The Talent Quest



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"We all enjoyed listening to your song, girls," said Miss Bell, when Zoë, Kylie and Megan had finished singing to the class. "I think you should enter the Children's Talent Quest. It's going to be held at the Downtown Shopping Centre during the school holidays."

"Oh, no!" said Megan. "I'd be too nervous to sing at the shopping centre!"

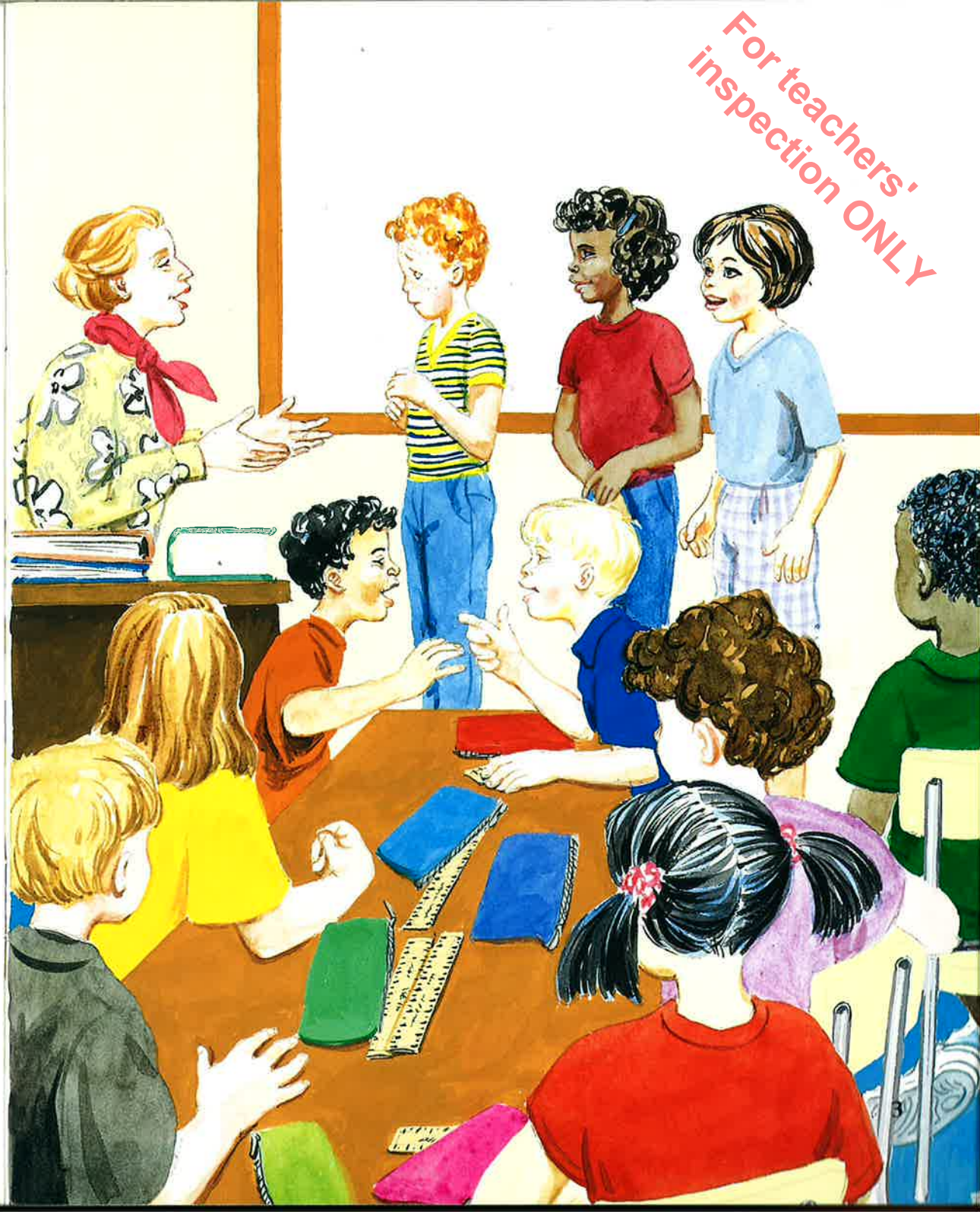
"No, you wouldn't, Megan," said Kylie. "We'd be there to help you."

"Yes," said Zoë, "and we'll practise every day so that we'll be good enough."

"A talent quest!" said Luke. "You know, I can sing that song."

"So can I," said Andrew. "My dad plays it on his guitar."

"This is our song!" said Kylie. "We don't need you two."



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Megan looked at Kylie. "But it might sound better with some more voices," she suggested.

"And they're both good singers," added Zoë.

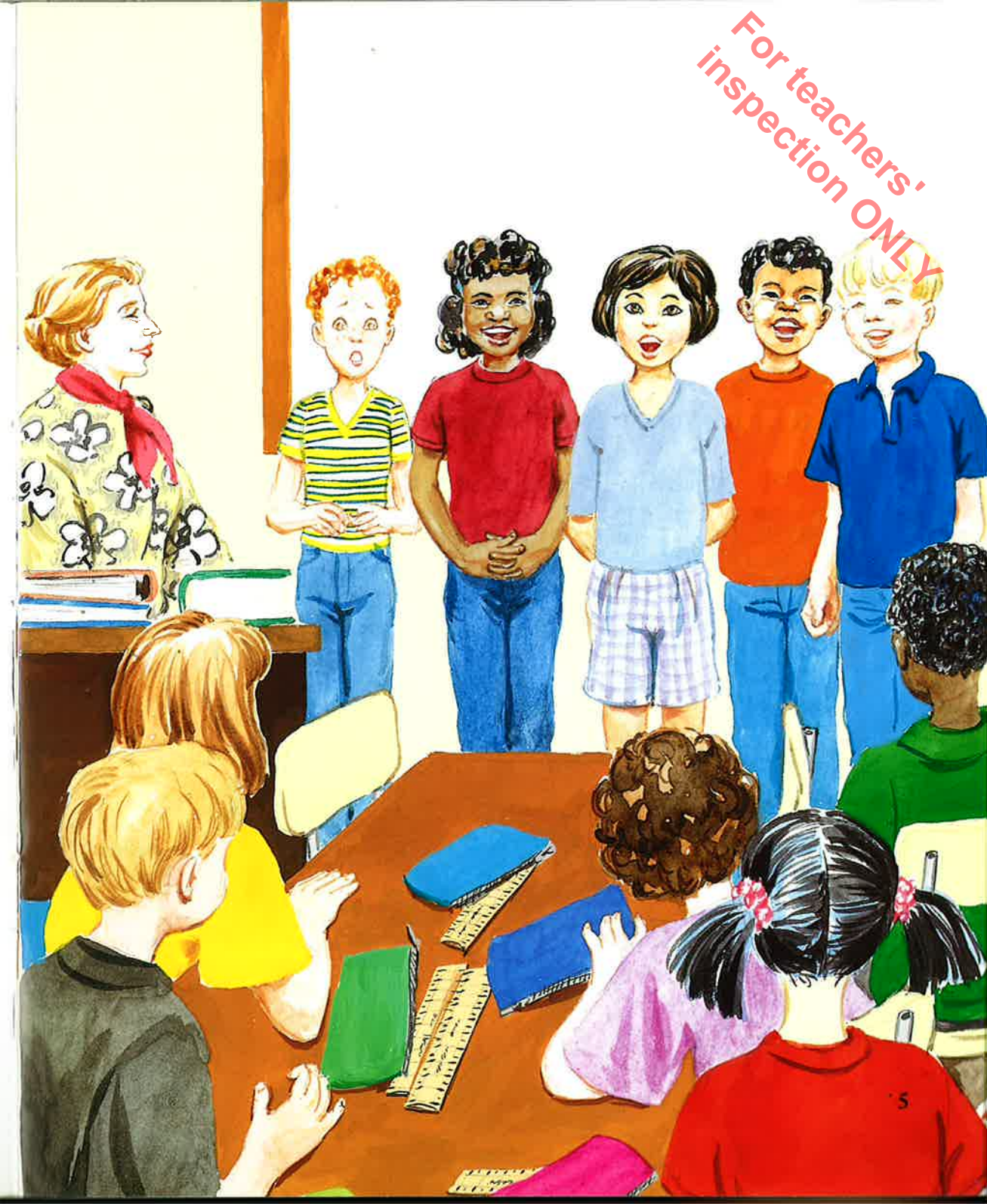
"Well," said Kylie slowly. "I suppose we could see how it sounds."

They all sang the song through together, and Miss Bell said, "That sounded even better than before!"

"Hey!" grinned Luke. "We made a big difference to the group, didn't we, Andrew?"

"We all sang well together," said Andrew quickly, before the girls could argue, "so let's enter for the talent quest."

"All right," said Kylie. "Let's do it!"



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The next day at school, Andrew said, "Mum says that you can come and practise at our place, and Dad says that he'll play his guitar for us to sing to."

"But wait a minute!" said Kylie. "Your dad won't be able to play for us at the talent quest. It's only for children."

"I know," replied Andrew, "but we're allowed to have a backing tape, and Dad says he'll play our song through and record it."

"And our song would sound much better with some music," said Megan.

So the following Saturday, they all went to Andrew's house to practise. They sang together while Andrew's dad played his guitar.