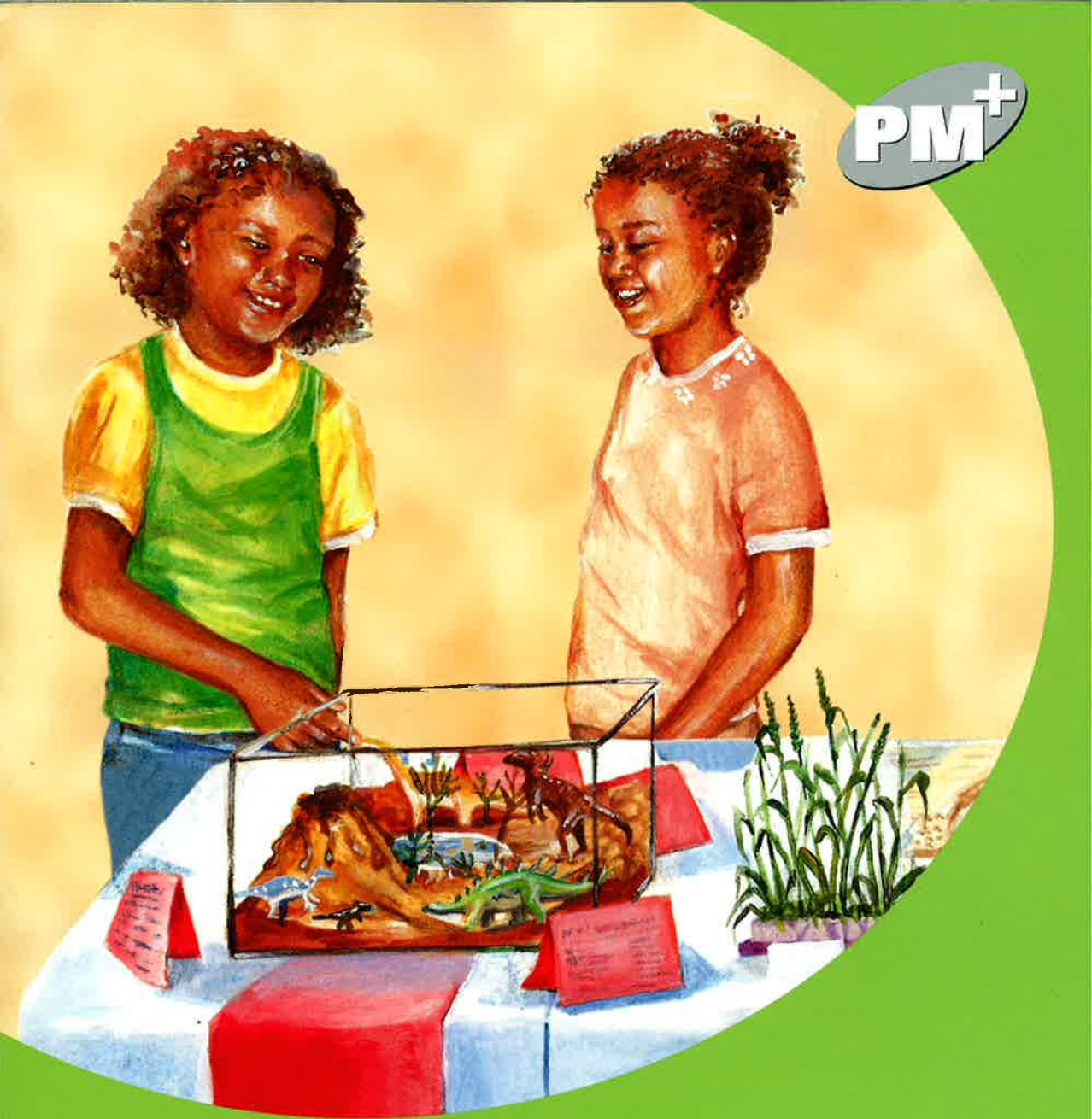


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Tiny Dinosaurs

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"It's our school Open Night in two weeks time," said Mrs Young. "The principal would like each class to put on a display in the school hall. You have done some excellent work in science this year, and I would like you all to choose something you were really interested in during the year for your project."

"Let's do a project together," said Amy, to her twin sister Grace.

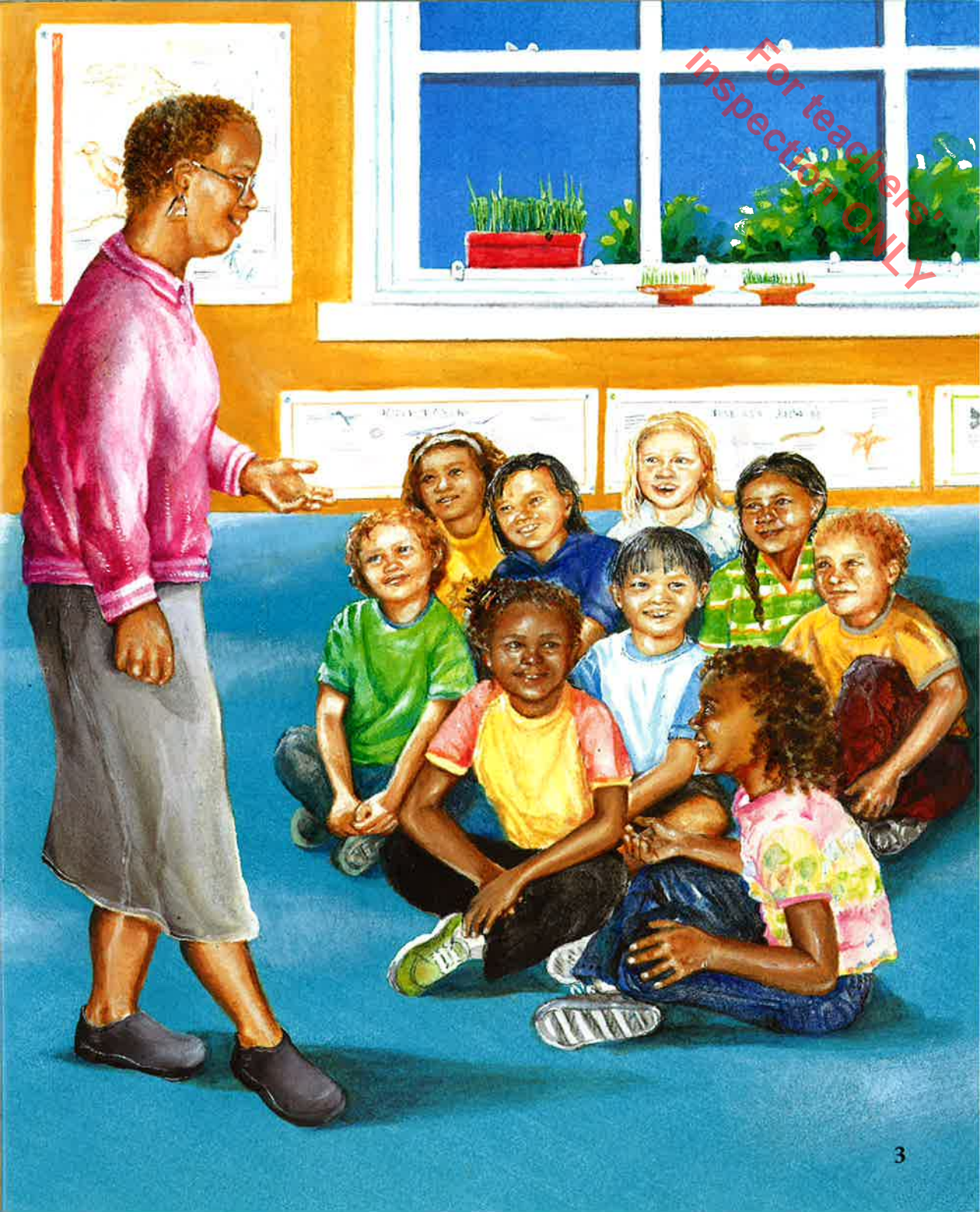
"I liked learning about wild animals," said Grace.

"But we can't put wild animals in our display," said Amy.

"Yes we can," said Grace. "I've seen wild animals here in the school grounds."

"You have not!" giggled Amy.

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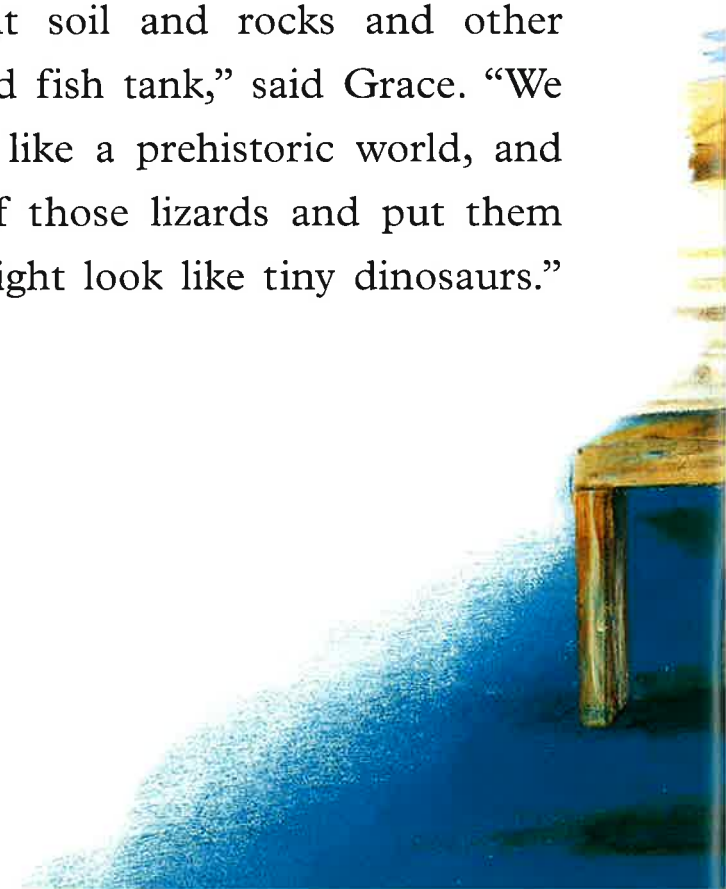
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"What about all those lizards in the grass by the back fence?" said Grace. "They're wild animals."

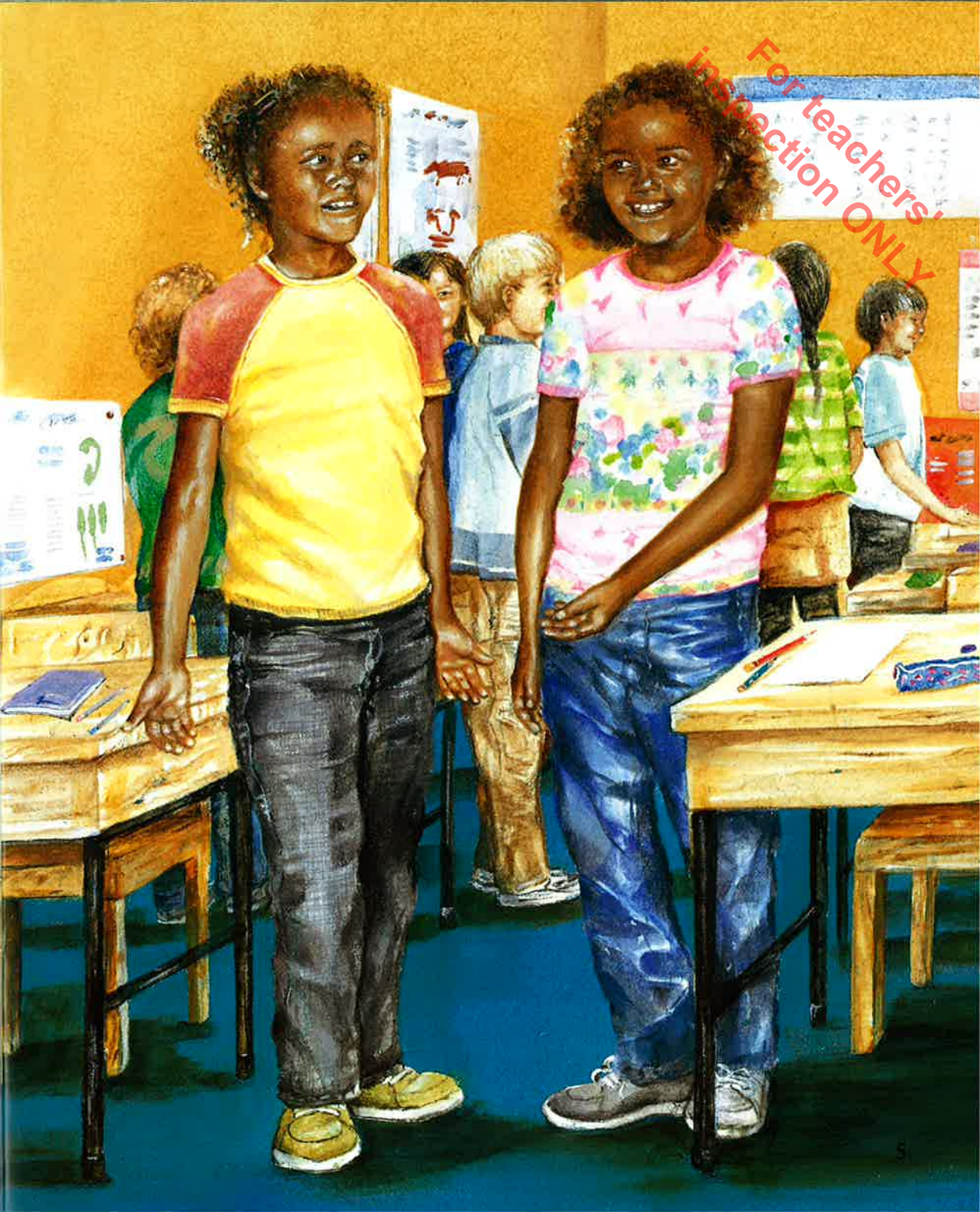
In the sunny weather, lots of small lizards darted around in the grass, flicking their tongues and eating insects.

"How could we use lizards in our project?" asked Amy.

"We could put soil and rocks and other things inside our old fish tank," said Grace. "We could make it look like a prehistoric world, and if we catch some of those lizards and put them in the tank, they might look like tiny dinosaurs."



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When they arrived home, the girls found the fish tank and cleaned it out with soapy water. Then they spread soil on the bottom of the tank. They made a volcano out of modelling clay, and put it in one corner. Amy poured some mud into the crater until it overflowed. It looked as though lava was running down the sides of the volcano.

"I think we need a lake," said Amy, so she put a plastic bowl full of water in the middle of the tank. Grace found some twigs that were just like little trees, and placed them around the bowl. When the twins had finished, the fish tank looked like a little prehistoric world.

"All we need now are the lizards," said Amy. "We'll catch them tomorrow."

