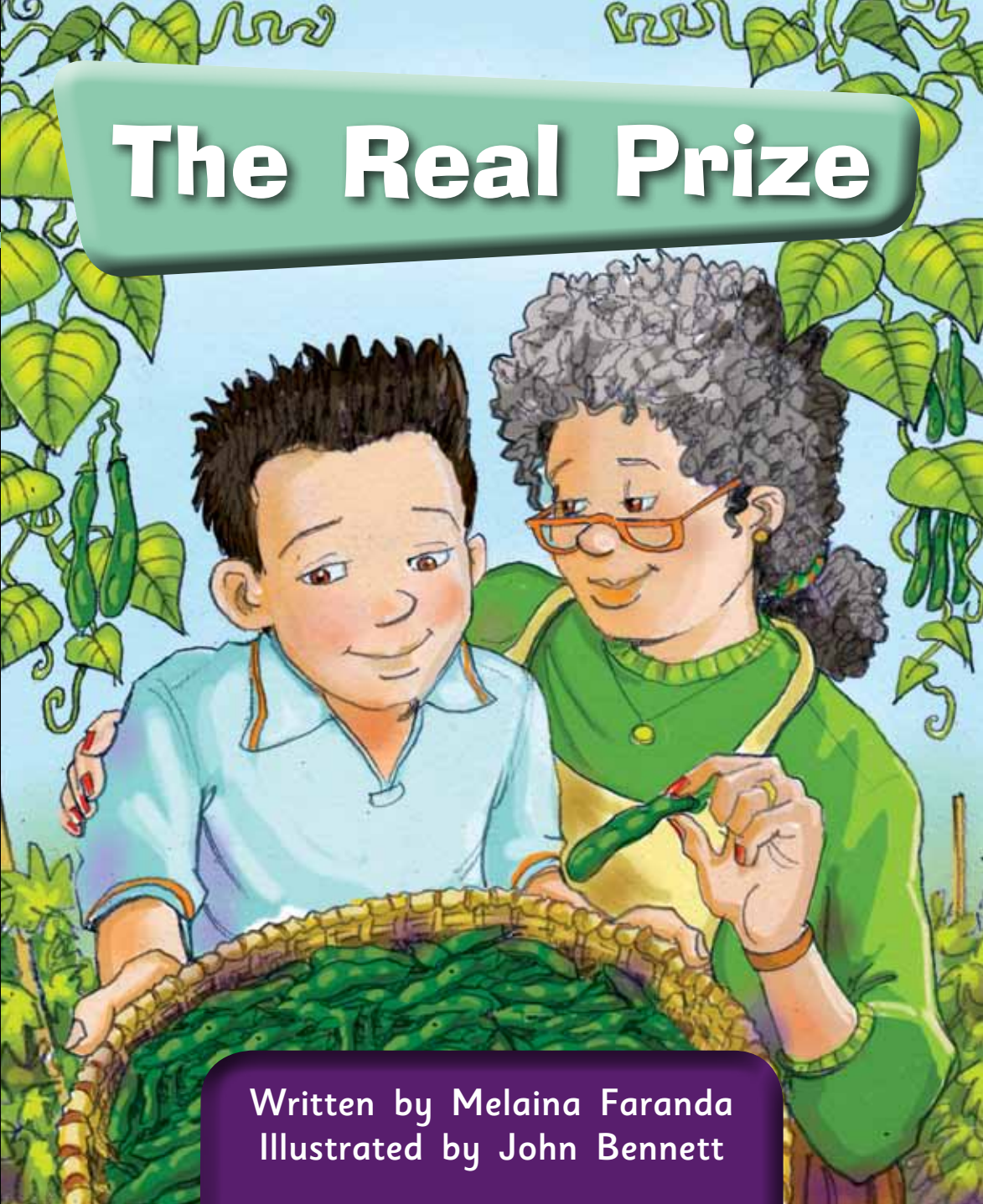
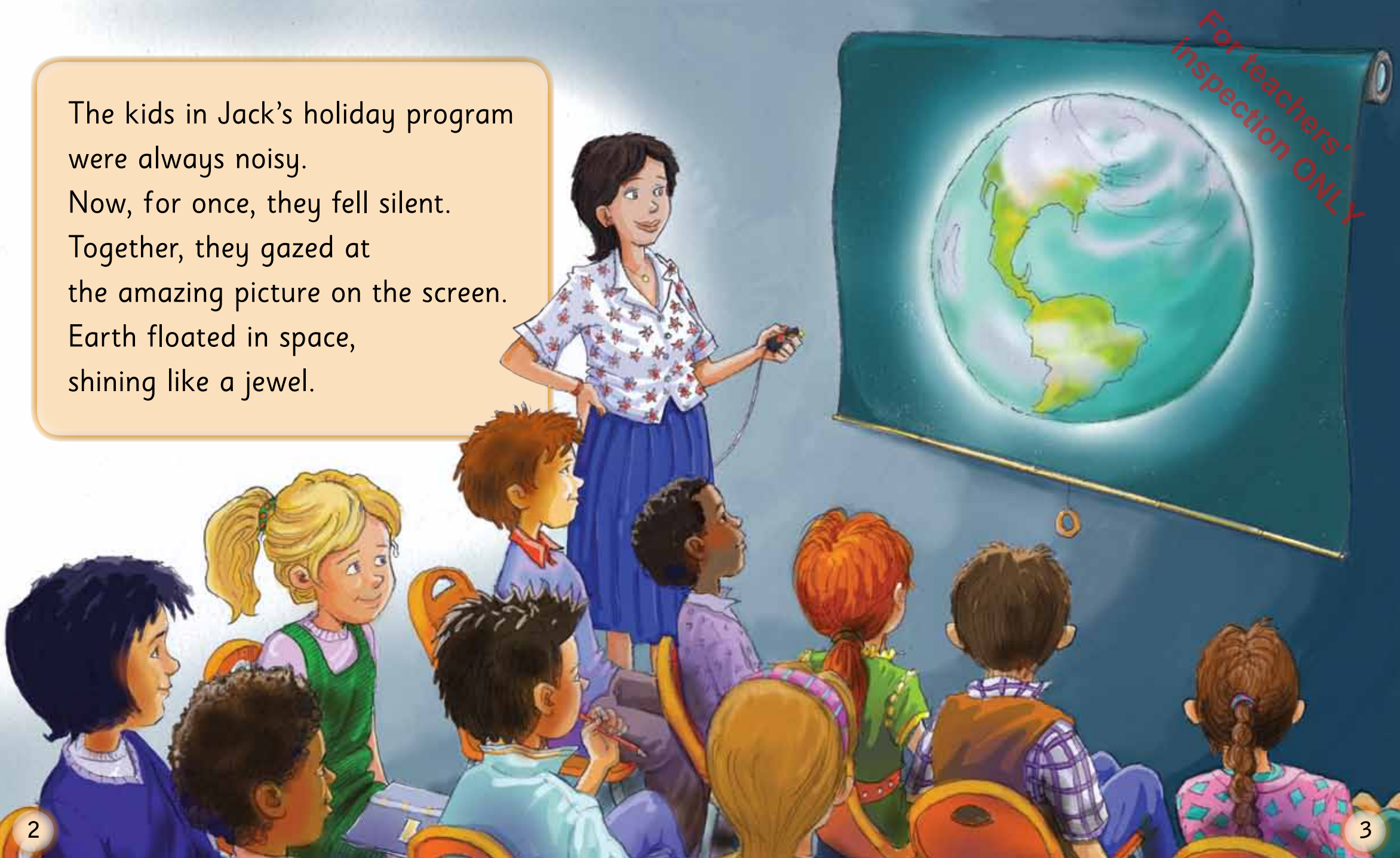
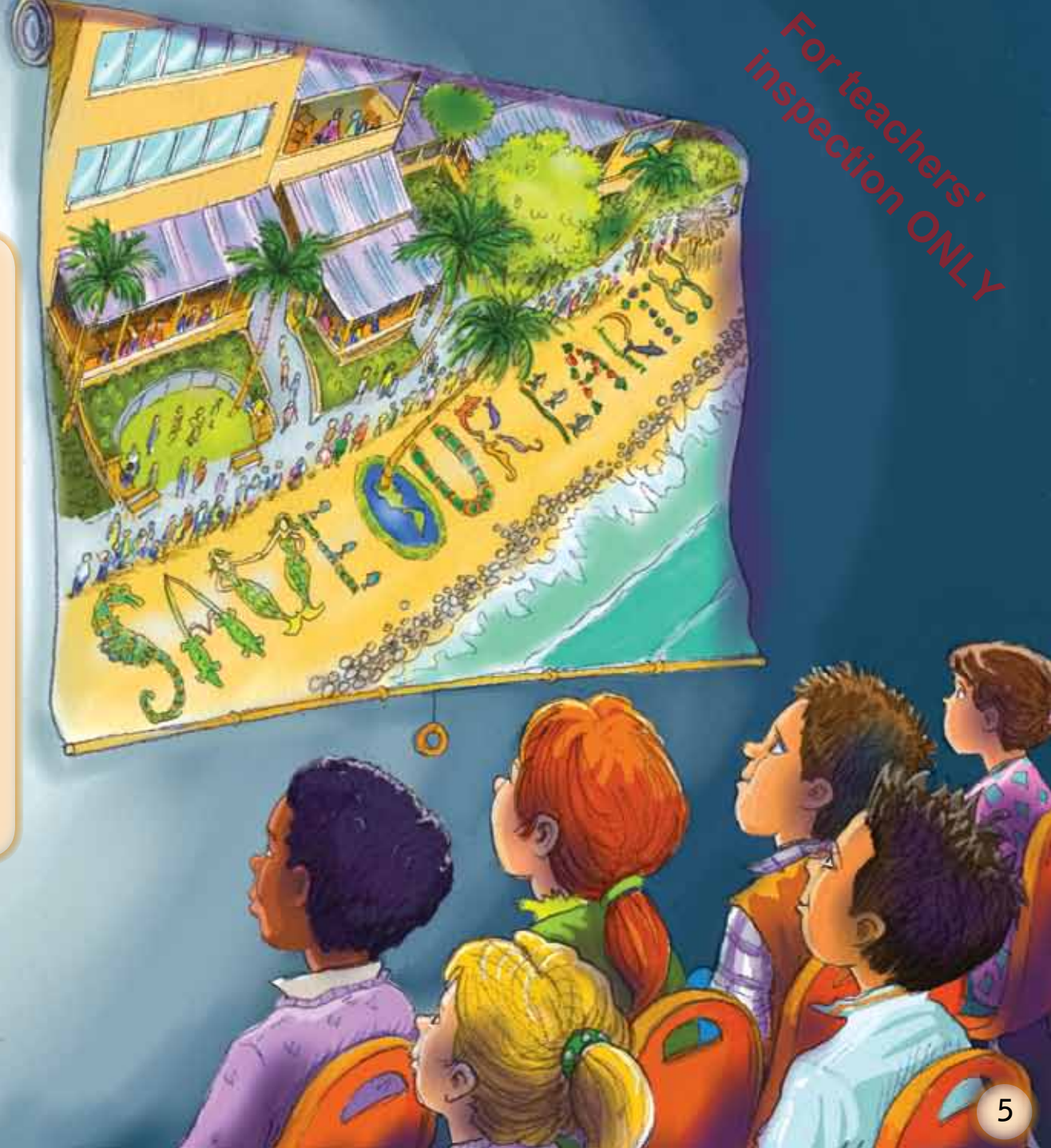

The Real Prize
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The kids in Jack's holiday program
were always noisy.
Now, for once, they fell silent.
Together, they gazed at
the amazing picture on the screen.
Earth floated in space,
shining like a jewel.

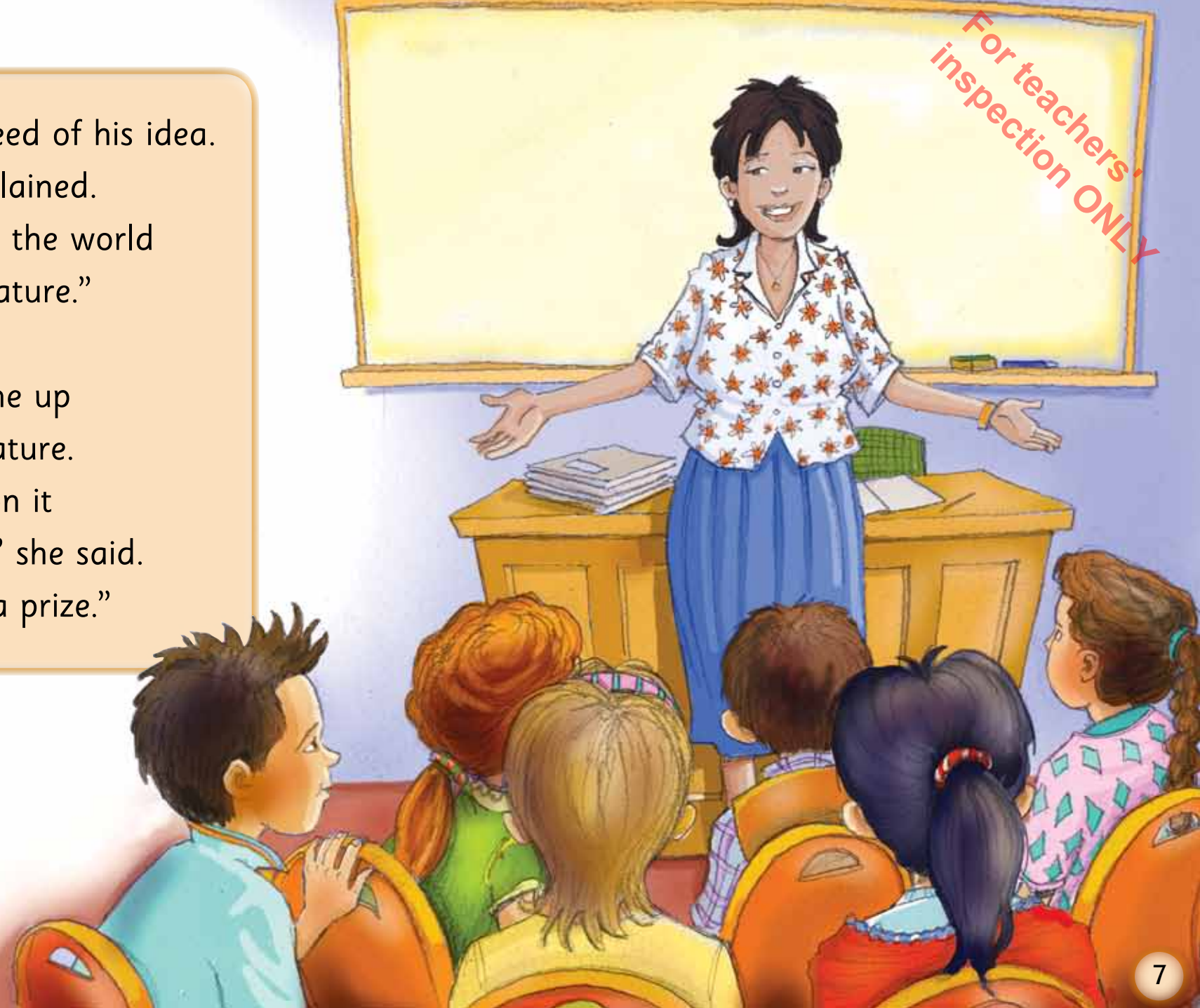
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Gina showed a new picture.
"This is why we have Earth Day,"
Gina said.
"People get together to celebrate Earth.
Earth Day began 50 years ago.
A man saw how humans harm nature.
He thought there should be a special day
when people get together
to care for Earth."



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"The man planted the seed of his idea.
Then, it grew," Gina explained.
"Now, people all around the world
work together to help nature."
Gina smiled.
"I want you each to come up
with a project to help nature.
We can work together on it
in our holiday program," she said.
"The best idea will win a prize."



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