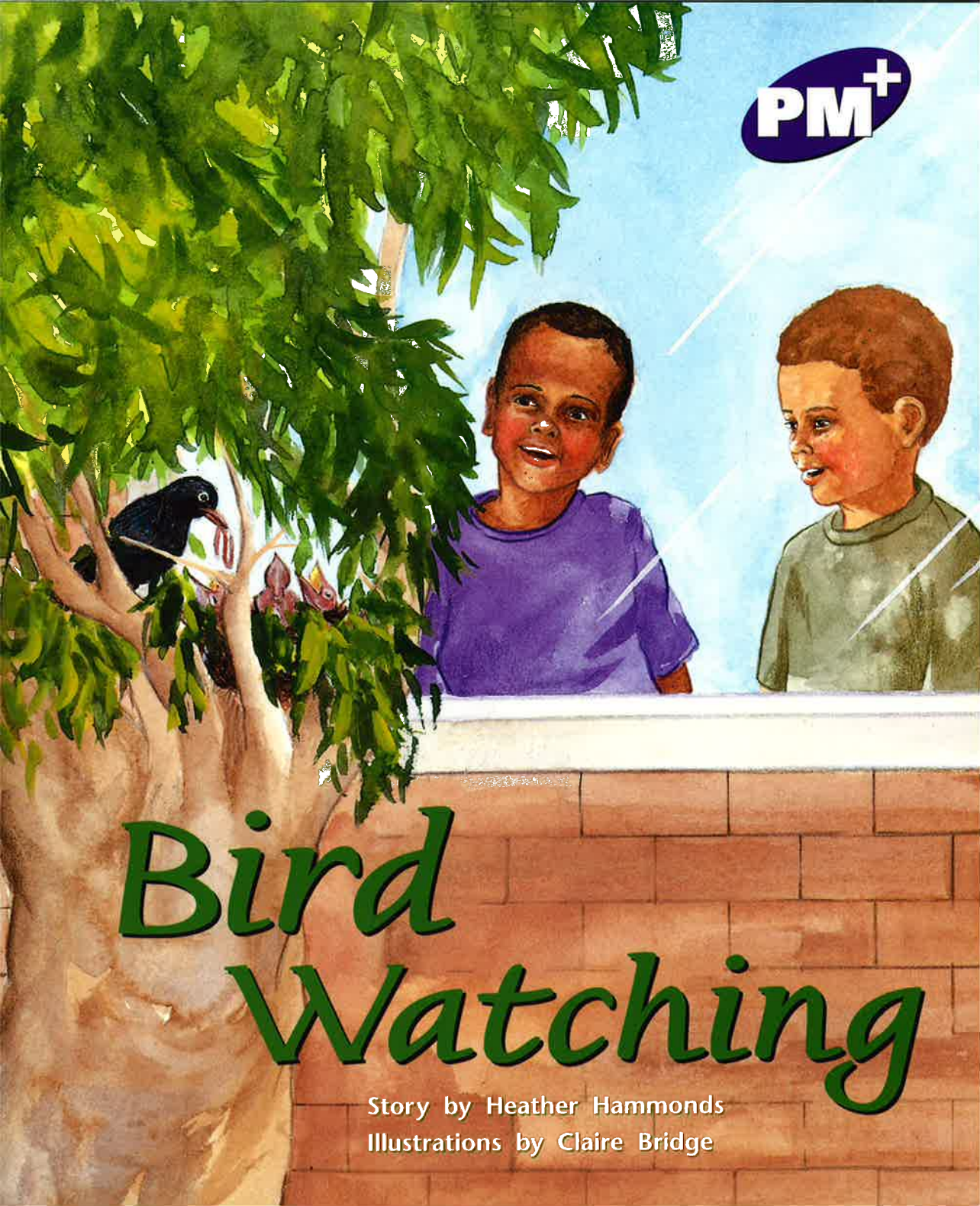
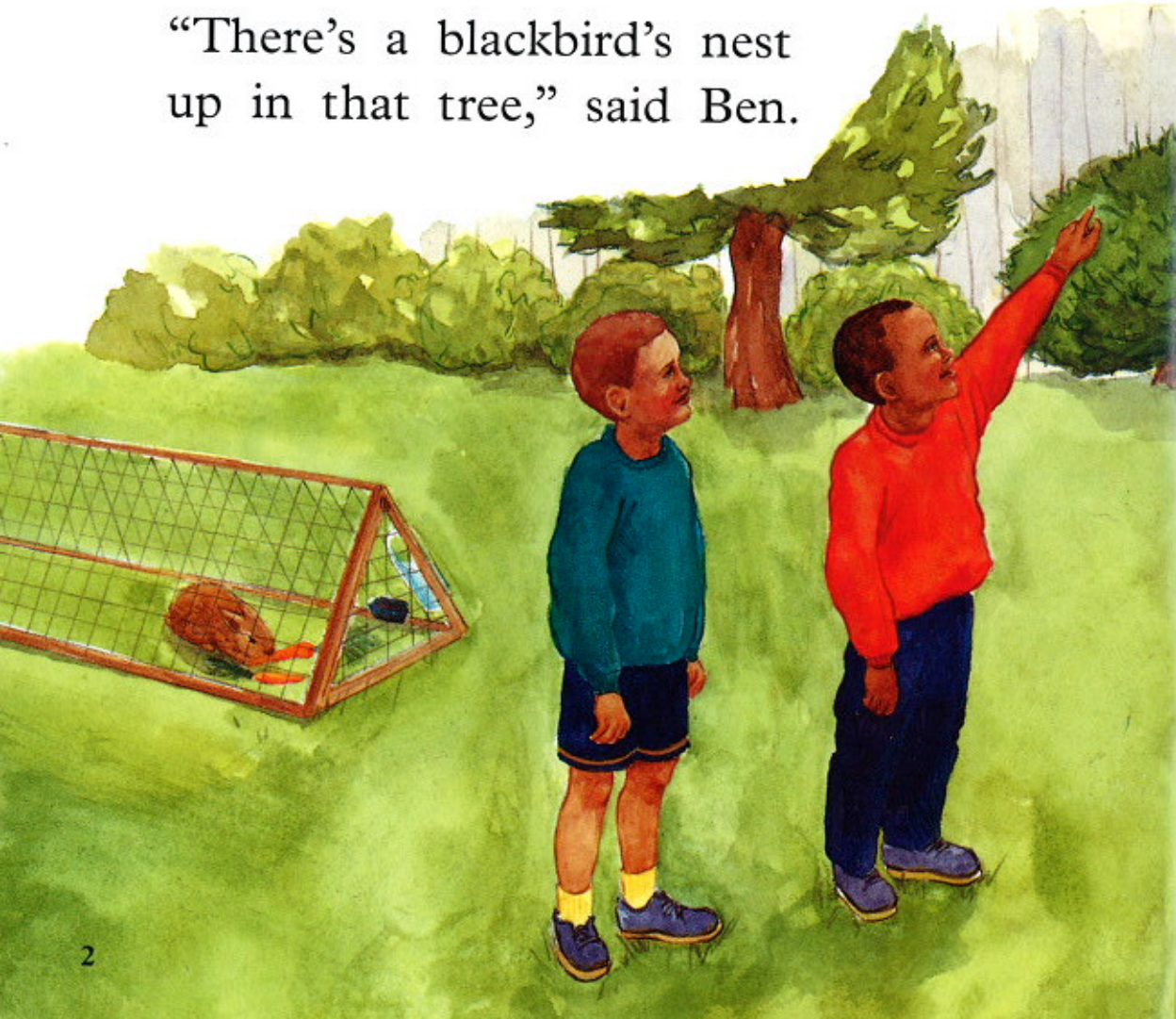
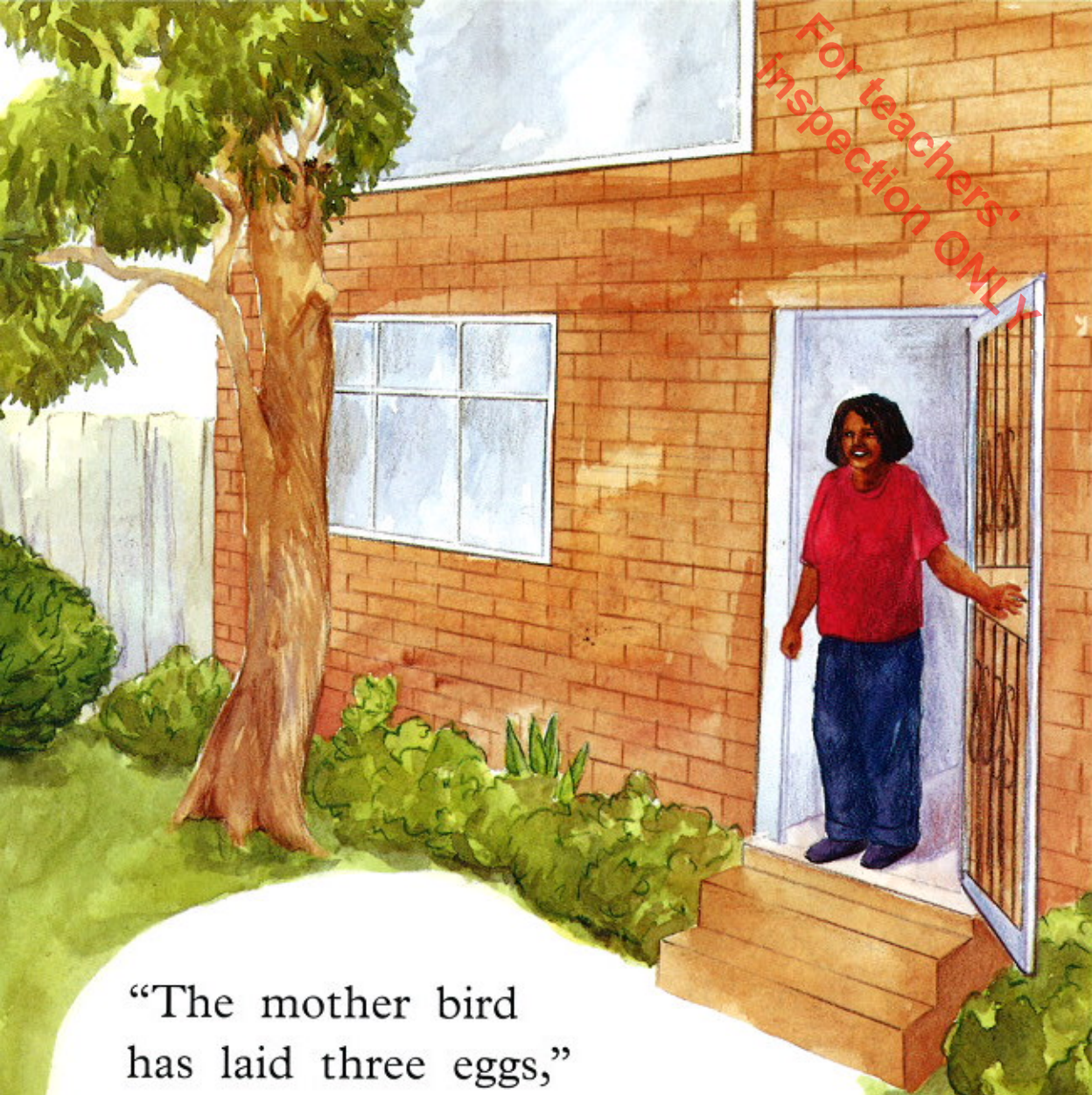

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Bird Watching
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One day, Ben's friend Justin came home with him after school. Justin liked helping Ben feed his pet rabbit.

"There's a blackbird's nest up in that tree," said Ben.





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"The mother bird
has laid three eggs,"
Ben told Justin. "Come upstairs.
You can see the nest
from my bedroom window."

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The boys watched the mother bird sitting quietly on her nest.

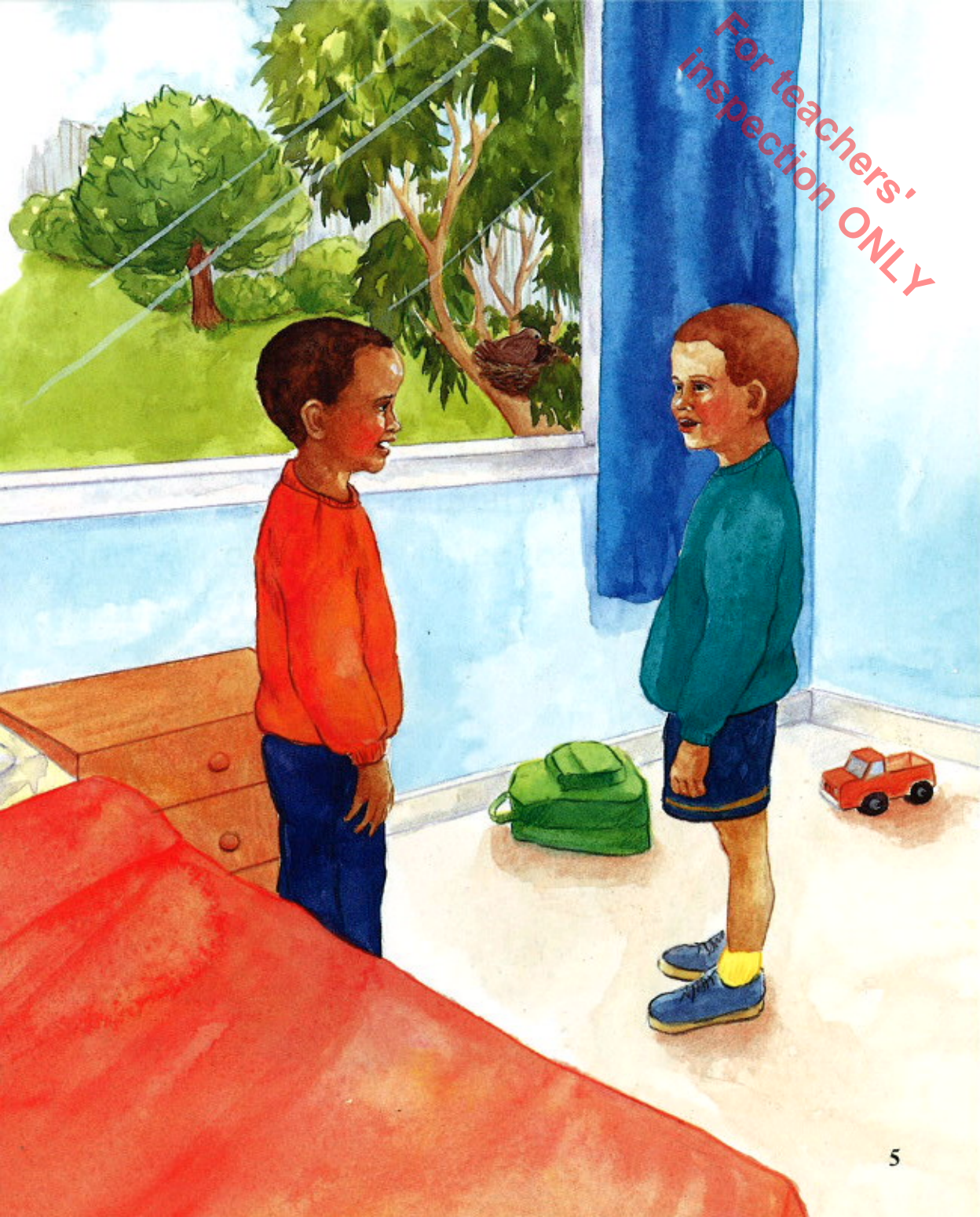
"She's not a blackbird!" said Justin.
"She's brown!"

"Only the father birds are black," said Ben.
"Mother blackbirds are brown."

"When will the eggs hatch?" asked Justin.

"Mum says it takes about two weeks," said Ben. "It will be fun to see the baby birds."





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When the eggs had hatched,
Justin came to Ben's house again.
"Are the baby birds in the nest?"
he asked.

"Yes," said Ben.
"They keep chirping.
Can you hear them?"

