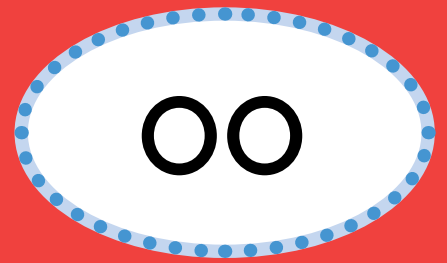
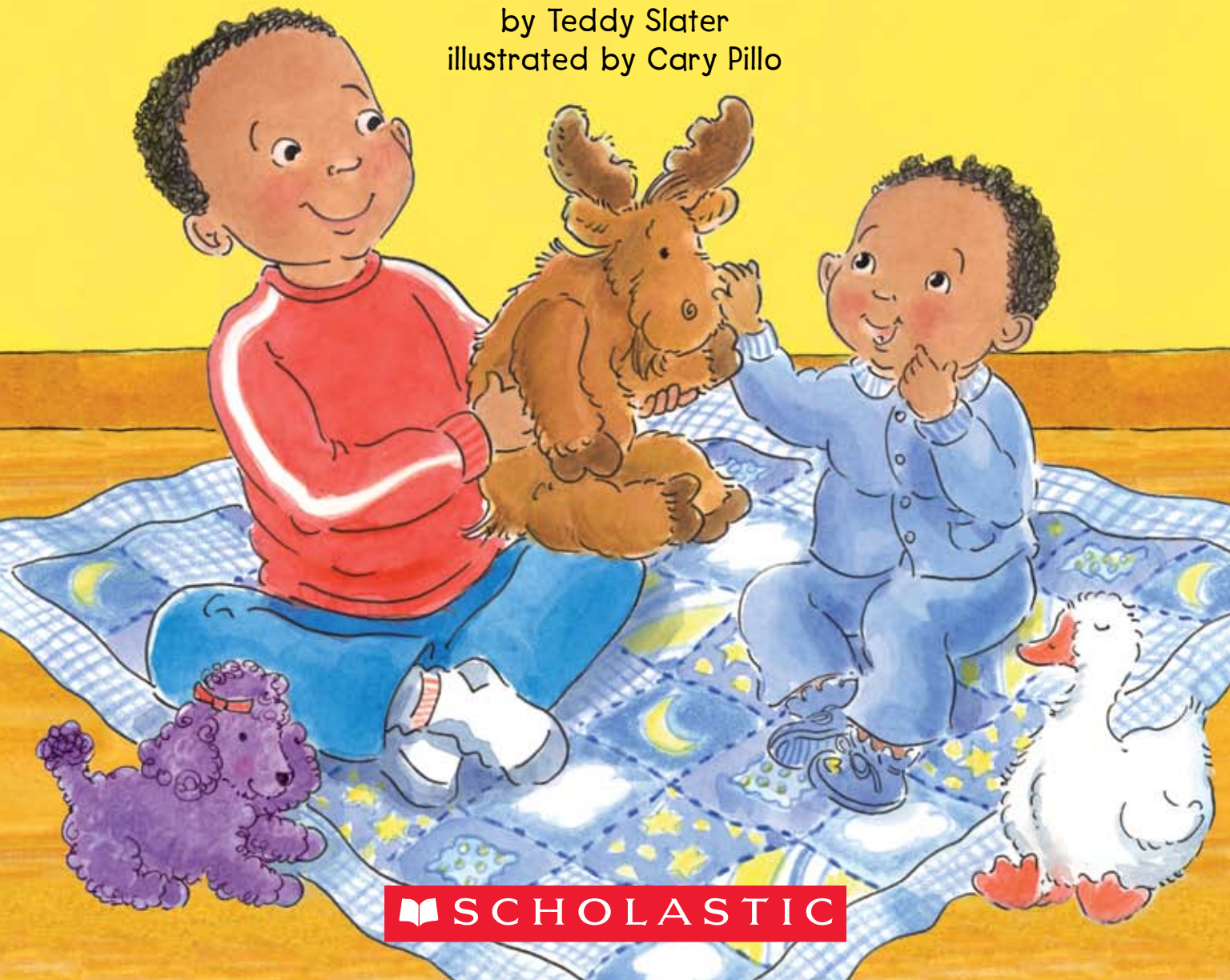


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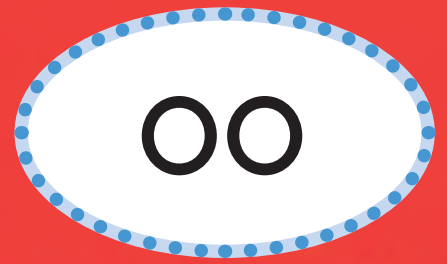
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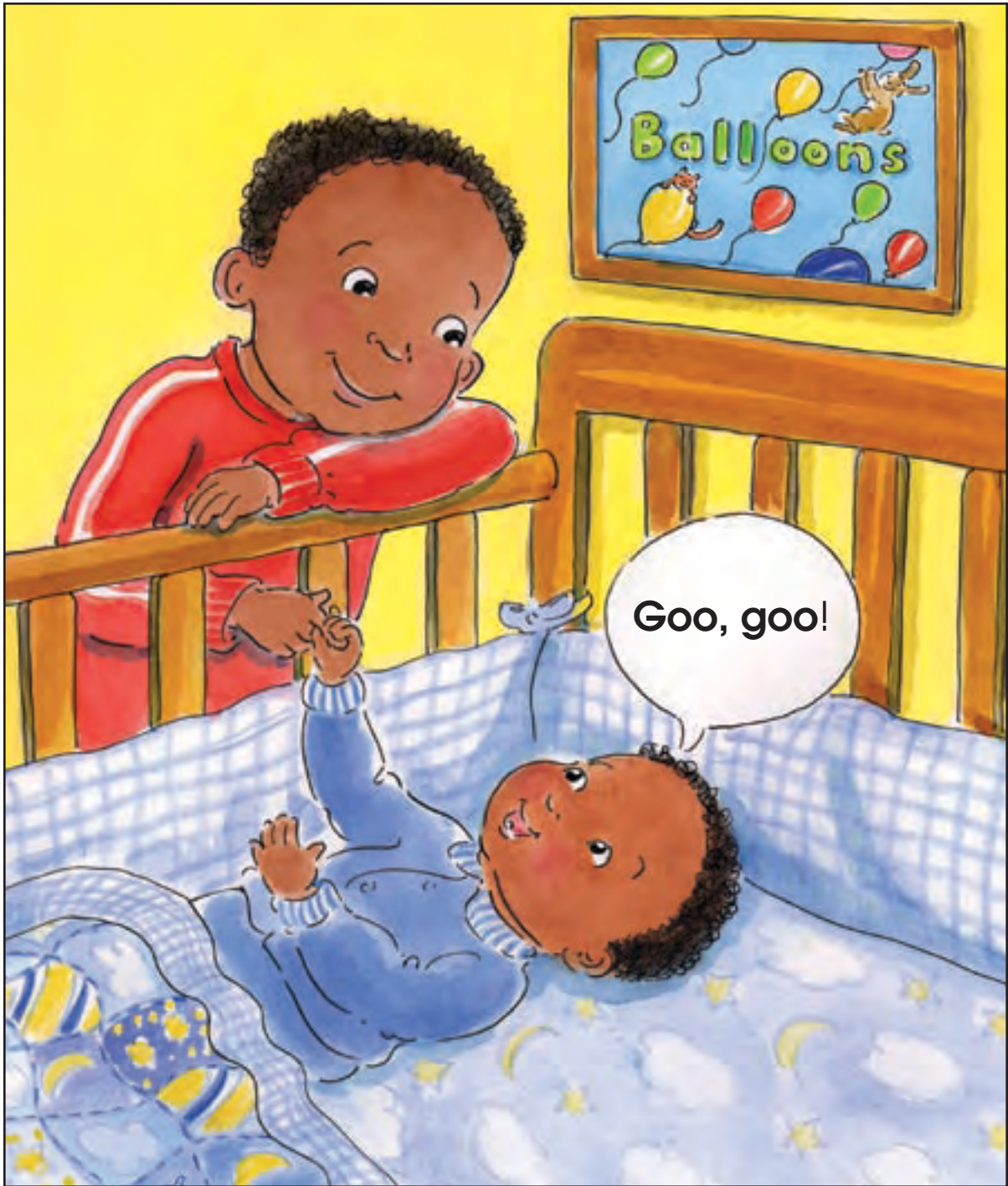
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### Phonics Fact

The story you are about to read is full of oo words. This pair of vowels is called a digraph. That means the two vowels work together to make a single sound, as in the words **too**, **ooh**, and **goo, goo**. What other oo words can you find in this story? Look at the pictures, too!

Everyone thinks my brother is **too** cute for words. "Kitchy, kitchy, **coo!**" they say. "**Ooh**, he is so sweet!" they **croon**.



But all my brother says is, "**Goo, goo!**" He is **too** little to talk. He just opens up his **googly** eyes. Then he smiles his **goofy** grin and **drools**.



### Phonics Fact

Sometimes the *oo* sound appears in the second syllable of a word, as in **raccoon** and **baboon**.

Can you find a word on this page with the *oo* sound in the third syllable?

(Answer: kangaroo)

My brother's **room** is like a **zoo**. He has a **moose**, a **goose**, a **raccoon**, a **poodle**, a **baboon**, and a big **kangaroo**.

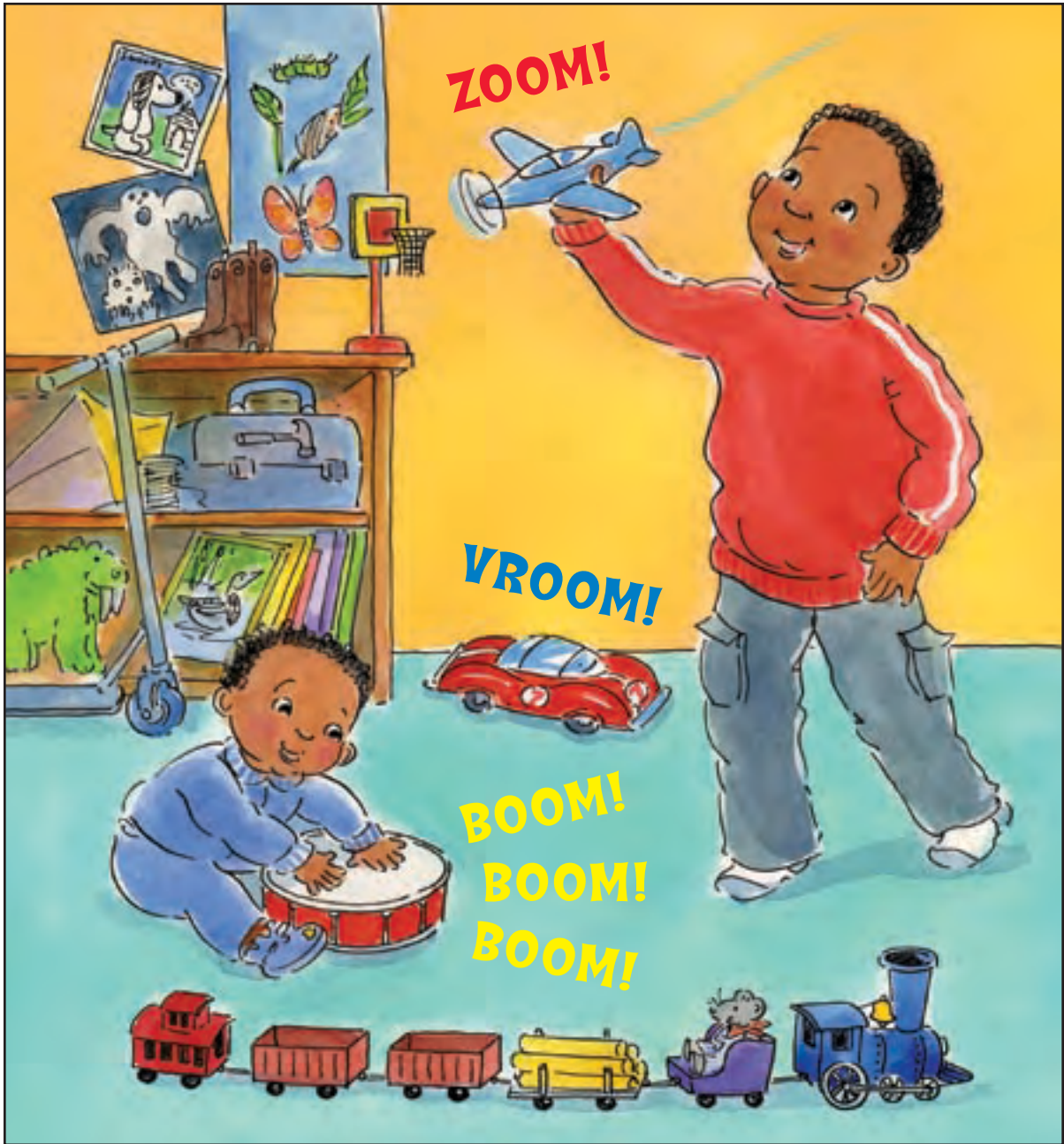


He has an owl that says, “**Hoot!**” and a cow that says, “**Moo!**” Everyone gives him stuffed animals.



But does my brother say thanks? Nope.  
He just says, "**Goo, goo!**" That is all he can say:  
"**Goo, goo! Goo, goo!**"

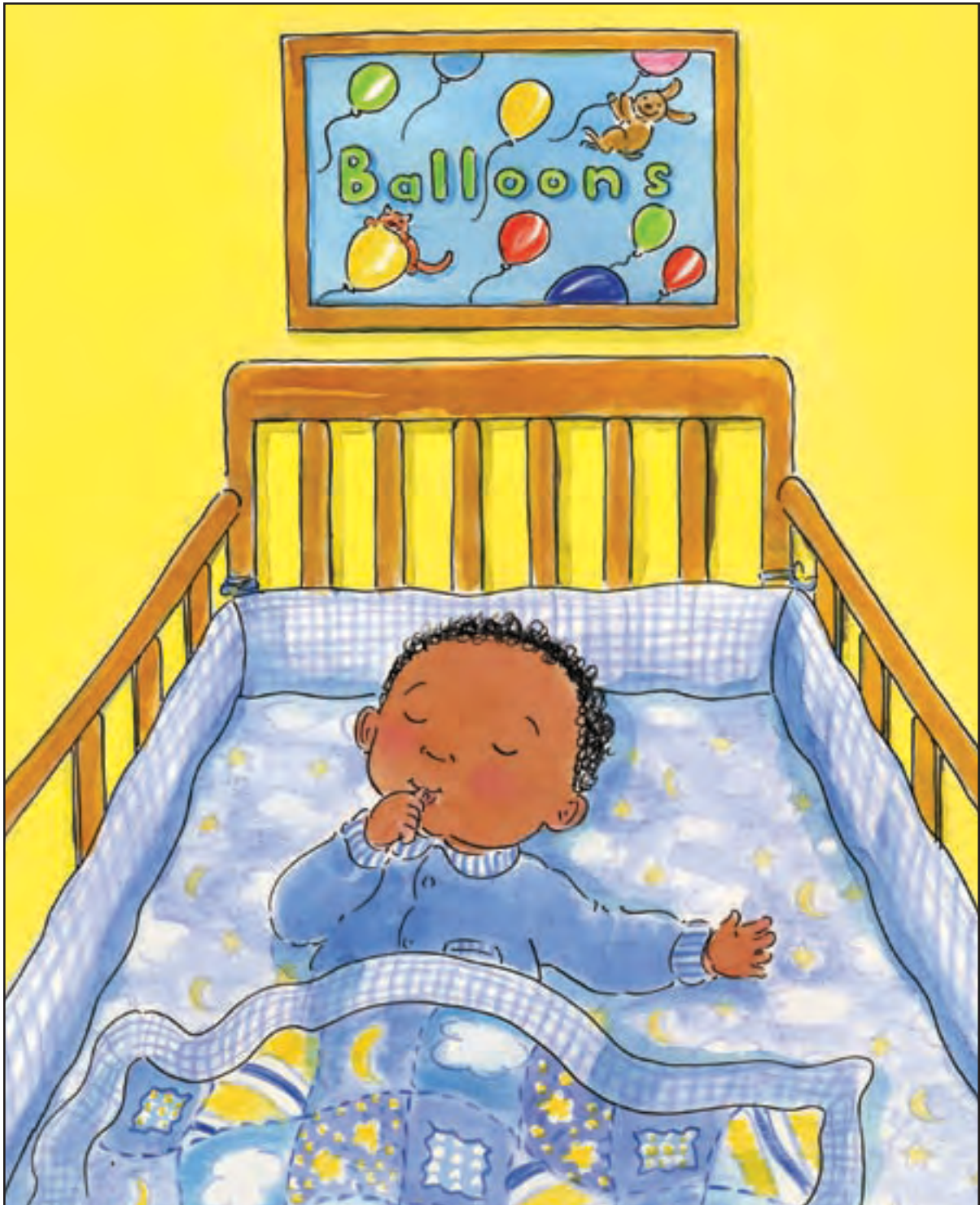




My brother likes my toys, **too**. I have a car that goes **VROOM** and a plane that goes **ZOOM**. I have a drum that goes **BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!** And I have a **choo-choo** train with a red **caboose**.



My brother has just one **tooth** so he only eats **gooey foods**. "**Goo, goo!**" he says when you give him a **noodle**. He can't even use a **spoon!**



After lunch, his eyes get **droopy**. Sometimes he even **snoozes** all **afternoon**.

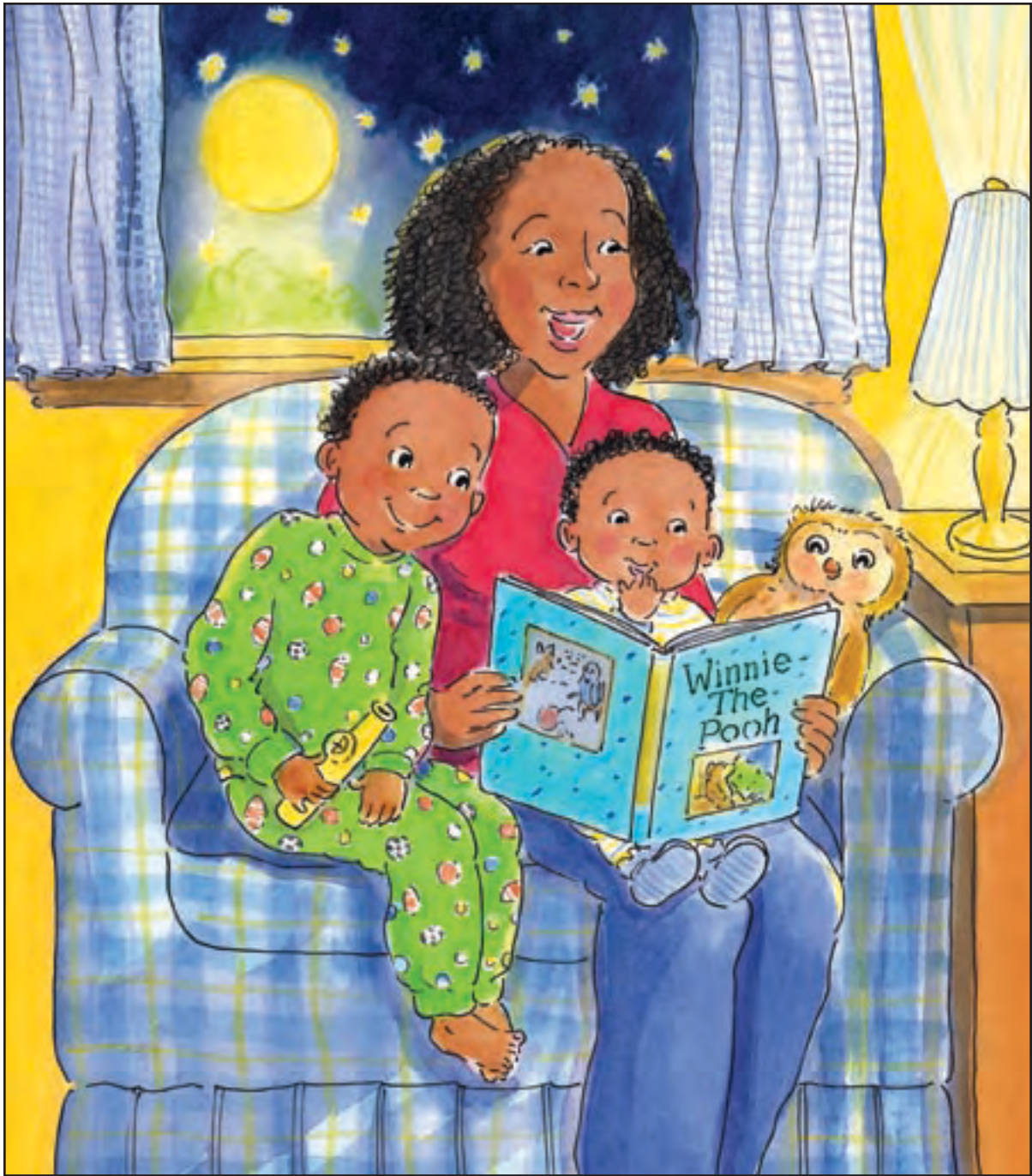


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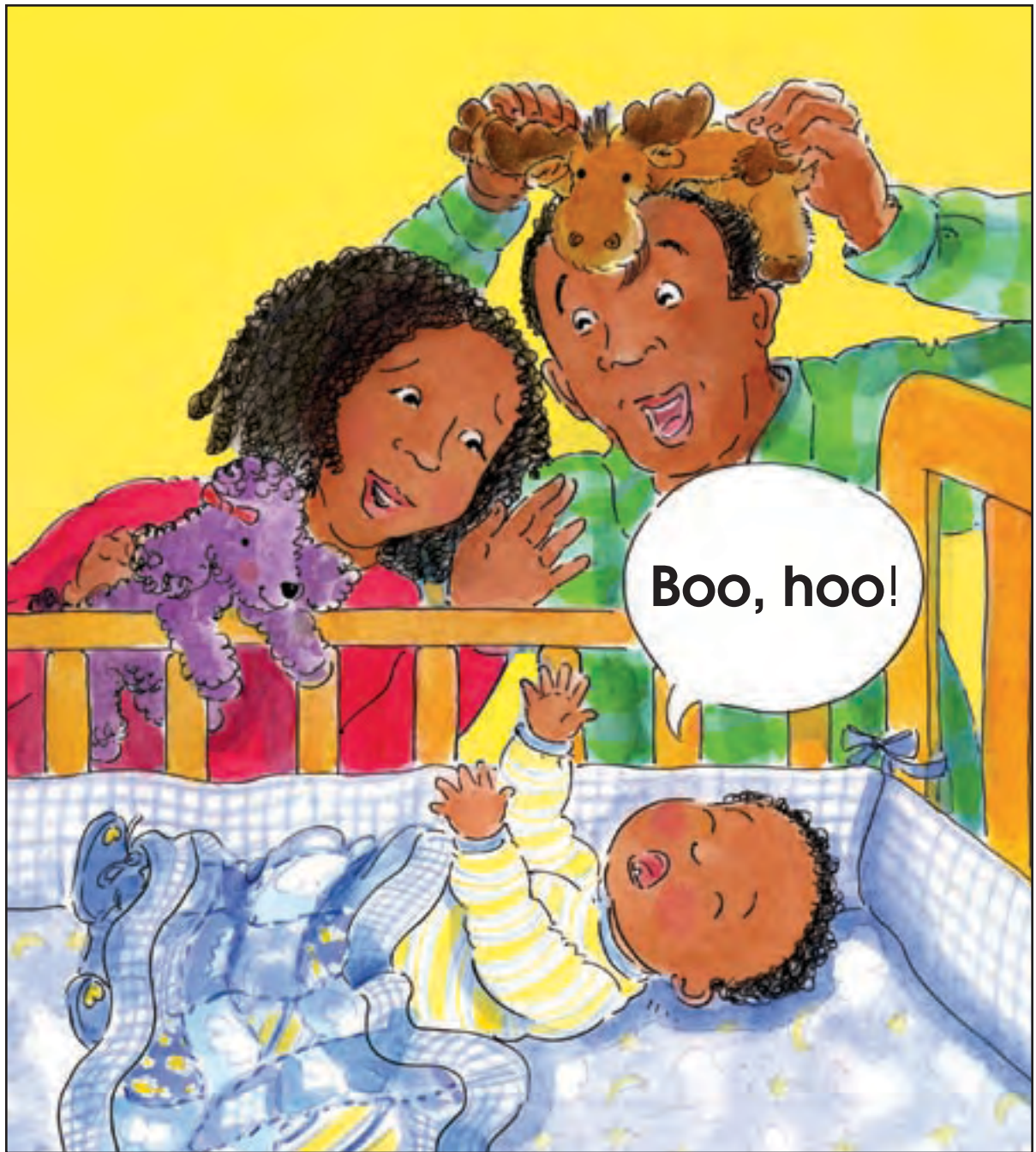
Sometimes *oo* is pronounced differently than in the words **too**, **oooh**, and **goo, goo**. It can also make the sound found in *good*, *wood*, and *took*. Can you find a word on page 11 with the same *oo* sound as in *good*?

(Answer: **books**)

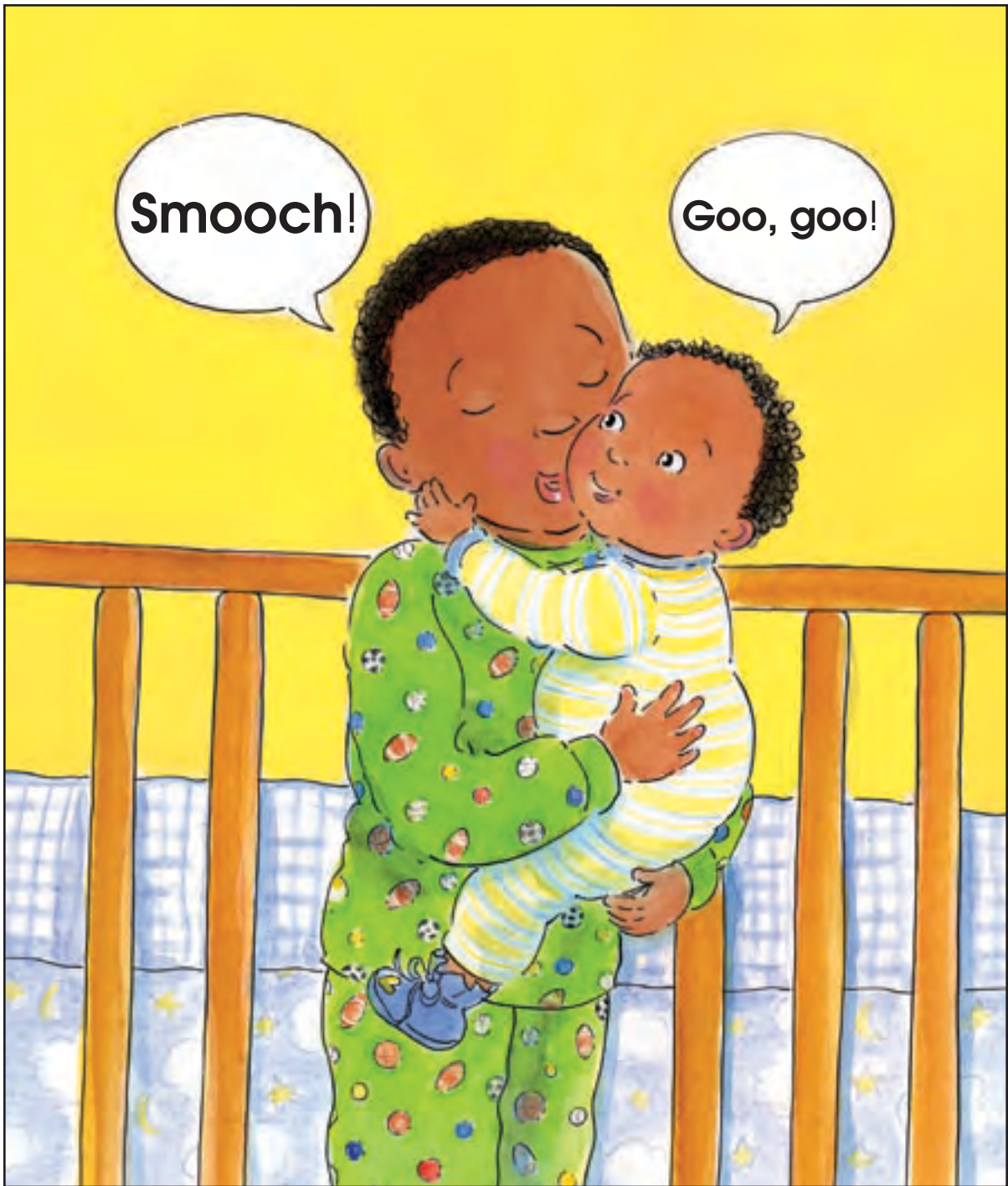
But as **soon** as I come home from **school**, he wakes up. Then he gives me that good old grin and we play and play!



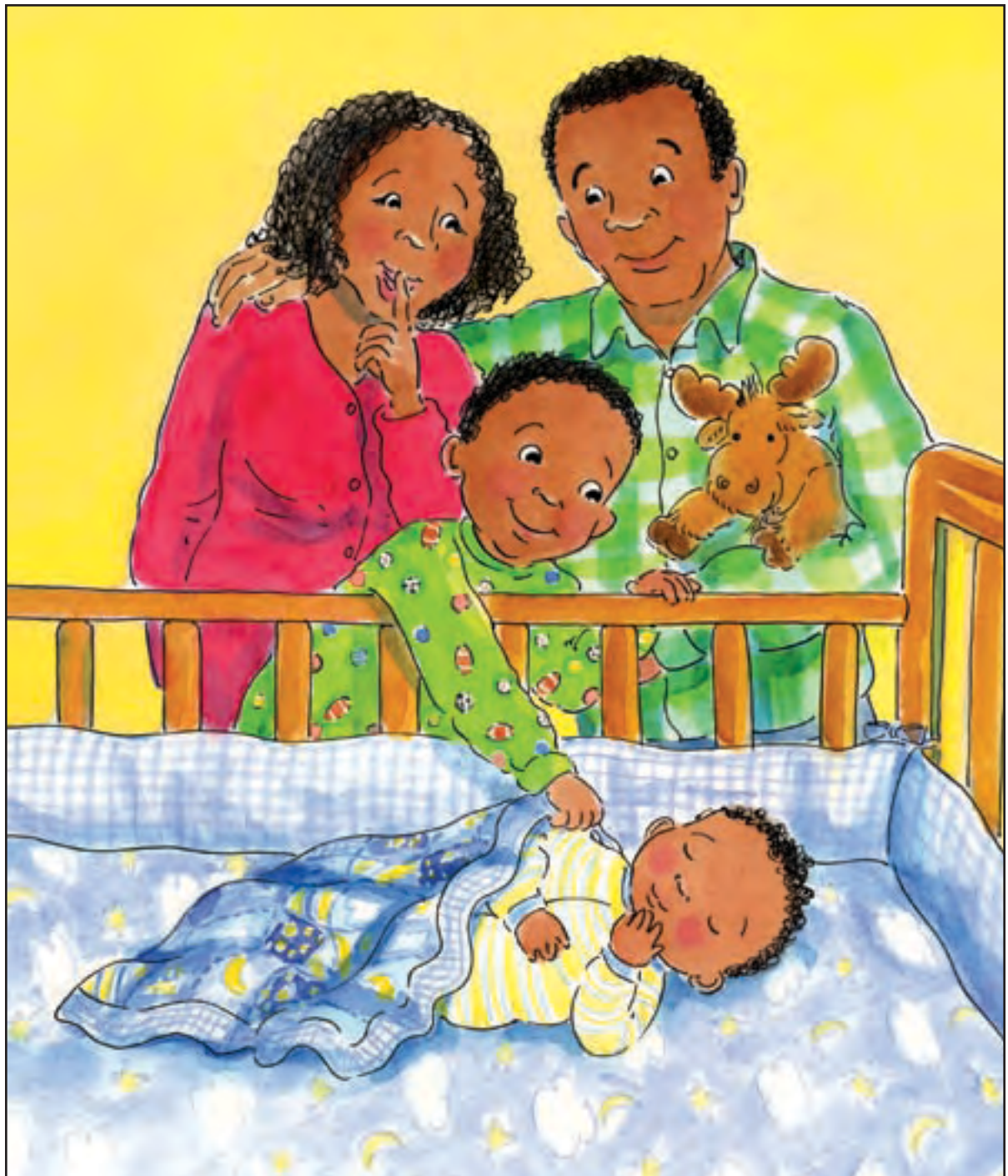
At night, in the **moonlight**, I help Mom put on his **booties**. She reads him fun books like *Winnie the Pooh*. After that, I **toot** my **kazoo** and sing, "Yankee **Doodle** Dandy."



If he is not in the **mood** to sleep, my brother cries, “**Boo, hoo! Boo, hoo!**” My parents try **oodles** of things to make him stop. But I’m the only one who can.



I **scoot** over to his crib, **scoop** him up, and give him a big **smooch**. And just like that, he goes from "Boo, hoo!" to "Goo, goo!"



That's the **cool** thing about the kid. I love him and he loves me, **too!** If I could pick any brother, I would always **choose** him!



# 00 Riddles

Listen to the riddles. Then match each riddle with the right oo word from the box.

## Word Box

soon toot moose moon school  
moo boom poodle kangaroo afternoon

- 1 What a cow says.
- 2 This animal hops and has a pouch.
- 3 This is the sound that a train makes.
- 4 You go to this place to learn.
- 5 Fireworks make this sound.
- 6 It means *in a little while*.
- 7 This animal has big antlers.
- 8 You can see this in the night sky along with stars.
- 9 This kind of dog has curly hair.
- 10 It is the time between morning and night.



# oo Cheer

Hooray for o-o, the best pair around!

Let's holler o-o words all over town!

There's **school** and **choose** and **roof** and **moon**.

There's **gloom** and **room** and **scoop** and **soon**.

There's **bloom** and **toot** and **tool** and **noodle**.

There's **boot** and **scoot** and **zoo** and **poodle**.

O-o, o-o, give a great cheer,

For the **grooviest** sound you ever will hear!



Make a list of other **oo** words that make the same sound as these. Then use them in your cheer.