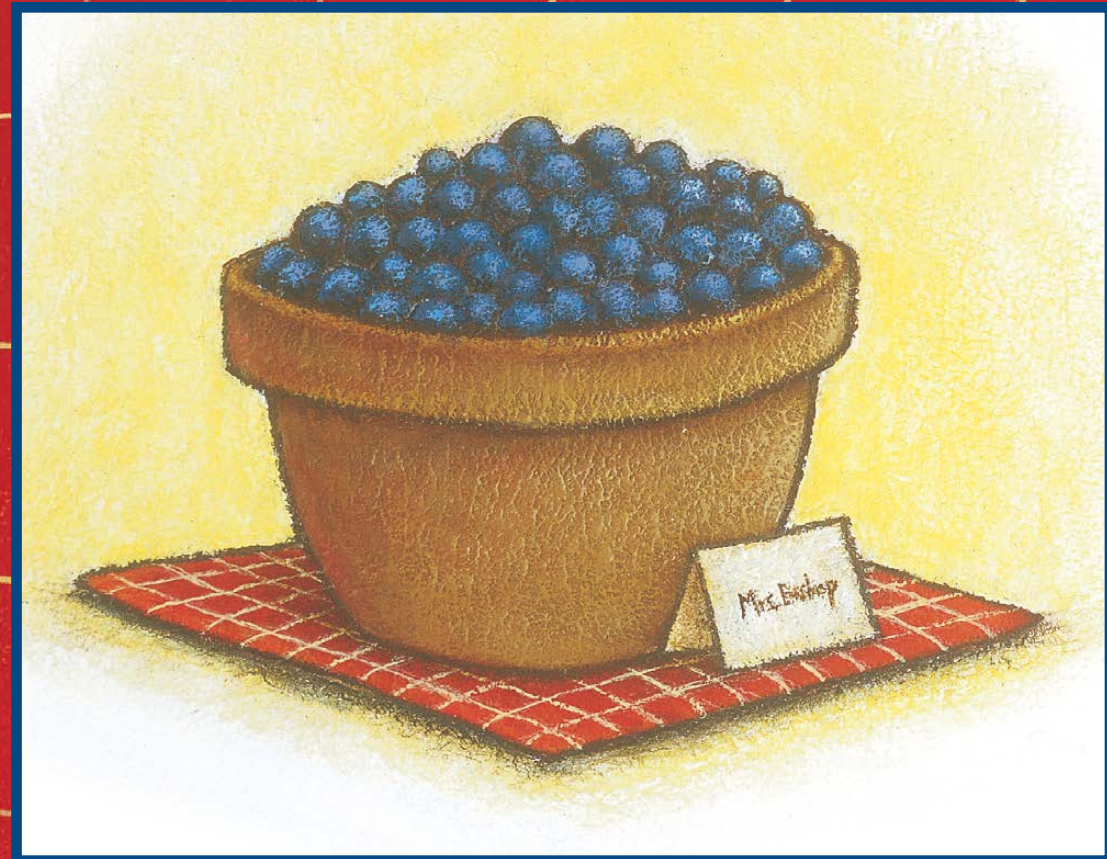




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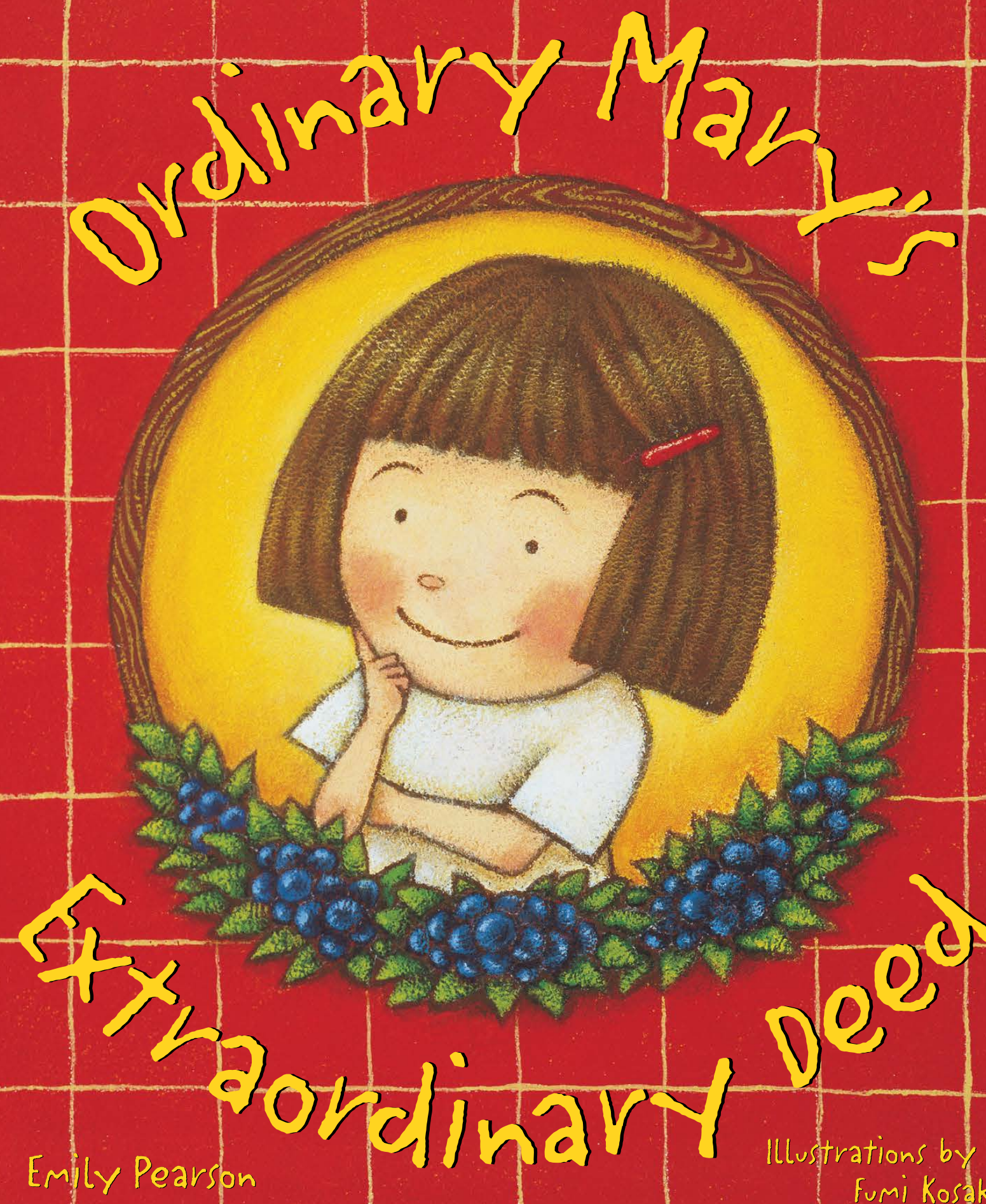
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Can one good deed from an ordinary girl change the world?

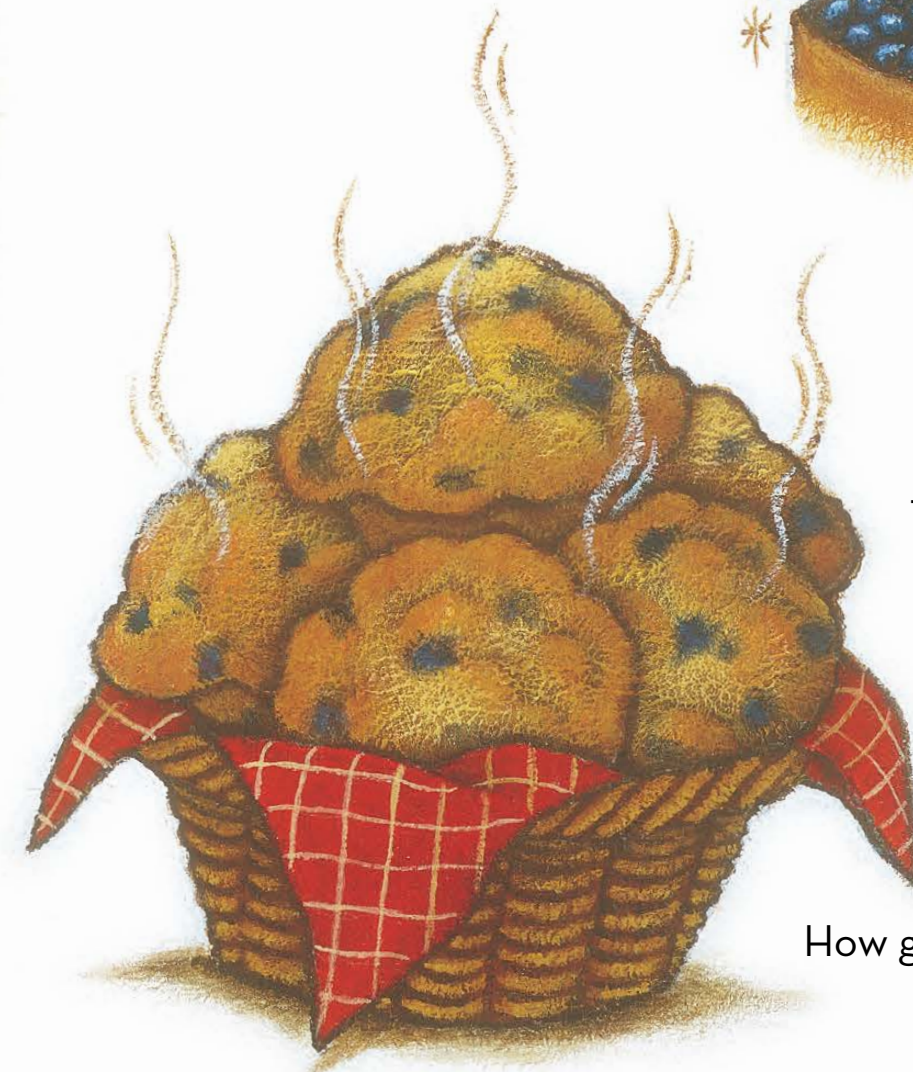
It can when she's Ordinary Mary—an ordinary girl from an ordinary school, on her way to her ordinary house—who stumbles upon ordinary blueberries. When she decides to pick them for her neighbor, Mrs. Bishop, she starts a chain reaction of kindness that multiplies around the world.

It's a feel-good story that inspires and celebrates a world full of ordinary deeds!

Well, Ordinary Mary picked the ordinary berries and brought them in a big brown bowl to Mrs. Bishop's porch.

What? Left berries in a big brown bowl on Mrs. Bishop's porch?

That sneaky kid! She did!

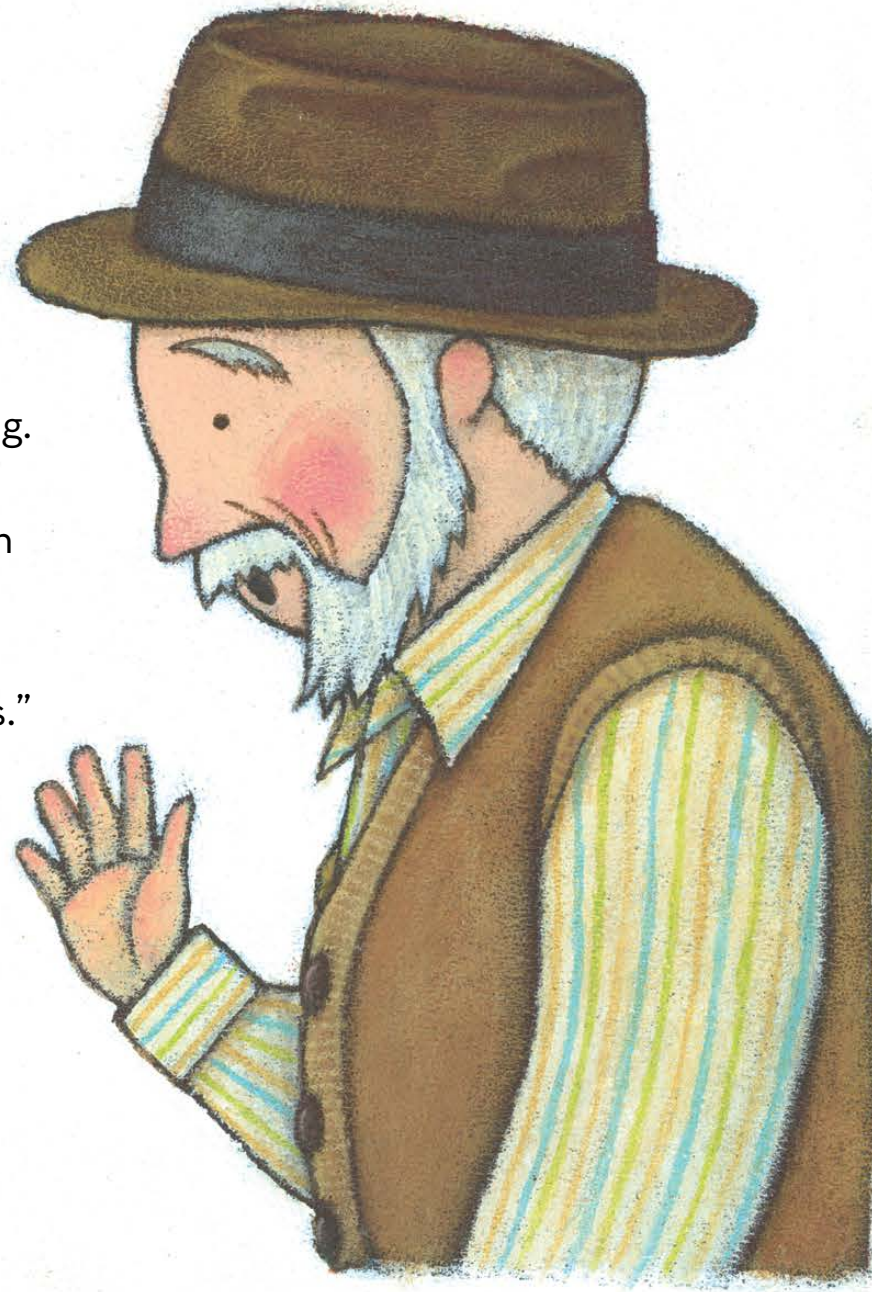


This made Mrs. Bishop berry, berry happy, so she baked a big batch of blueberry muffins and thought of five people who might have brought those beautiful berries, then secretly gave each a plate.

How great! Five people got a plate.

One of those five was Joseph, old and bent and gray, in front of him in line at the produce stand.

When he said, "I guess I counted wrong. I don't really need these oranges," little James reached out to him with an orange from their basket, and Mario put a coin in Joseph's hand and said, "Here, take this. The oranges are on us."



As Joseph shuffled to the bus, his heart was full and his eyes were wet and his hands did helpful things for the next five people he met.

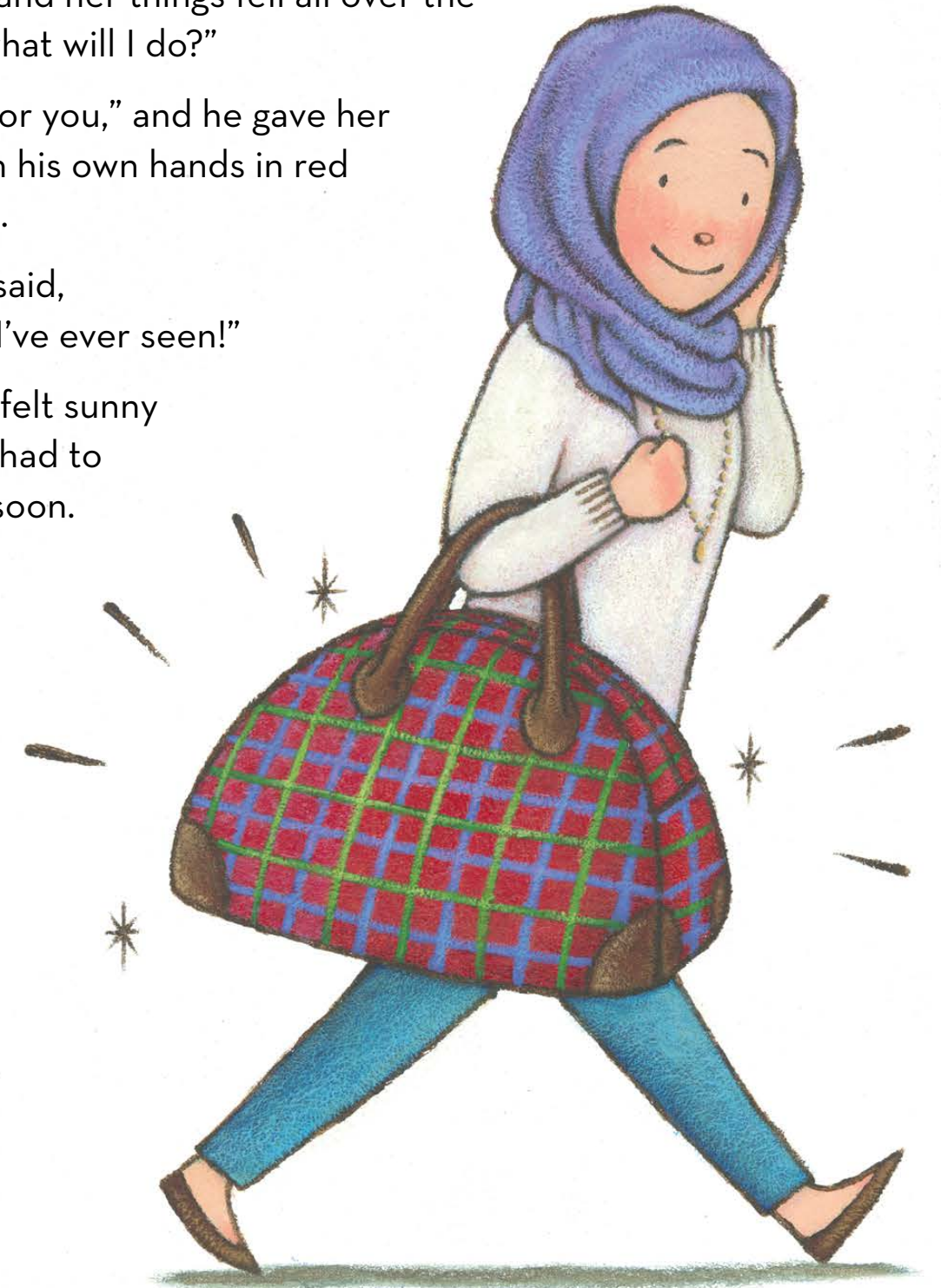
One of those five was Sahar, a college girl who was off to see the world and stopped at Joseph's shop.

When her bag broke and her things fell all over the floor, she said, "Oh, what will I do?"

Joseph said, "This is for you," and he gave her a new bag woven with his own hands in red and purple and green.

"Oh, thank you!" she said, "It's the loveliest bag I've ever seen!"

When Sahar left, she felt sunny as noon, and she just had to shine on five people soon.



One of those five was Kate, a woman on vacation who wanted to see a show she'd heard was a sensation.

"Oh, no!" she said. "It's sold out? But I'm going home tomorrow." And her face filled with sorrow.

Amara held out her ticket. "I live here," she said. "I can go anytime—take mine."

Kate loved the show and was so touched that she thought buying five presents for five people back home would really be fun.



And one of those five presents was a little heart necklace for Mary, her niece, and you should have seen her eyes light up in surprise!



Well, thirty billion is way more than all of the people on the planet, so after everyone had a share and everybody knew that somebody cared, there was even love left over!

