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**For Dad, who taught me the
meaning of true grit —M.S.**

For Harry, the 1st of many —M.B.

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Chapter One

A Big Project

Bzzzz! Dad's phone is buzzing.

"Your cousin Lisa's texting to say hi," Dad says.

"Jada, do you want to text her back?"



**"I'm in the middle of my science project," I say.
"But tell Lisa I'll text her later!"**

**Lisa is one of my favorite people. But my
project needs all my attention. I'm
learning if plants grow best in
water, milk, juice, or soda.**



**I've been working hard for four weeks.
I pour a liquid on each of my plants.**



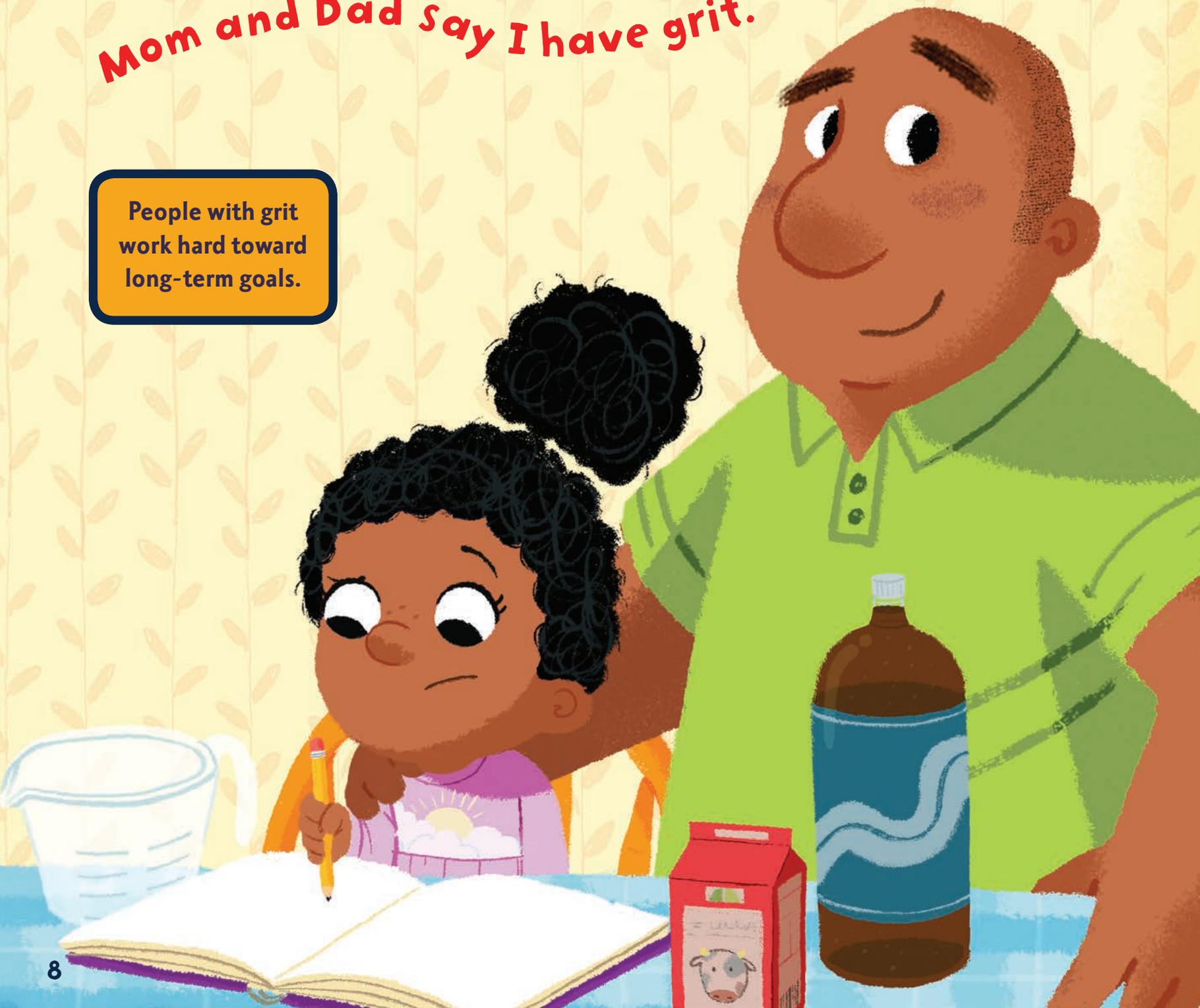
I measure how much the plants have grown. Then I write down what I find out in my science notebook.



It hasn't always been easy, but
I keep at it no matter what.

Mom and Dad say I have grit.

People with grit
work hard toward
long-term goals.



Ding-dong! The doorbell rings just as
I'm writing in my science notebook.
Who could it be?



I did it! I'm done with my project.
I give it to my teacher, Mrs. Walton.
"How did it go?" she asks.



"Perfect!" I say. **"Just perfect."**



Make a Goals Journal

People with grit stay focused on their goals even when things are hard. Writing in a journal can help you reach your goals.

What You Will Need

a pencil

crayons or colored markers

a blank notebook or journal



What You Will Do

- 1) Write down some of your goals and dreams. What things do you want to do this year? Draw a picture of each goal and dream you want to achieve.
- 2) How will you make sure you reach your goals? Are there people who can help you?
- 3) Write down some ways it will be easier to reach your goals. Break down your goals into smaller steps.

GLOSSARY

chart: a sheet that gives information in the form of a table, diagram, graph, or picture

grit: the ability to work on long-term goals even when it's difficult

liquid: a wet substance that you can pour. Water, milk, juice, and soda are liquids.

project: an assignment worked on over a period of time

report: a document that gives information about something.
A school report might give information about a student's research.

TO LEARN MORE

BOOKS

Johnson, Kristin. *In Your Shoes: A Story of Empathy*. Minneapolis: Millbrook Press, 2018. Read about another great quality to have: empathy, or the ability to imagine how someone else might feel.

Shepherd, Jodie. *Perseverance: I Have Grit*. New York: Children's Press, 2016. Learn how to keep going when things get tough.

Spires, Ashley. *The Most Magnificent Thing*. Tonawanda, NY: Kids Can, 2014. Follow along as a girl follows her dream to make the most magnificent thing—even when things don't quite go as planned.

WEBSITES

Character First Education: Determination

<http://characterfirsteducation.com/c/curriculum-detail/2192365>

Watch a video to learn more about determination.

Free Kids Crafts: Perseverance

<http://www.freekidscrafts.com/cub-scout-coloring-pages/cub-scout-coloring-page-perseverance>

Complete a coloring page about never giving up.

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Jada's working on her science project.

She's finding out whether plants grow best in water, milk, juice, or soda. There's just one problem—she keeps getting interrupted! From her cousin texting and her friends stopping by to her little brother playing with the plants, Jada runs into one obstacle after another. Find out how Jada relies on grit to keep on going.

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