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# A BIRTHDAY FOR BEN

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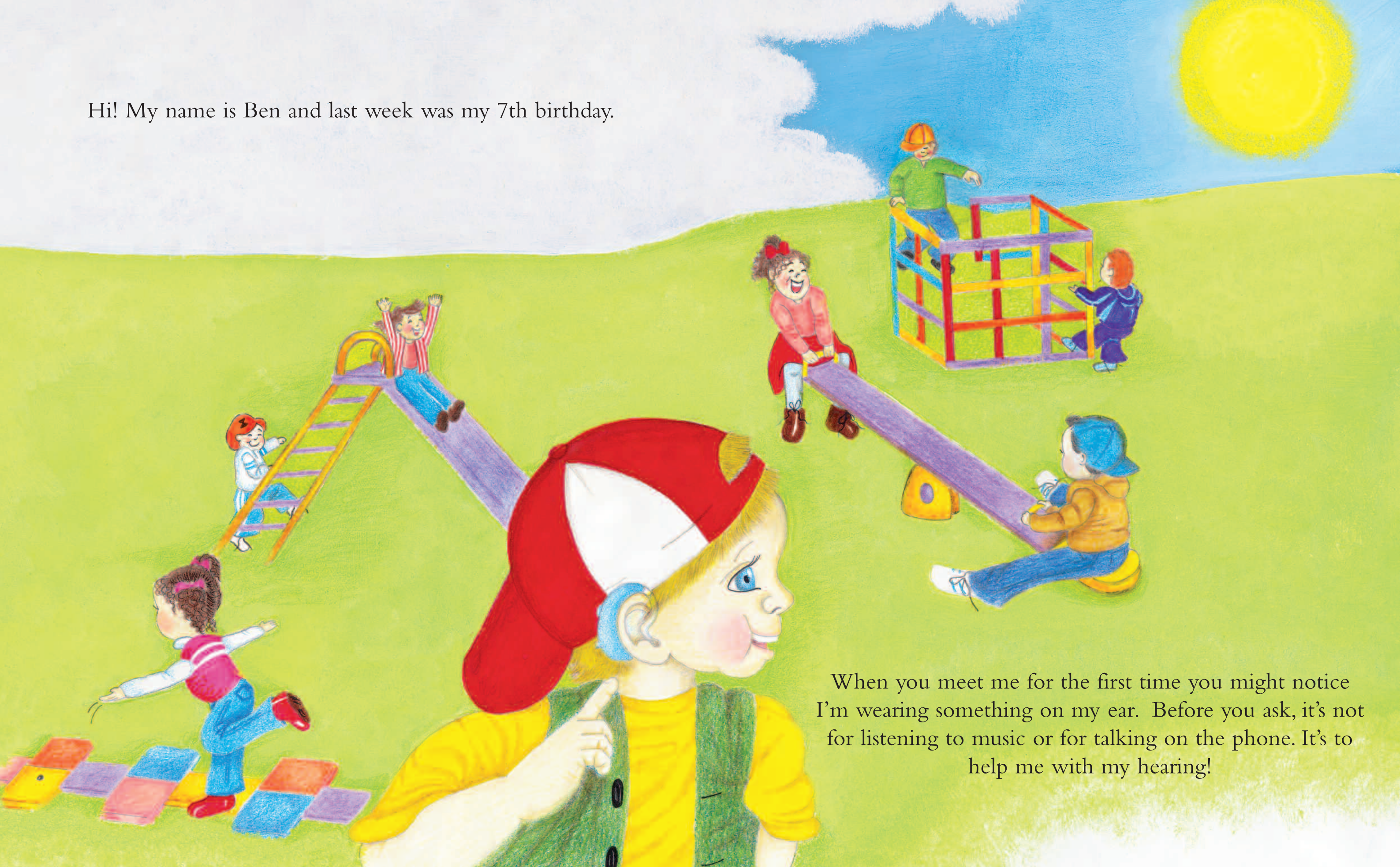


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Hi! My name is Ben and last week was my 7th birthday.



When you meet me for the first time you might notice I'm wearing something on my ear. Before you ask, it's not for listening to music or for talking on the phone. It's to help me with my hearing!