

READ-ALONG BOOK · SET 2 · GROOMING

# Sammy and the Too-Special Friend

Read it together. Stop and talk about each page.



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## Rec Center



Mia has a new grown-up friend named Max. He helps out at the rec center after school. He is funny, and he helps Mia with her homework. Mia likes him a lot. Sammy waves hello from across the room.

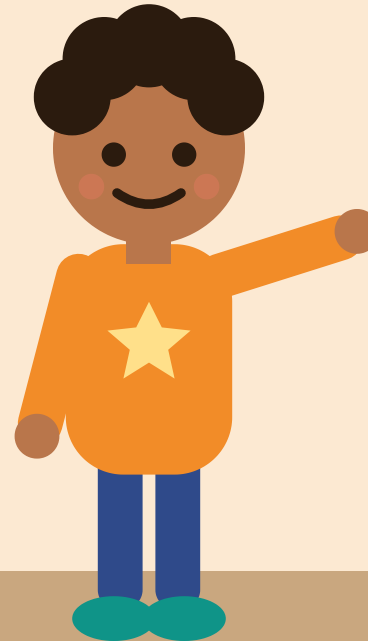
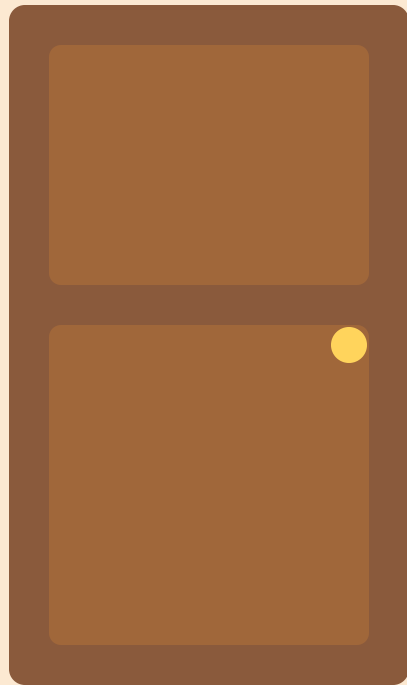
**Sammy's rule: Watch how people act, not just who they are.**



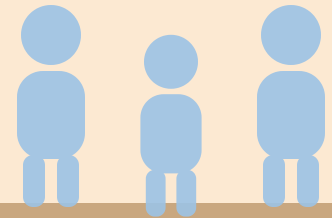
Every day, Max gives Mia something new. Candy, stickers, and now new sneakers. "You're my favorite," he tells her. "Don't tell the other kids." Sammy thinks hard. Why does Max give only Mia so many presents?

**Sammy's rule: Lots of gifts from a grown-up can be an uh-oh.**

Back room

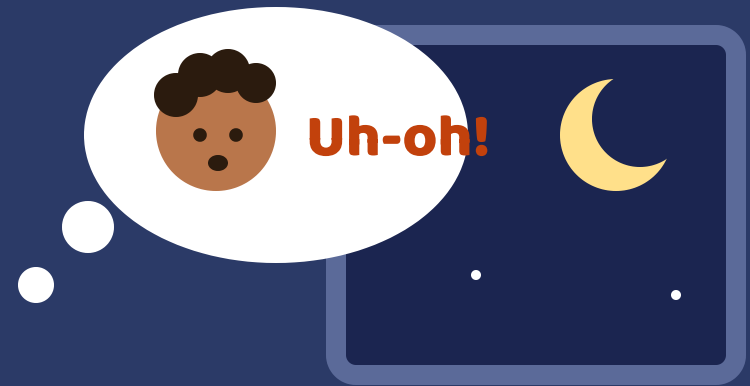


the group



One day Max says, "Stay after everyone leaves. You can help me in the back room. Just you and me." Mia's tummy feels funny. Sammy says, "When a grown-up wants you alone in secret, that's an uh-oh. Let's stay with the group."

**Sammy's rule: Safe grown-ups don't ask kids to be alone in secret.**



That night, Mia gets a message on her tablet. It's from Max. "Let's chat on this secret app. Don't tell your mom. It's our special thing." Mia remembers Sammy's words. A secret from her mom? That's an uh-oh!

**Sammy's rule: Online or in person, secrets from family are an uh-oh.**



# Sammy's 5 Uh-Oh Signs

Sammy helps Mia see the five uh-oh signs Max showed. If a grown-up or older kid does these things, tell a safe grown-up.



## Uh-oh sign 1

**Gives you lots of gifts and says you're the favorite**



## Uh-oh sign 2

**Wants to be alone with you in secret**



## Uh-oh sign 3

**Asks you to keep secrets from your family**



## Uh-oh sign 4

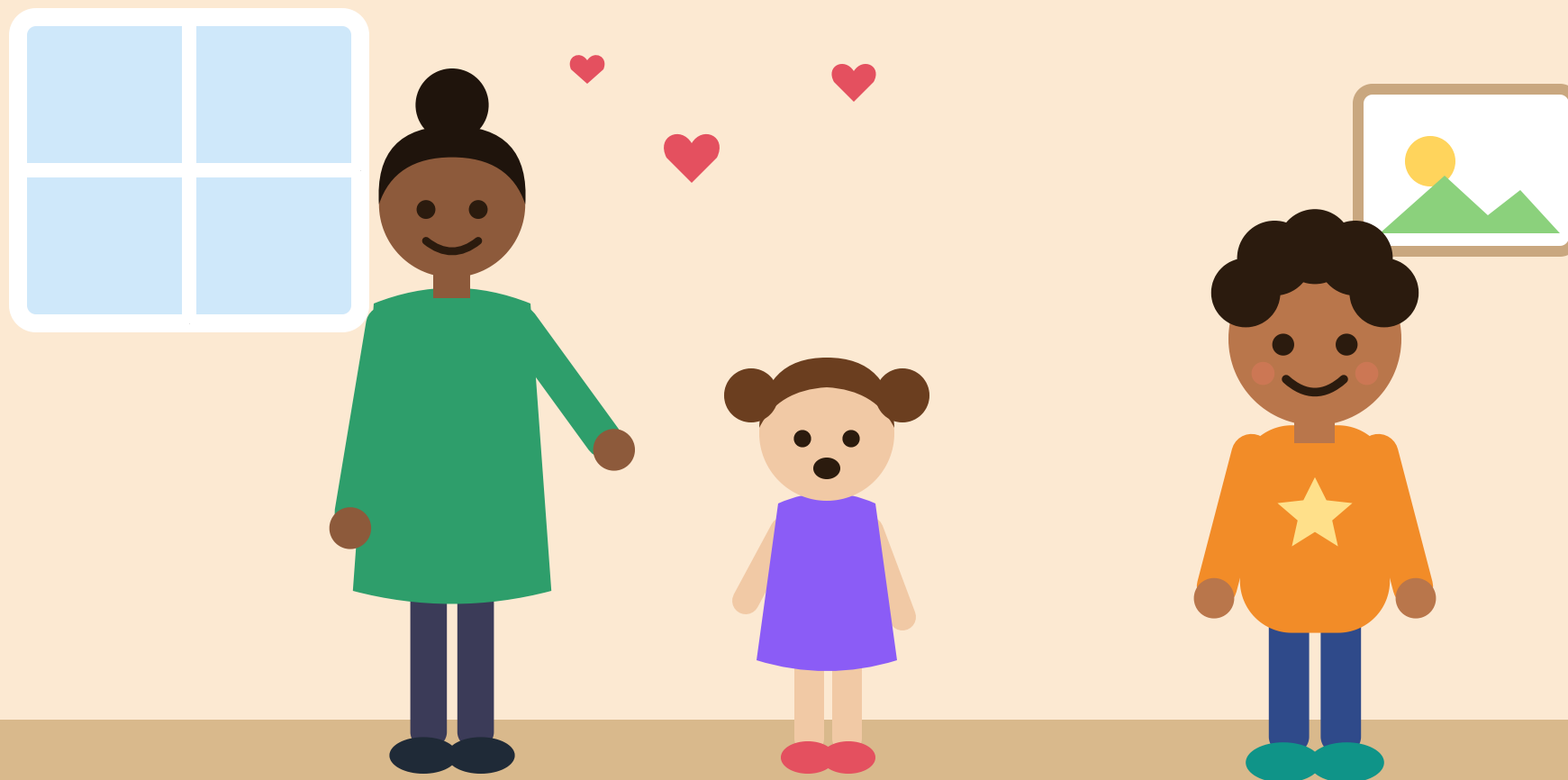
**Says "No one understands you like I do"**



## Uh-oh sign 5

**Wants to chat on a secret app or asks for pictures**

**Sammy's rule: See an uh-oh sign? Tell a safe grown-up!**



The next morning, Sammy goes with Mia to find her mom. "Mom, I need to tell you something about Max," Mia says. She tells her about the gifts, the back room, and the secret app. Her mom listens to every word. "Thank you for telling me. I believe you. You did the right thing."

**Sammy's rule: Keep telling until someone helps. It is never your fault.**

# Sammy's Too-Special Friend Rules

Say them out loud together

1. Surprises are okay. Secrets from my family are not.
2. Lots of gifts from a grown-up can be an uh-oh.
3. I don't go off alone with a grown-up in secret.
4. I tell my family about any secret chats.
5. If I feel uh-oh, I tell a safe grown-up.
6. It is never my fault.

My safe grown-ups

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## My Sammy promise

"I promise to teach Sammy's rules to my brother, sister, cousin, or friend. When I teach it, I remember it, and I help keep them safe too."

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My name

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Who I will teach