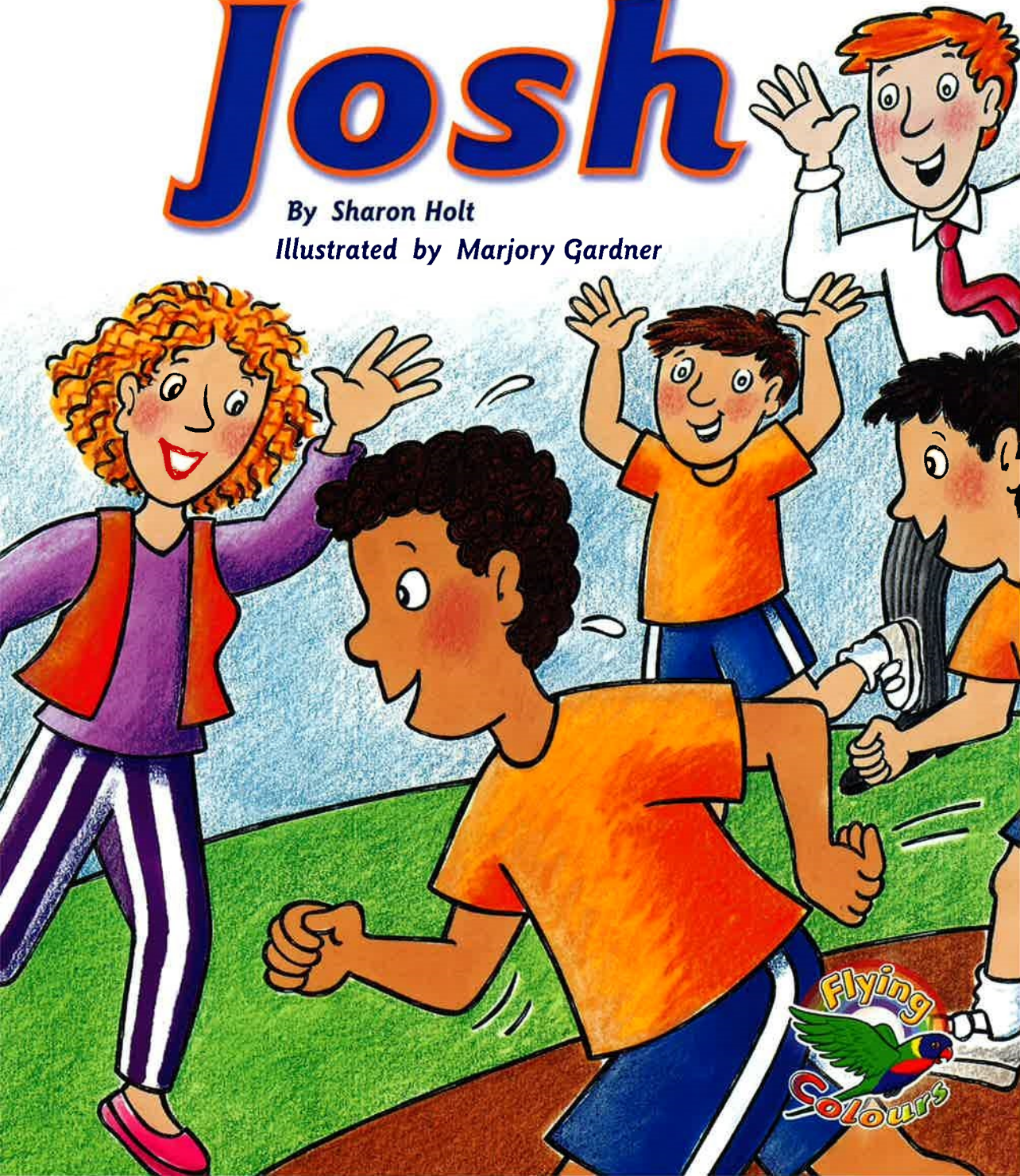
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Caught Out!

Josh was good at school work,
but he didn't like running.
He would do just about anything
to get out of running.

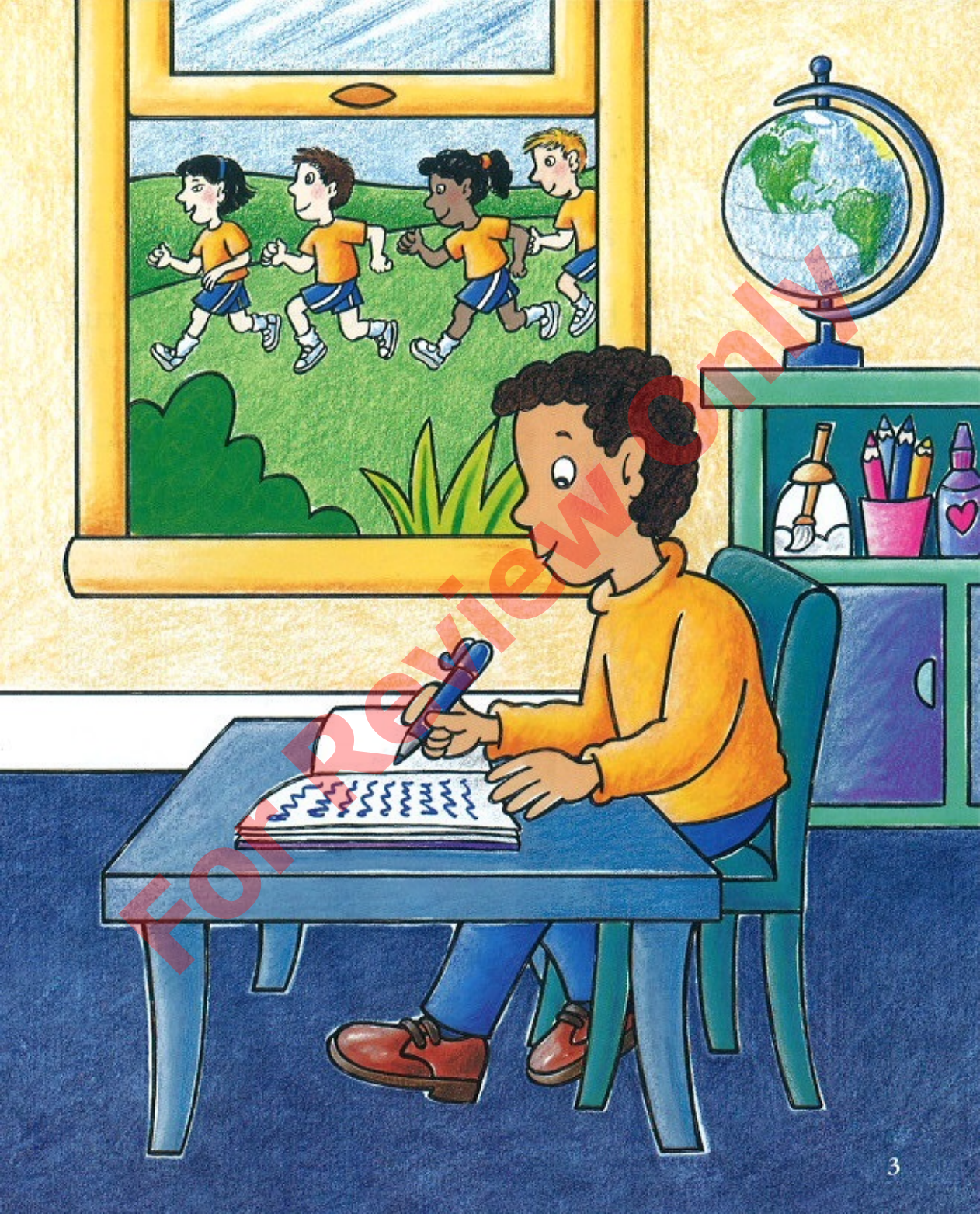
One day Josh hid his sneakers behind the door.

"No sneakers, no running!" said his teacher.

Josh had to stay in the classroom
and do school work.
But he didn't mind because he liked school work.



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Another day Josh told his mum
that his foot was hurting,
so she gave him a letter for the teacher.

"You can read a book while the other children run,"
said the teacher.

But Josh didn't mind because he liked reading.



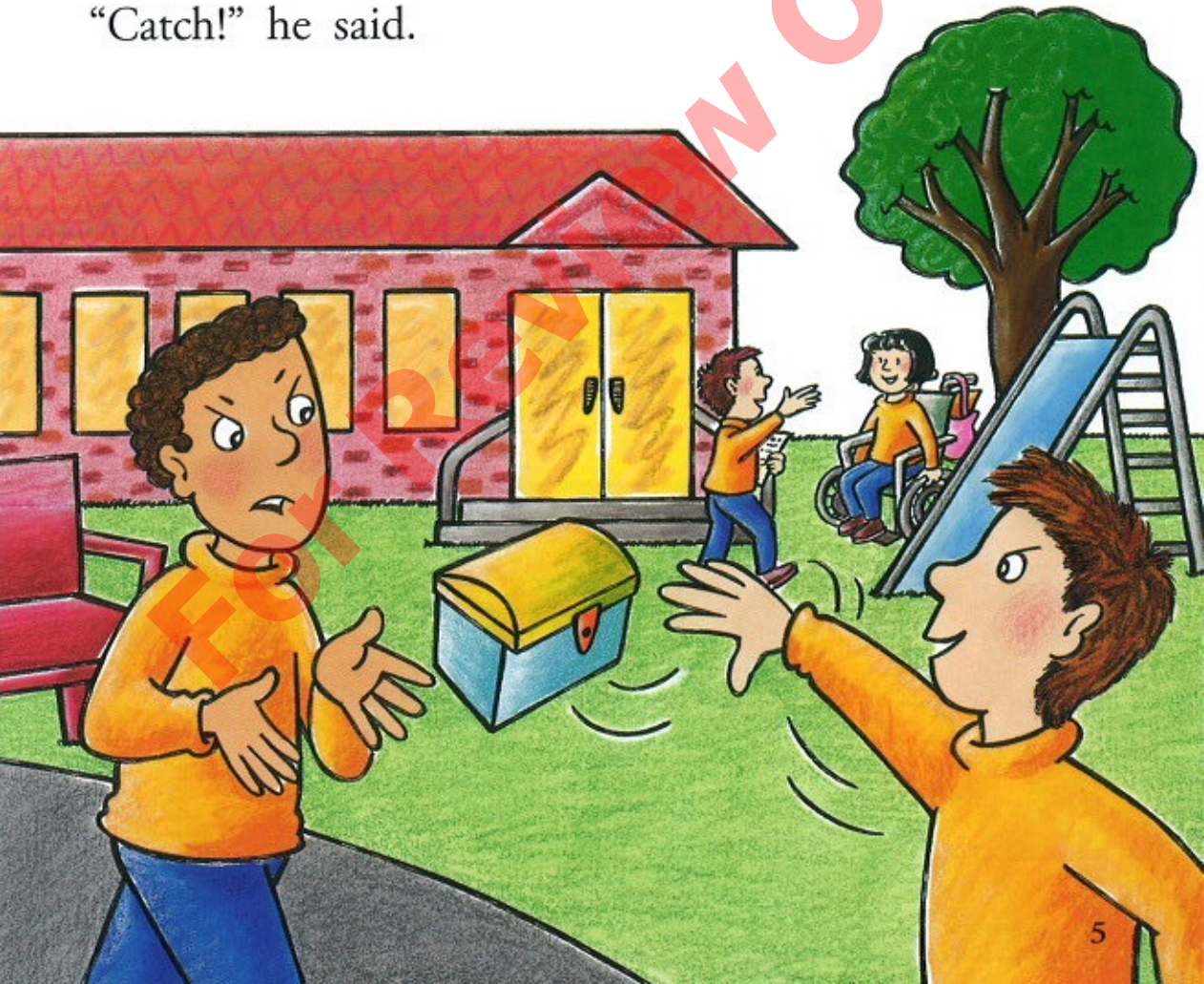
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At lunch time Will ran off with Josh's lunch box.

"Come back with my lunch box!" shouted Josh, as he ran after Will.

At last Will threw the lunch box back to Josh.

"Catch!" he said.



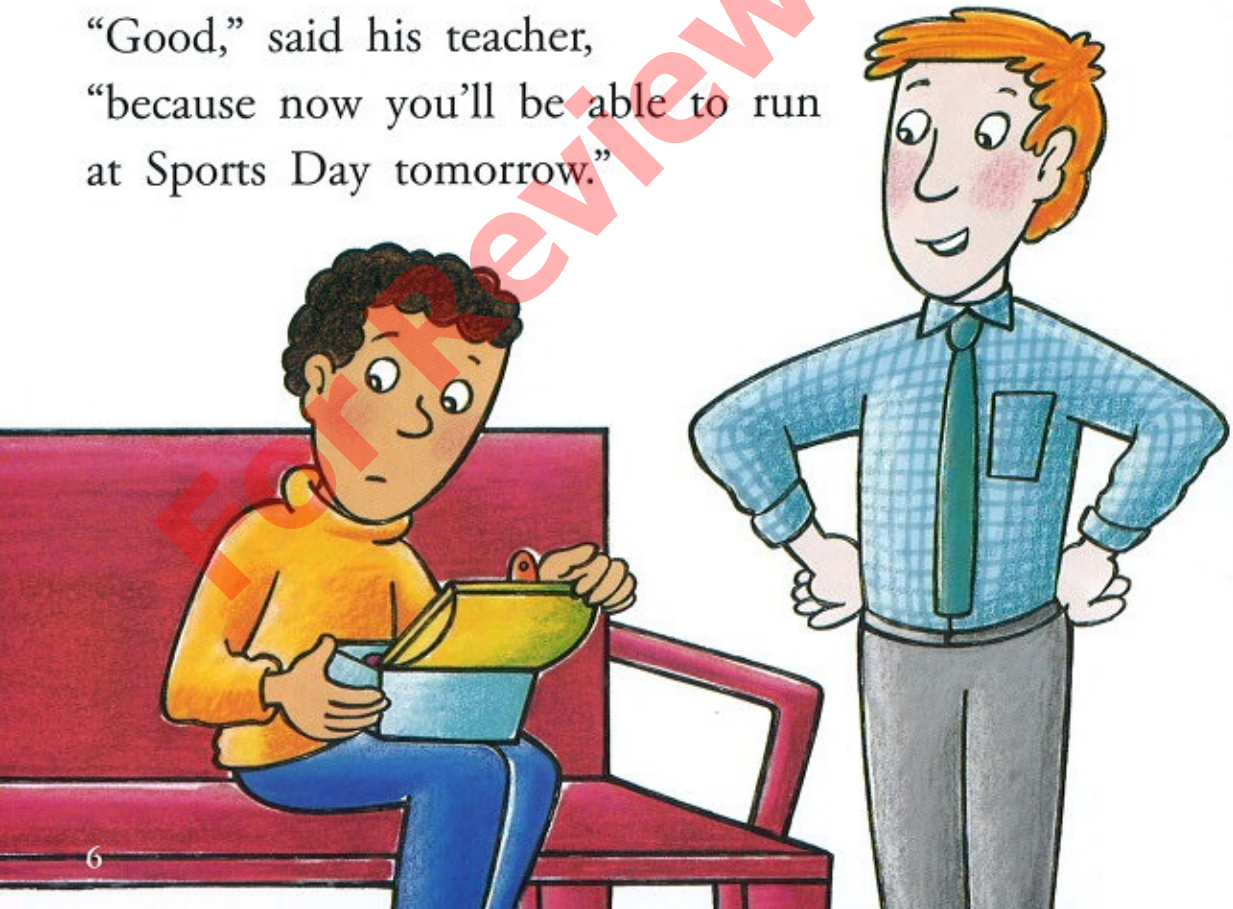
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Josh caught the lunch box and went back to his seat. Just then his teacher came over.

"Josh," he said.
"I've just seen you running after Will.
Is your foot much better now?"

"Yes," said Josh, looking at the ground.

"Good," said his teacher,
"because now you'll be able to run
at Sports Day tomorrow."



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The teacher talked to Josh's mum at school that afternoon.
Josh didn't say much as they drove home in the car.

"Is there something you want to talk about?" asked Mum.

Josh thought for a while.

"No," he said.



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