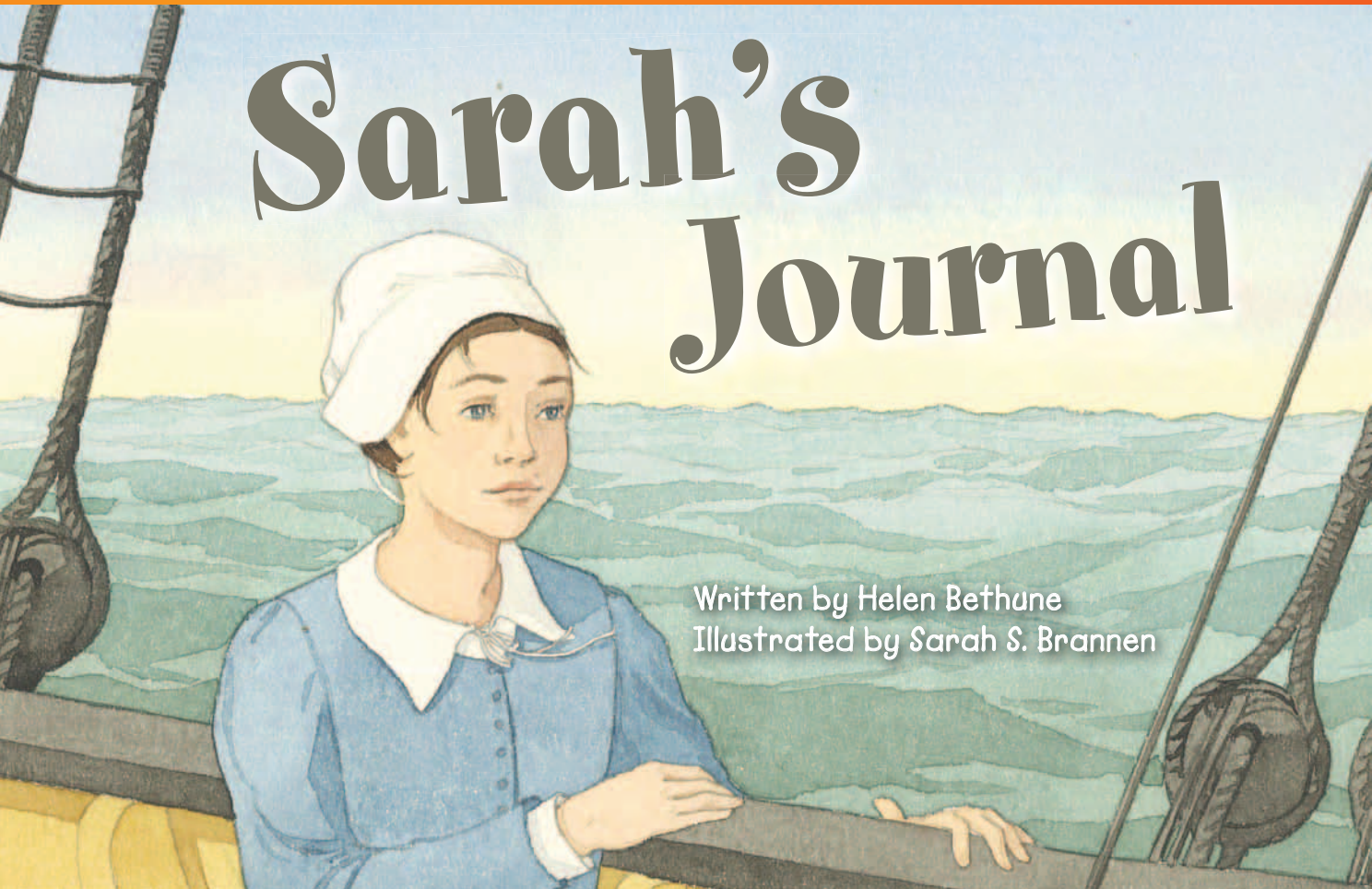

Sarah's Journal
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Saturday, April 15, 1634

Dear Diary,

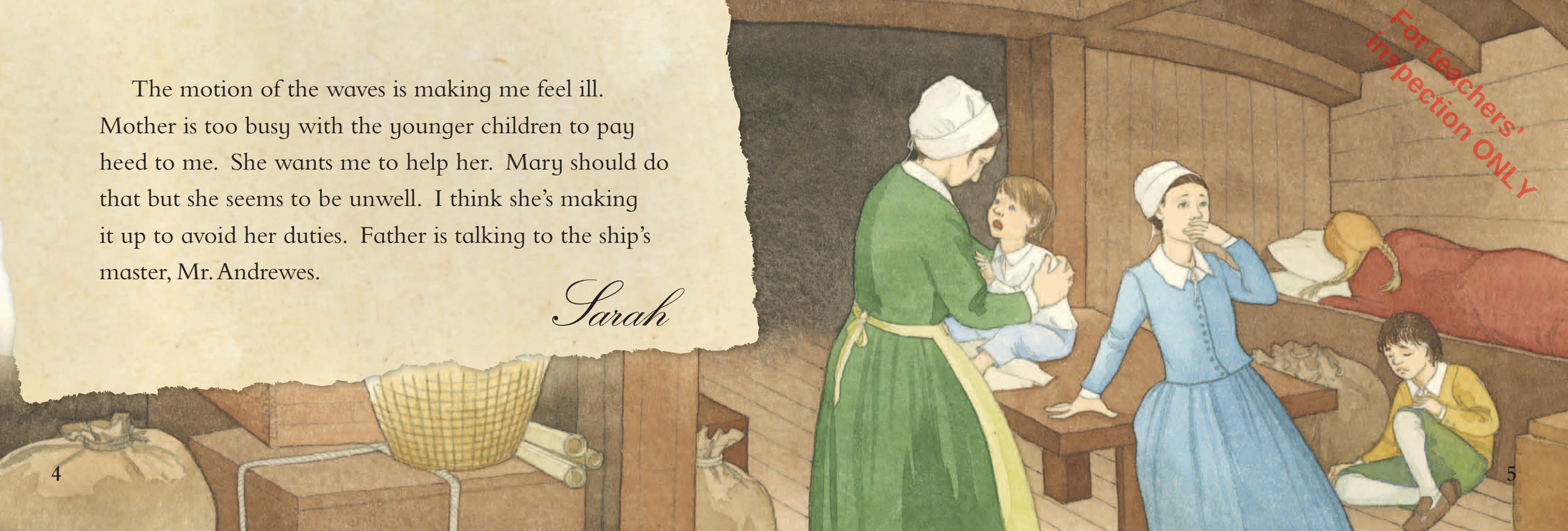
We're sailing to the New World. We are leaving England forever and sailing to ~~Massachoo~~ ~~Masachusets~~ Massachusetts to make a new life for ourselves. It will take nearly two months to cross the Atlantic if the weather is fair. That's eight weeks! We're going to stay with Mother's cousins in Salem until we can buy some land for ourselves.



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The motion of the waves is making me feel ill. Mother is too busy with the younger children to pay heed to me. She wants me to help her. Mary should do that but she seems to be unwell. I think she's making it up to avoid her duties. Father is talking to the ship's master, Mr. Andrewes.

Sarah

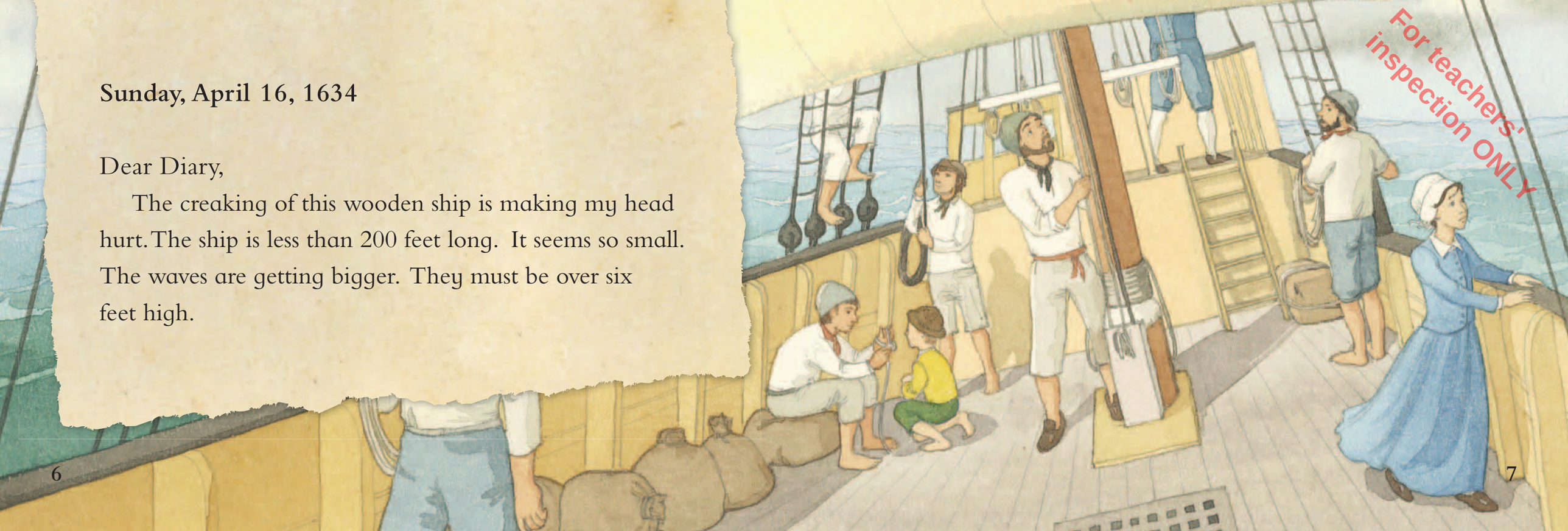


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Sunday, April 16, 1634

Dear Diary,

The creaking of this wooden ship is making my head hurt. The ship is less than 200 feet long. It seems so small. The waves are getting bigger. They must be over six feet high.



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This cabin is so cramped. There is hardly enough room for us and our belongings. We try to sleep in boxes that hold us like cradles. At least we don't fall out. They are about five feet long, long enough for me but not for Father. I'm frightened, I want to go home, and now I feel most unwell.

Sarah



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