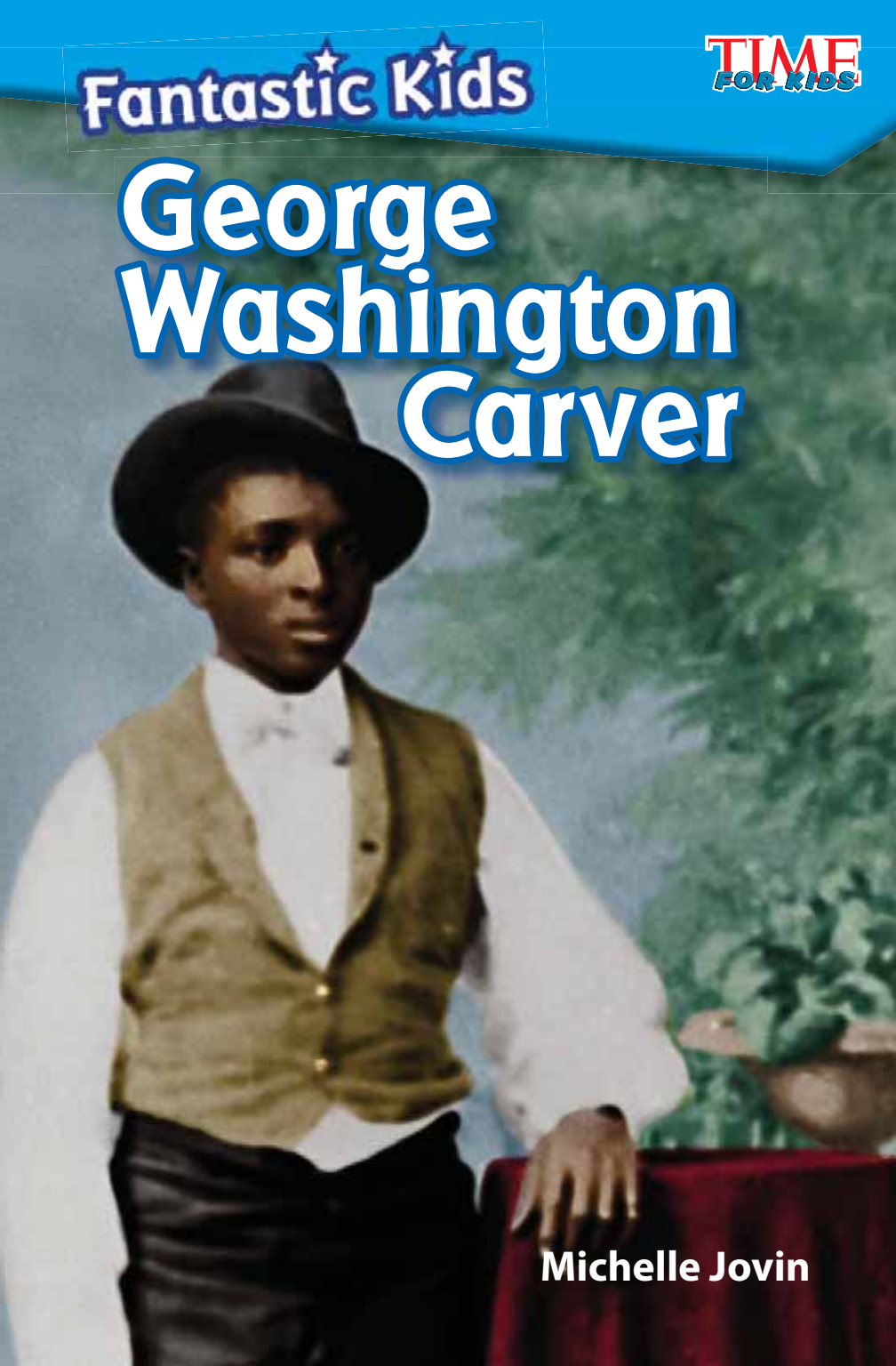
Fantastic Kids

TIME FOR KIDS

George Washington Carver



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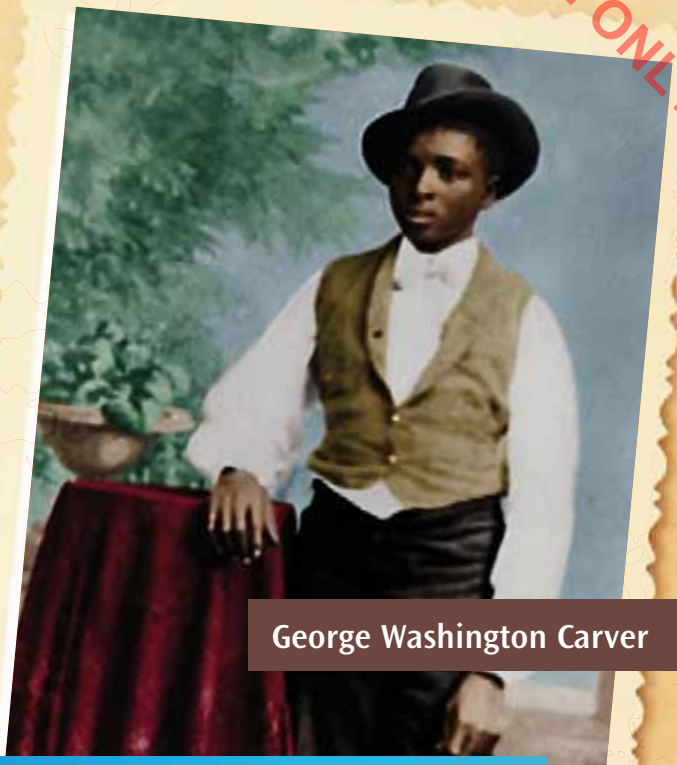
Plants and Peanuts

George Washington Carver made the peanut popular. But he did much more than that.

George had a hard life as a child. But, he did not let that stop him. Young George worked hard to learn as much as he could. When he grew up, he taught other people about plants. He even helped save the country when food was **scarce**! George's knowledge of plants made him a hero. This is his story.



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George Washington Carver

George Saves the Farms!

When George grew up, he taught people about *crop rotation*. He told farmers to plant peanuts and sweet potatoes for one year instead of their normal crops. This gave the soil time to get healthy again. His plan worked! Crop rotation is still used by farmers around the world today.

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Early Life

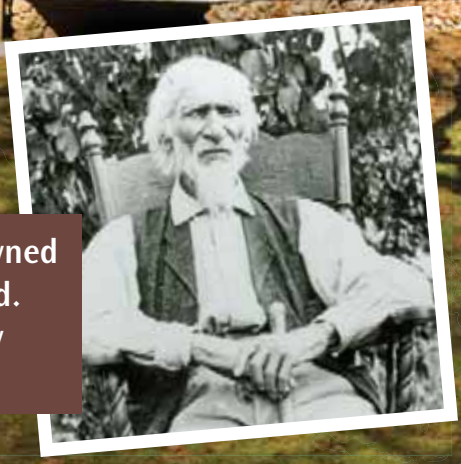
No one knows for sure when George was born. But most people think it was near 1861. His parents were **enslaved**. A man named Moses Carver forced them to work on his farm in Missouri. Sadly, just before George was born, his father died.



Kidnapped!

When George was just one week old, a group of men came to the farm. The group **kidnapped** him and his mother!

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Moses Carver owned George as a child. His home is now a museum.

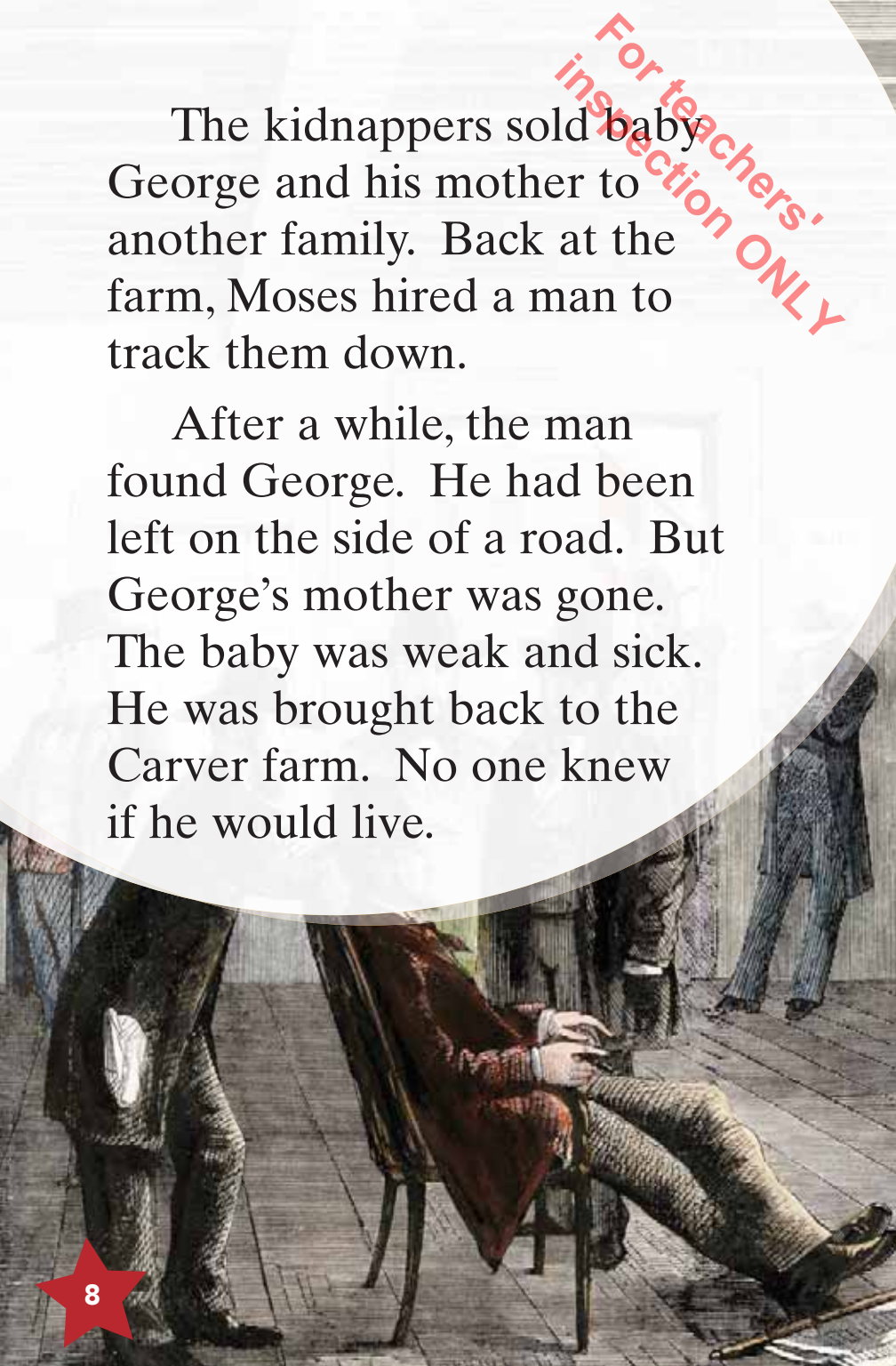
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Most enslaved people were not allowed to read. As a result, they did not know in what year they were born. Also, no one kept records of when babies of enslaved people were born.

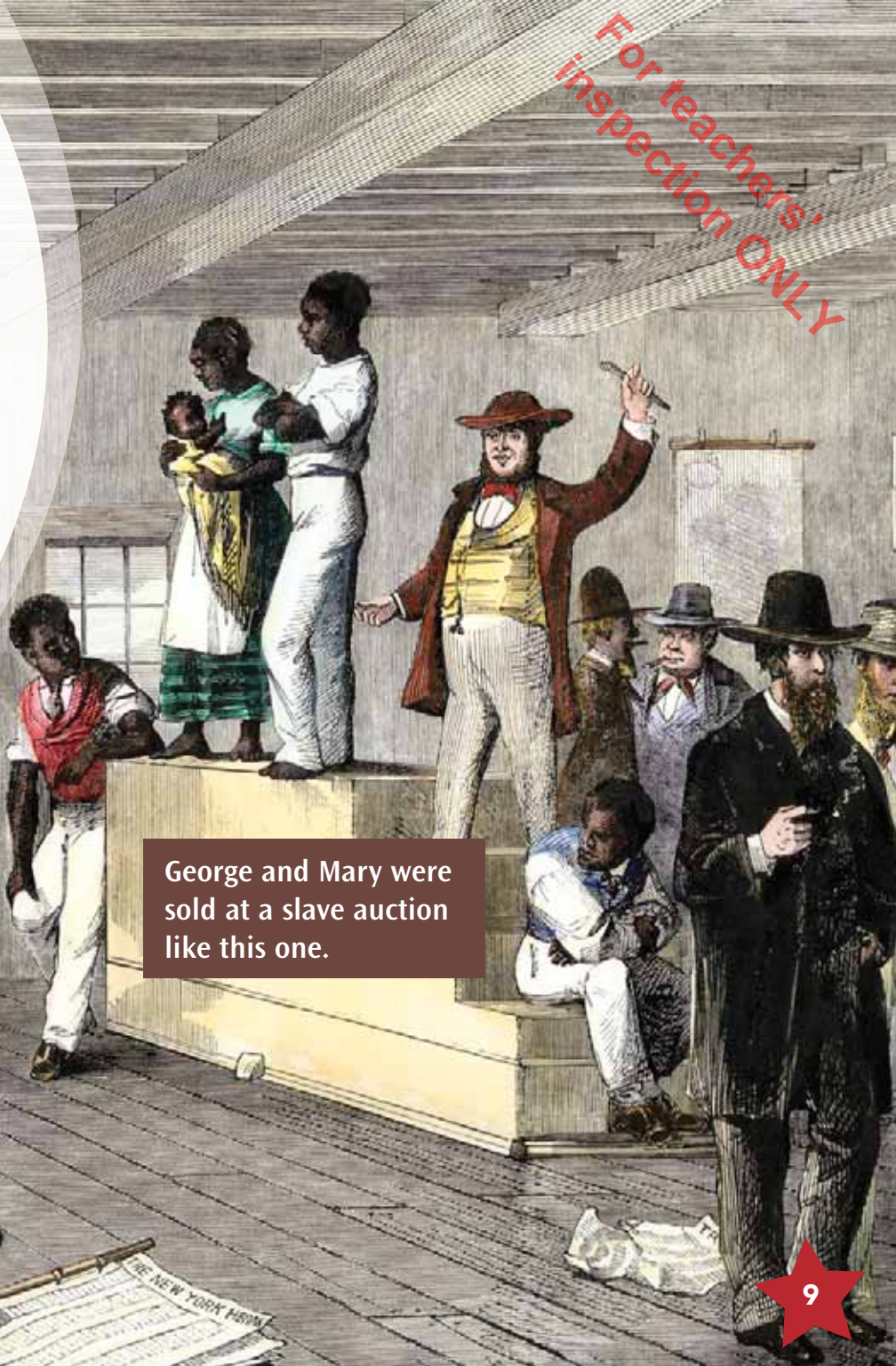
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The kidnappers sold baby George and his mother to another family. Back at the farm, Moses hired a man to track them down.

After a while, the man found George. He had been left on the side of a road. But George's mother was gone. The baby was weak and sick. He was brought back to the Carver farm. No one knew if he would live.



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George and Mary were sold at a slave auction like this one.