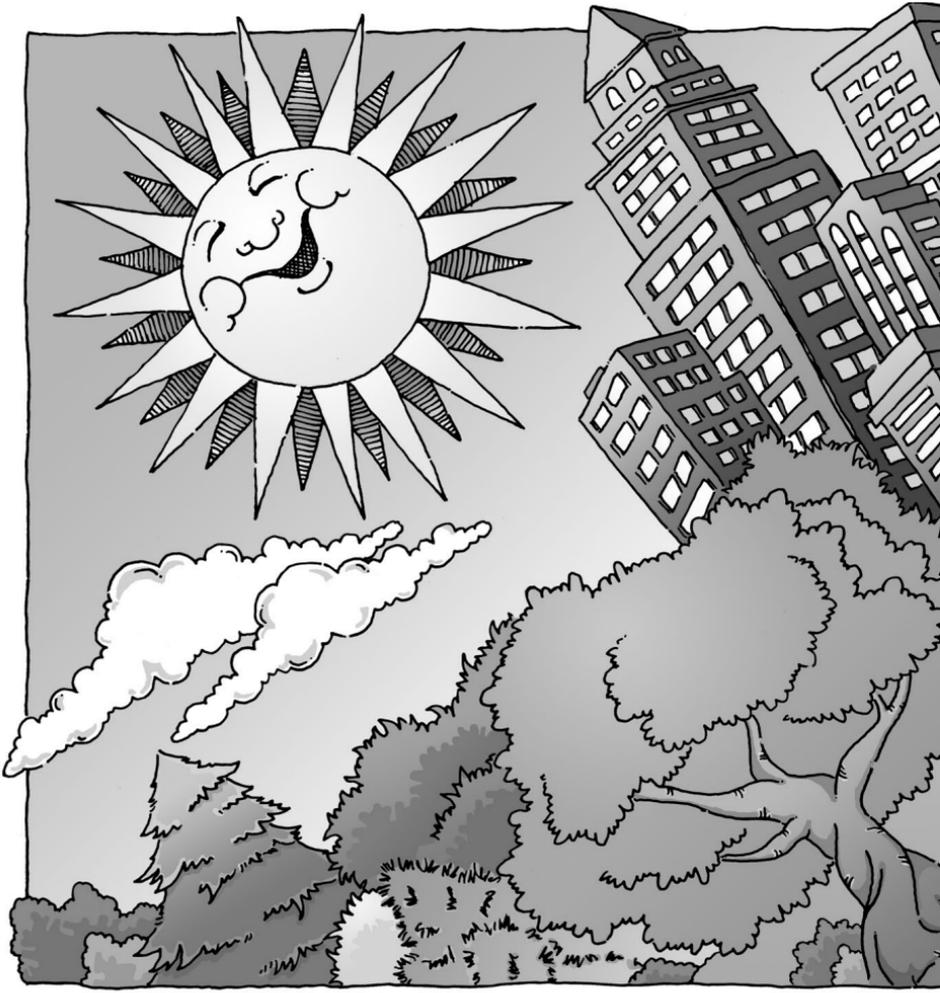


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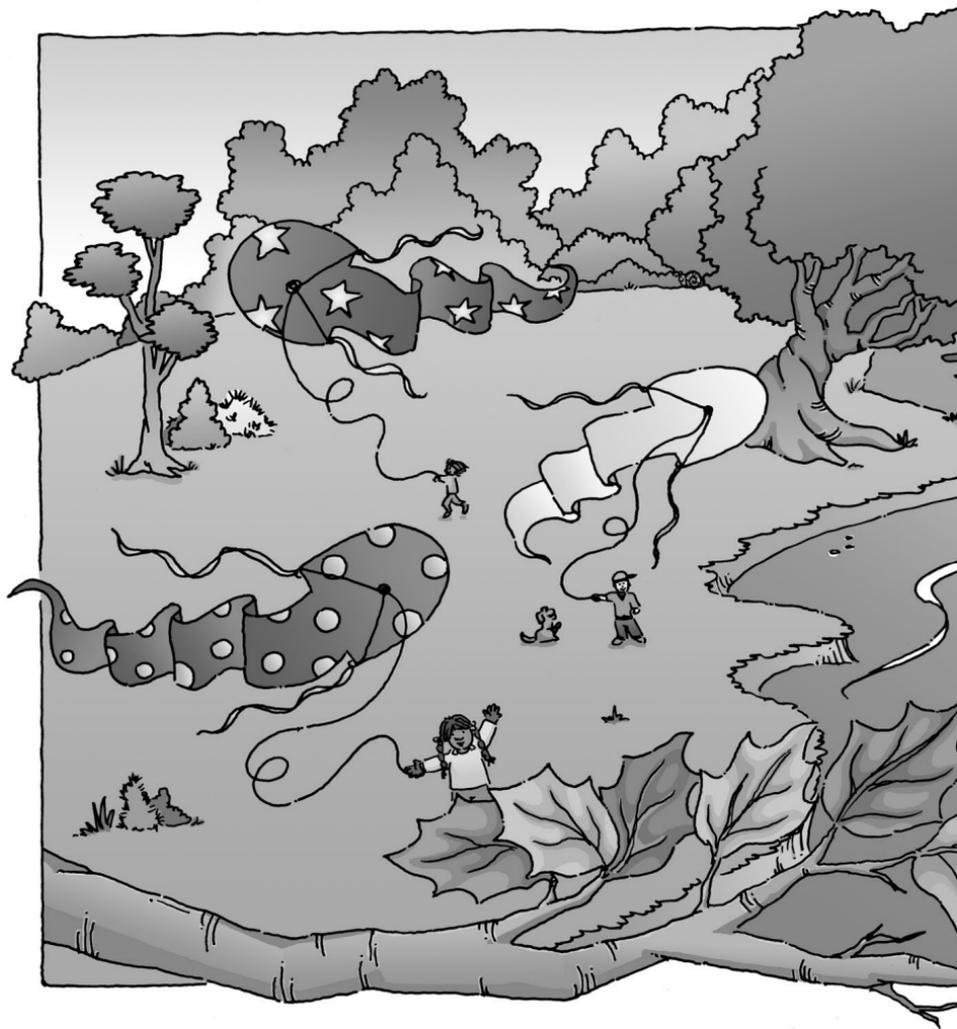
When Dad and I walked in the park,
this is what we saw:



1 yellow sun,
shining brightly down



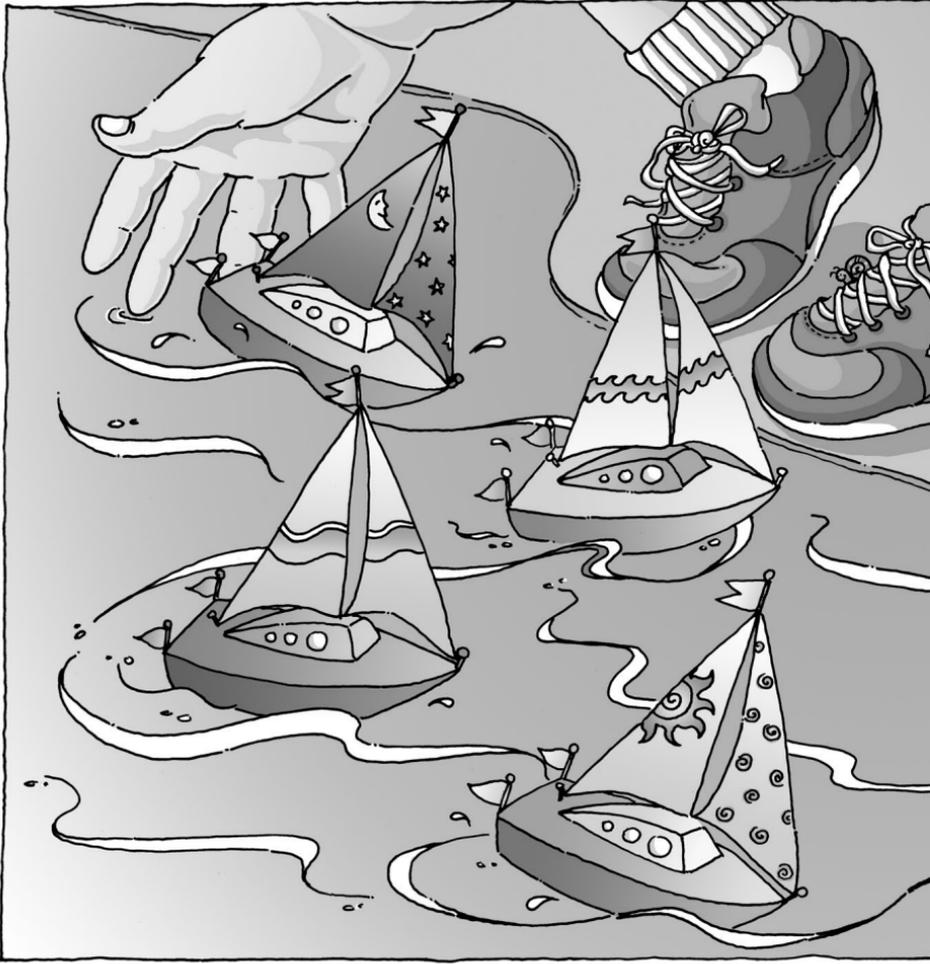
2 playful puppies,
their fur a fluffy brown



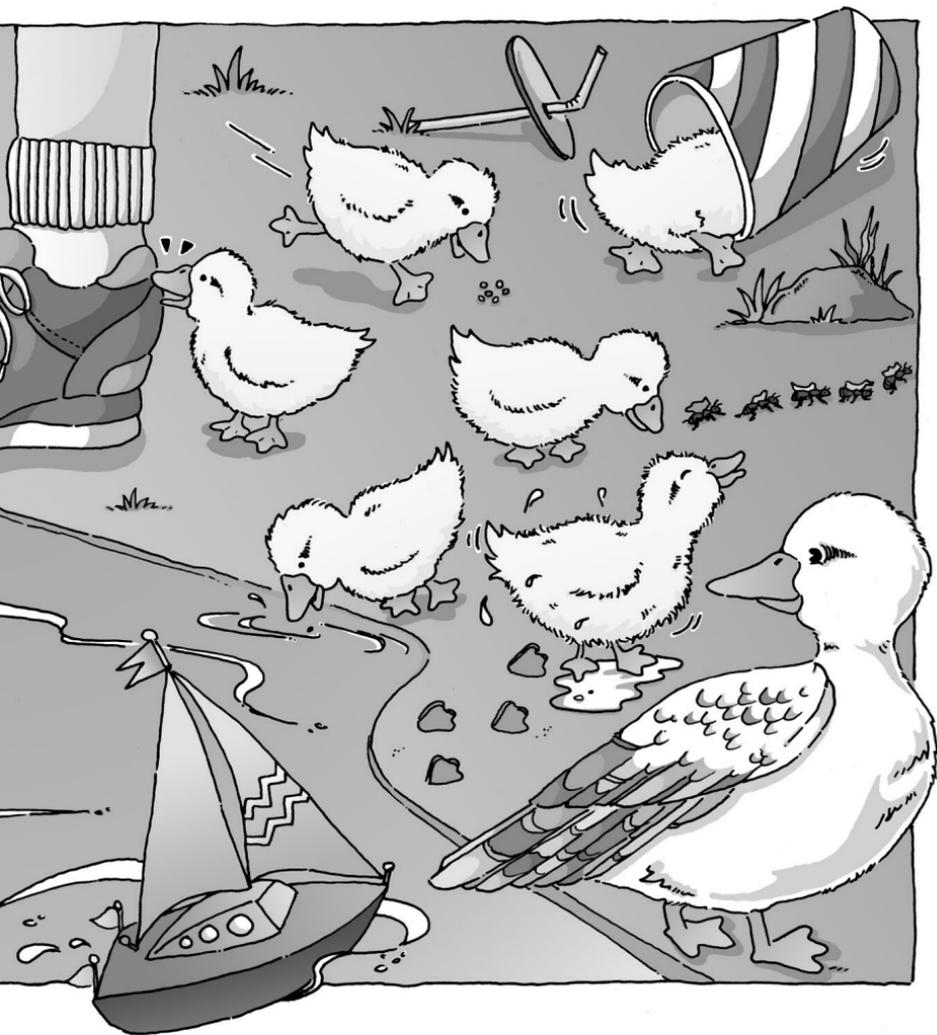
3 long-tailed dragon kites,
soaring in the sky



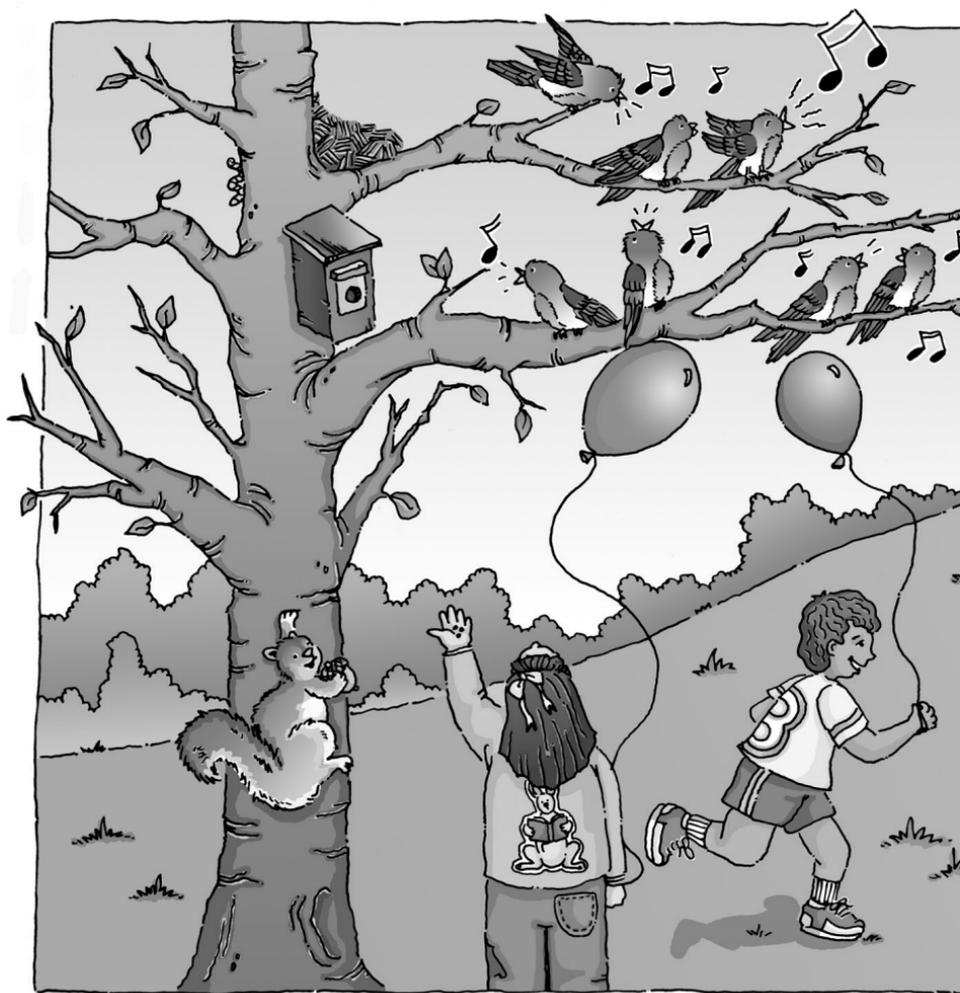
4 family picnickers,
eating lemon pie



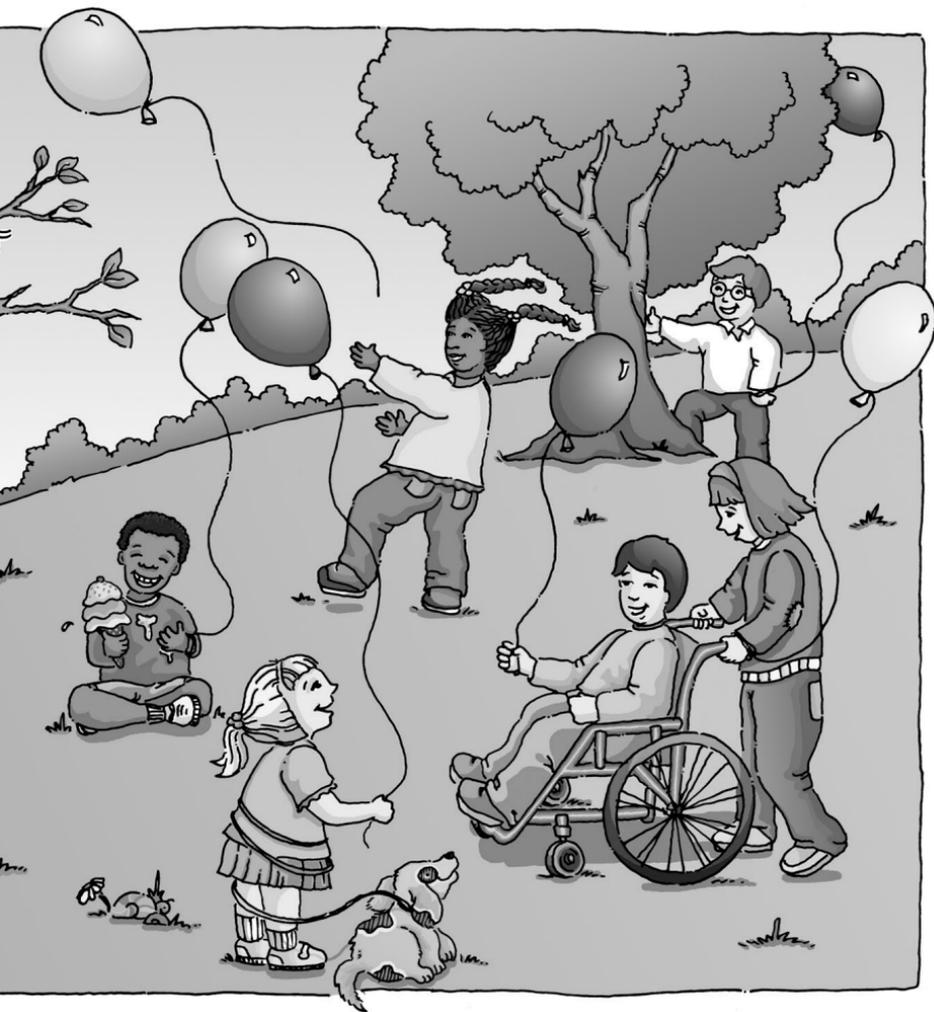
5 little sailboats,
one behind the other



6 baby ducklings,
sticking close to Mother



7 joyful bluebirds,
singing us a tune



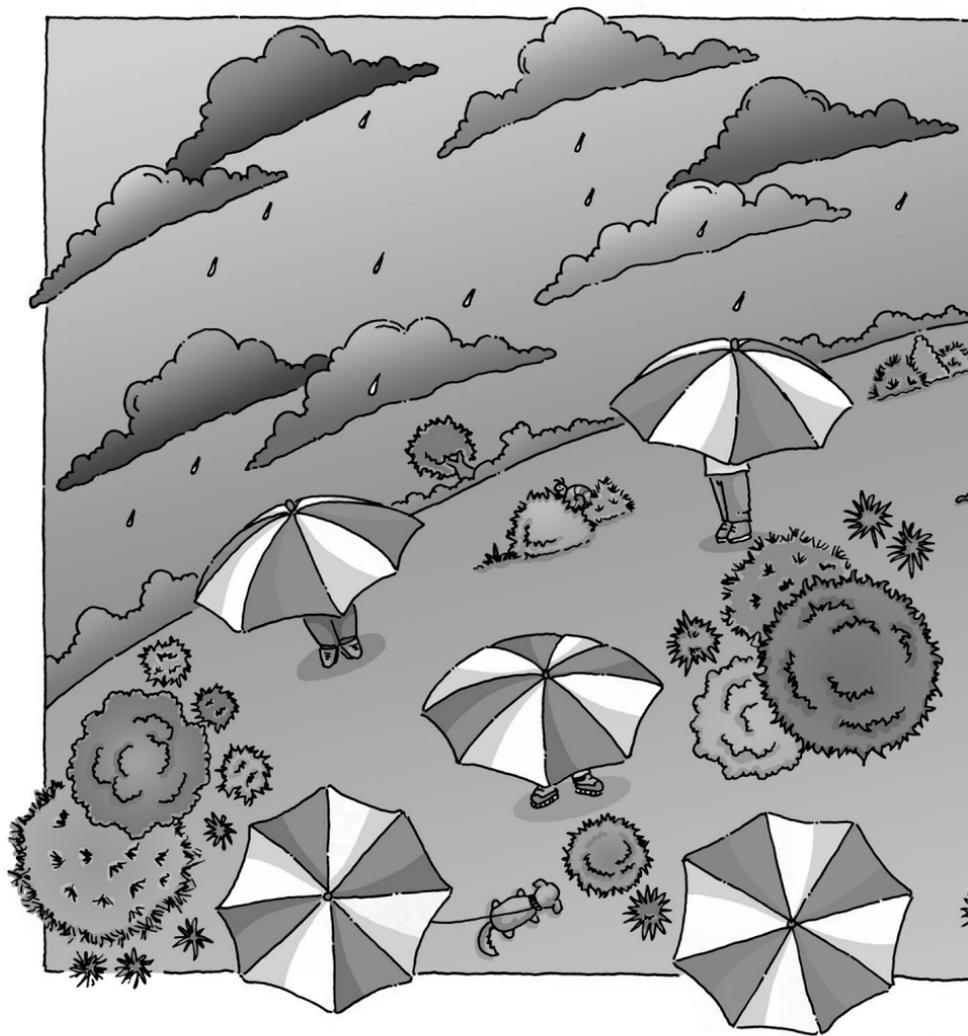
8 laughing girls and boys,
each with a balloon



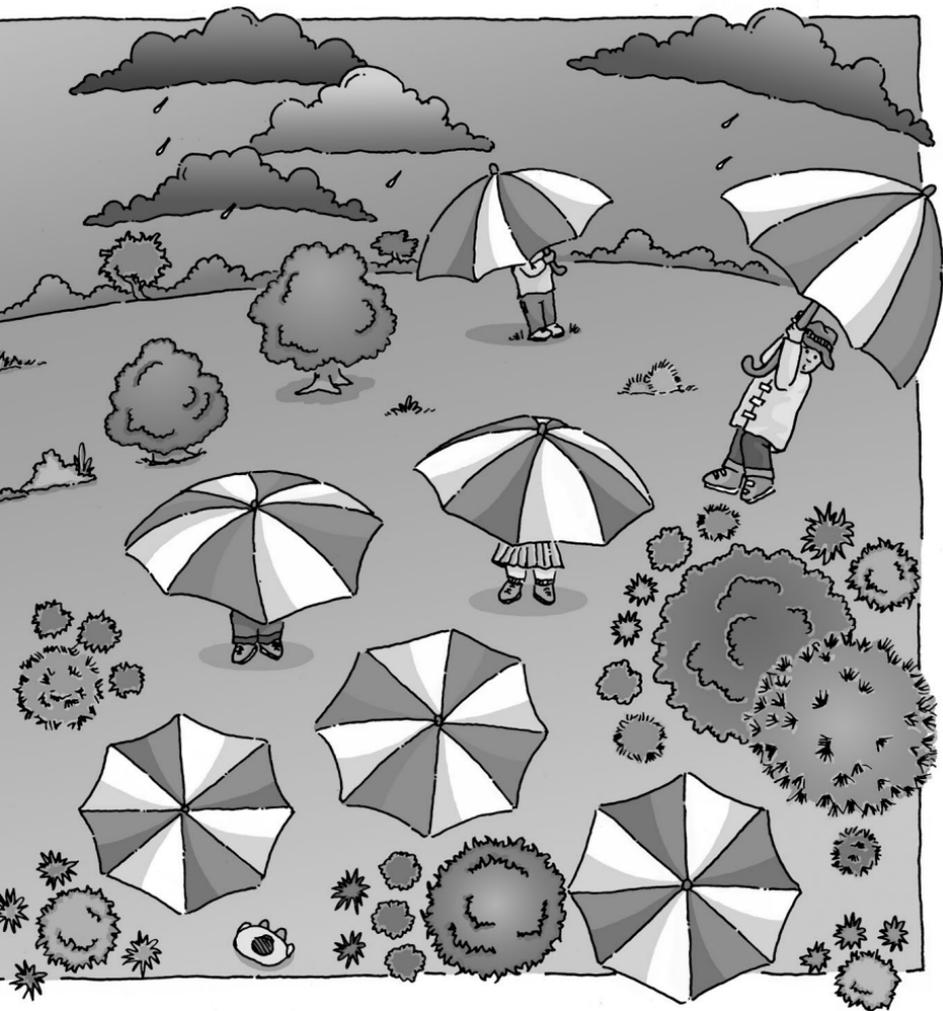
9 purple irises,
swaying in the breeze



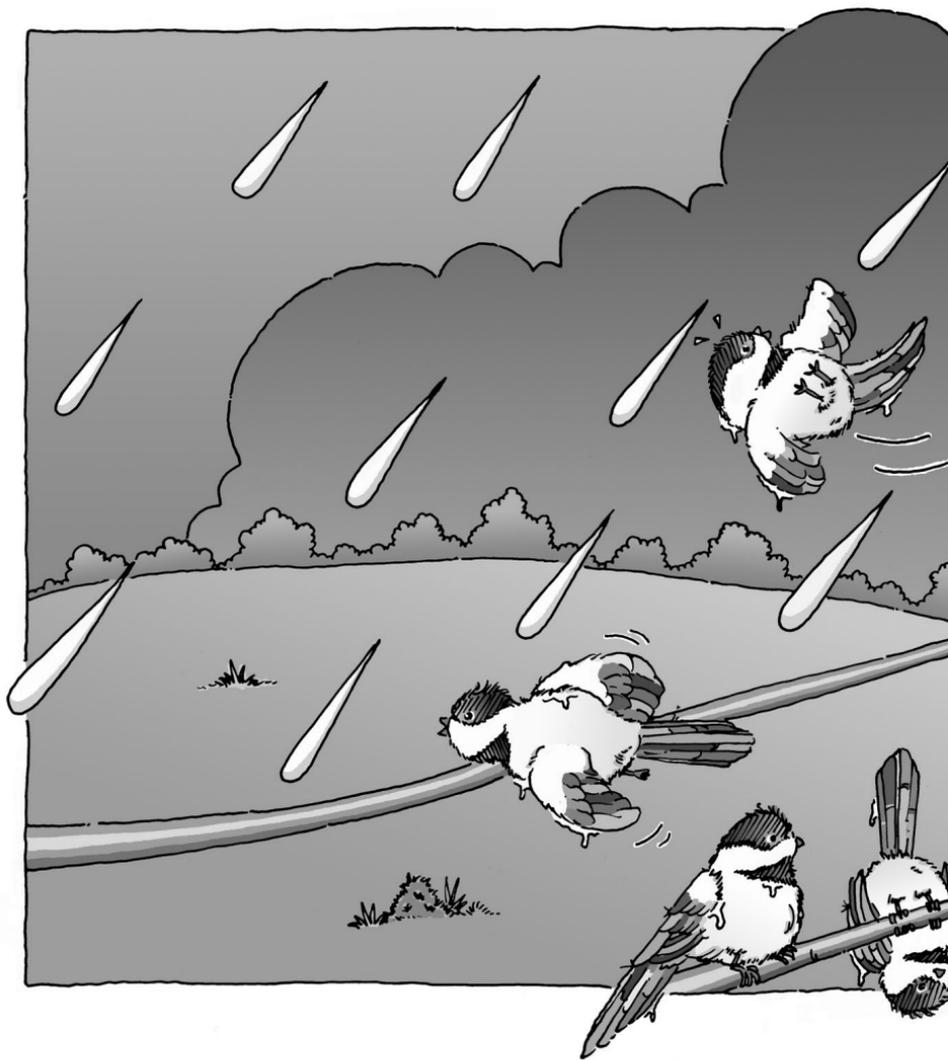
10 yellow tulips —
Oh! Don't pick them, please!



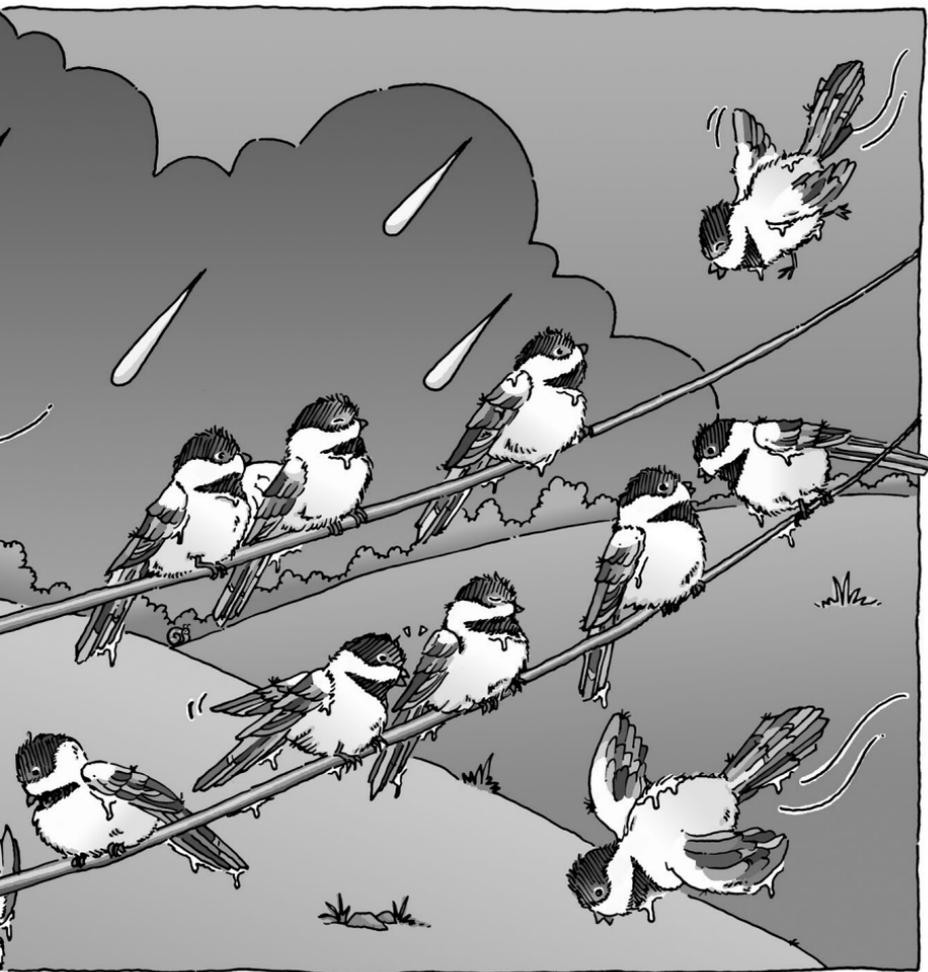
11 stormy, dark clouds,
threatening overhead



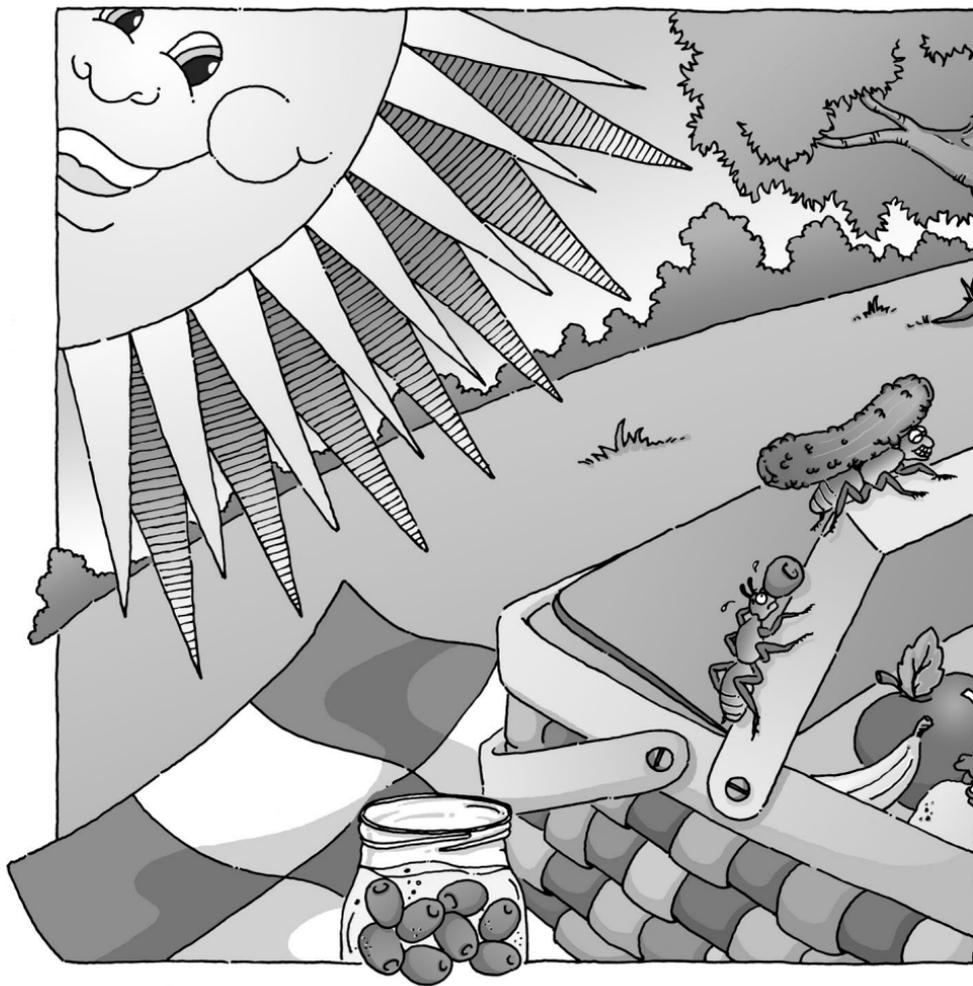
12 round umbrellas,
in stripes of blue and red



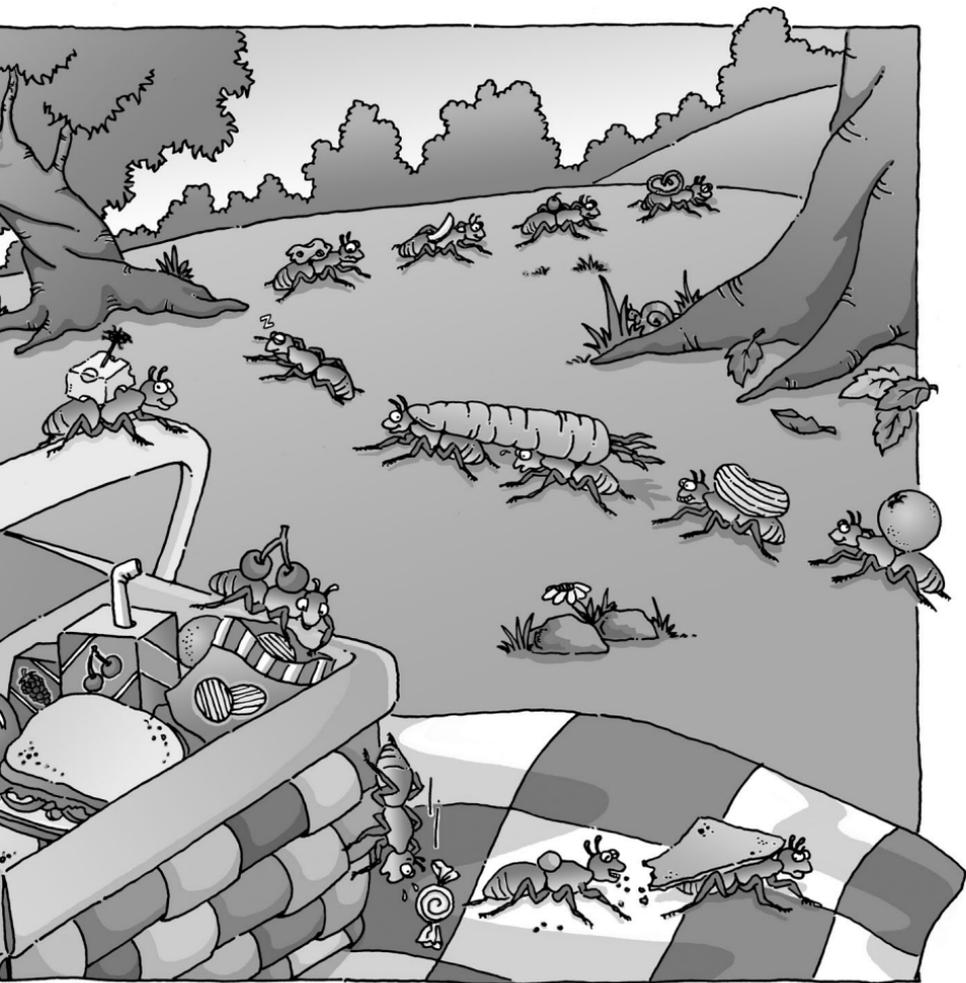
13 cool, wet raindrops,
falling from the sky



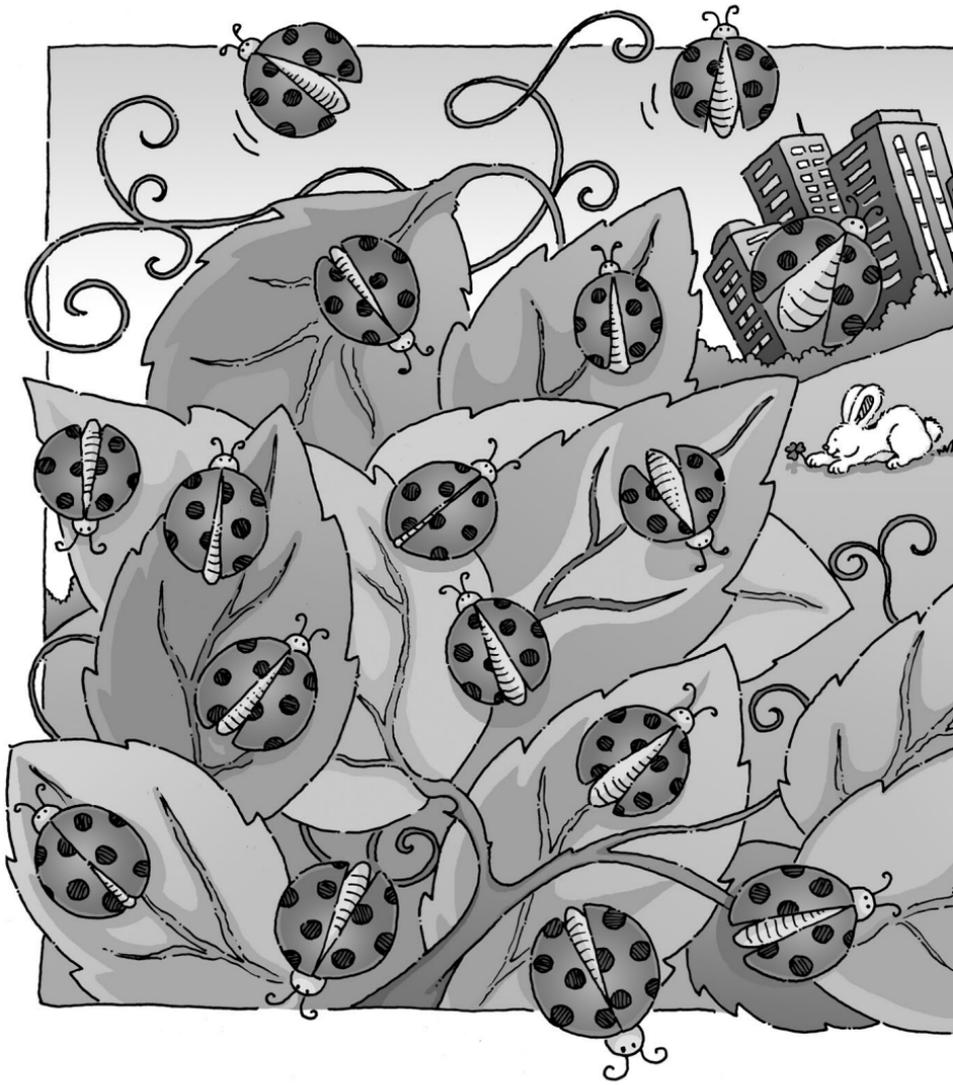
14 rain-drenched chickadees,
trying hard to fly



15 sparkling sunbeams,
drying up the rain

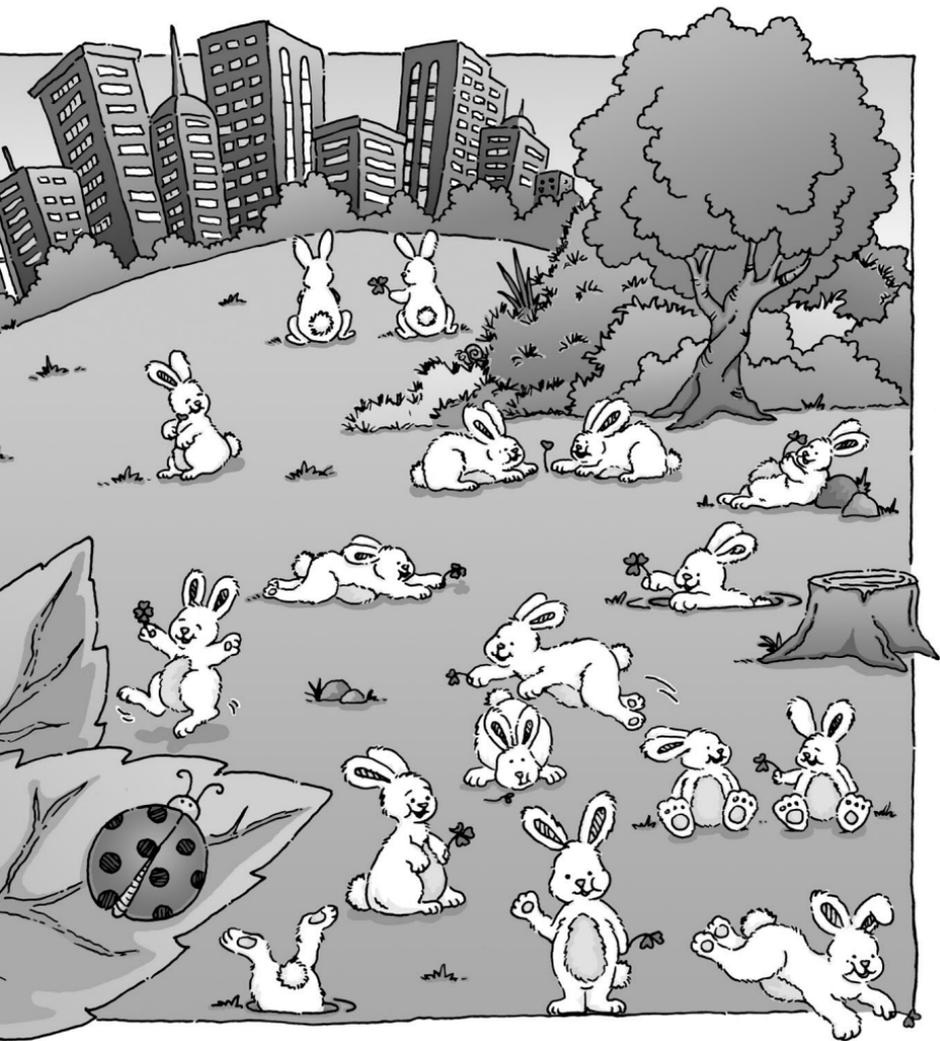


16 tiny working ants,
on their way again

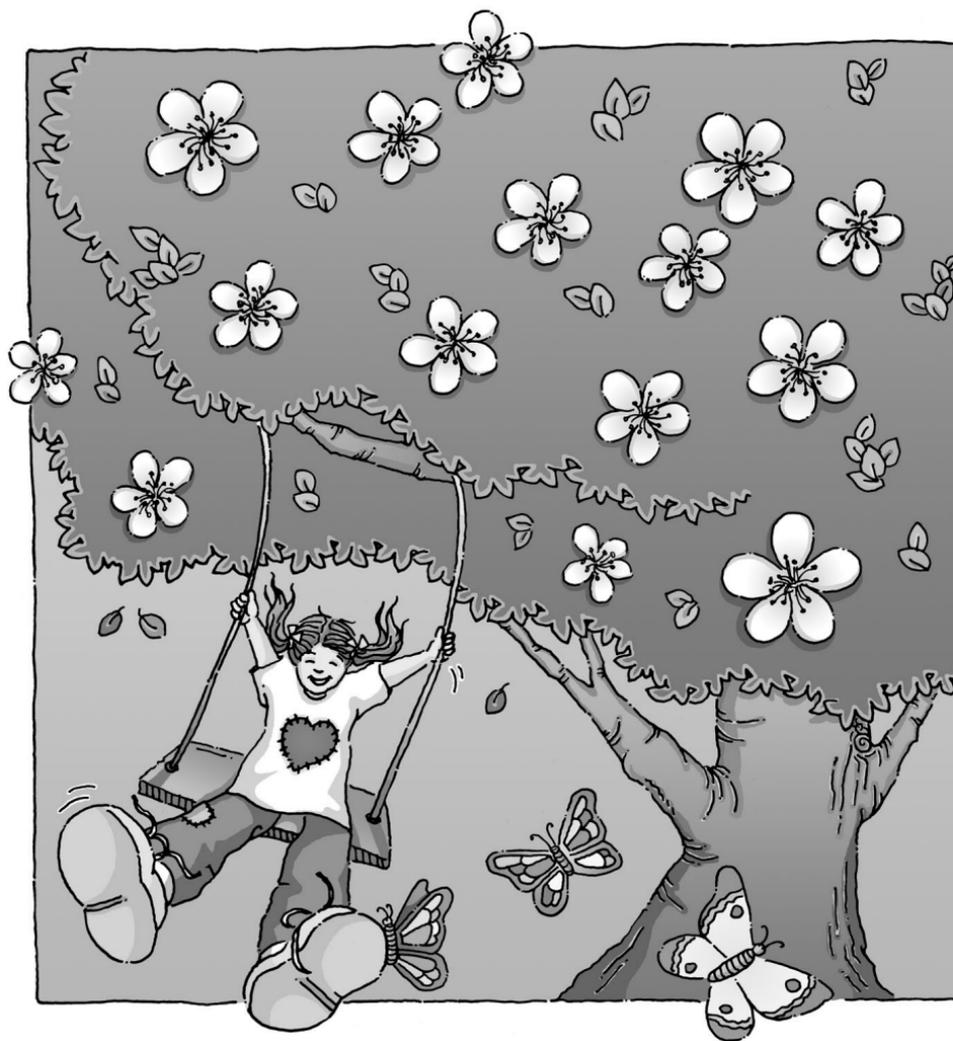


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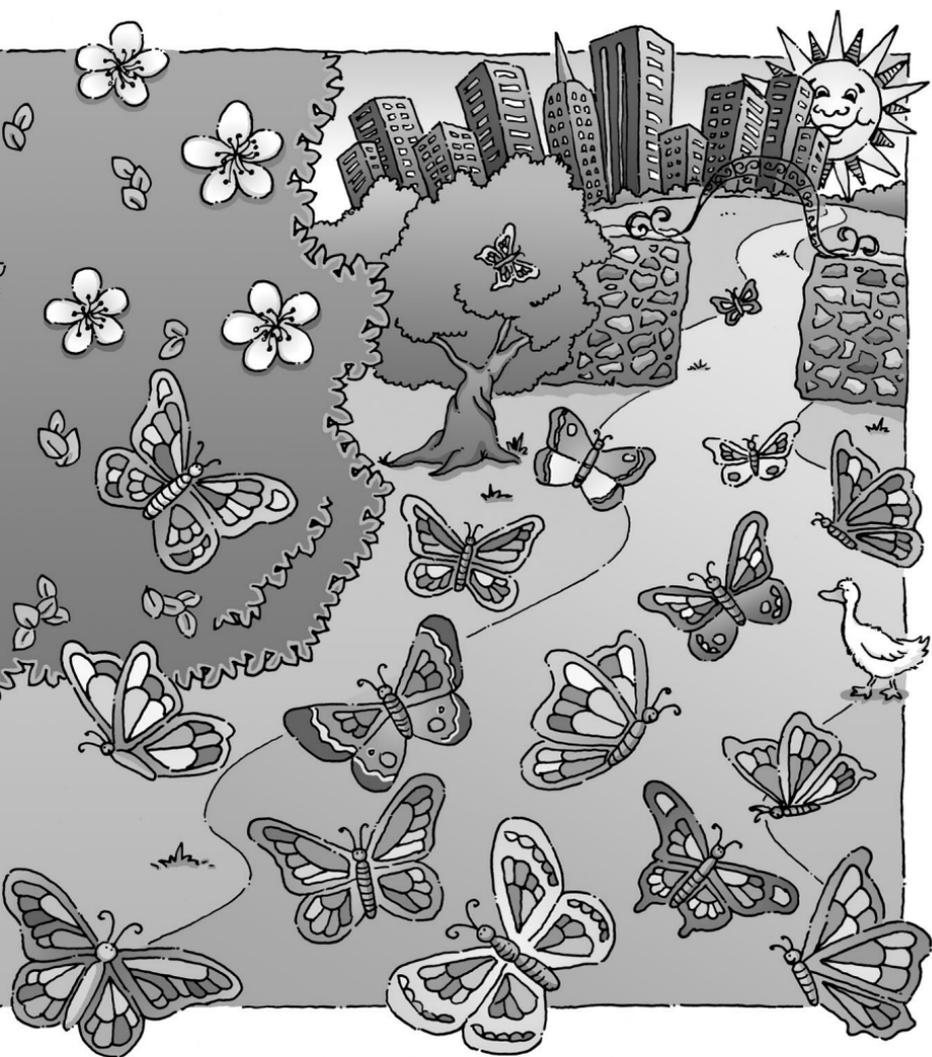
dotted ladybugs,
glad the rain is over



18 furry bunny rabbits,
eating bits of clover



19 apple blossoms,
blooming on a tree



20 fluttering butterflies,
happy to be free



What a wonderful day
in the park we had!
Walking and counting—
just me and my dad!

Story Sharing Sheet

- *Before reading the book, ask your child to tell you about the illustration on the cover. Have him point to the title as he reads "Counting Our Way Through the Park: 1 to 20." Ask him what he remembers about the book.*
- *Invite your child to show you the illustrations in the book. Ask him what things the father and his child saw on their walk. Also, have him point to and identify the numbers on each page.*
- *As you read the book to your child, stop at the end of each page and allow him to count the objects in the illustrations.*
- *After reading the book, ask your child to count from 1 to 20. Invite him to write the numbers 1 through 20 on index cards or pieces of paper. Have him lay the cards out on a table or the floor and then have him place the right number of pennies, pieces of cereal, or crayons on each card; i.e., 3 crayons on the 3 card.*
- *Visit the library and look for other counting and math books.*

This is the student version of Counting Our Way

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