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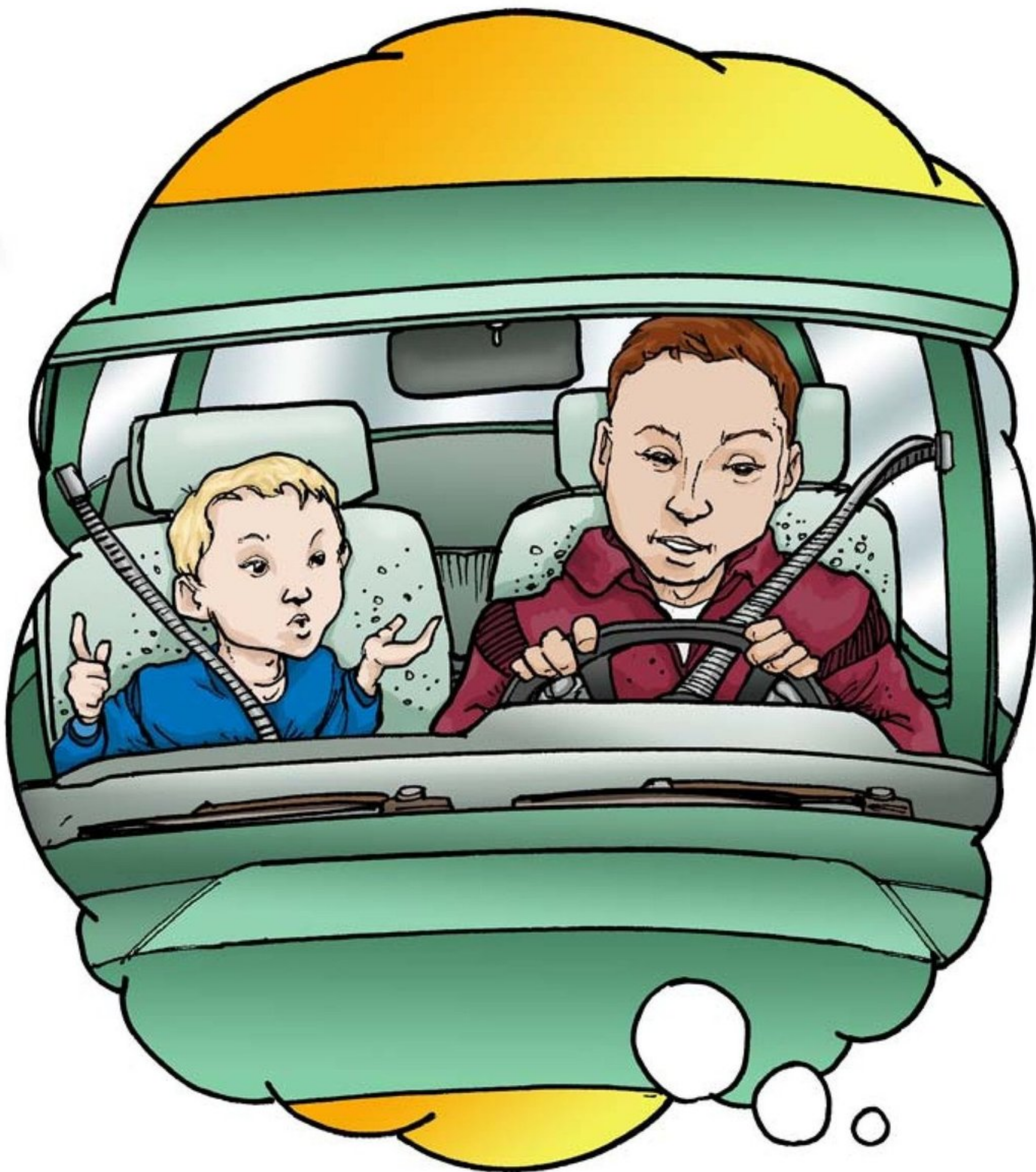
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Today was not a good day.
My pet lizard died.
I don't understand why.
I did everything right.

Izzy had a safe home.
Izzy had clean water.
Izzy had plenty of food.
But he died.





My dad said sometimes bad things happen, even when you do everything right.
I understood what my dad told me.
But I still felt bad.

My mom said there were things
I could do to help me feel better.
She said some people make cards
and then color them with bright colors.





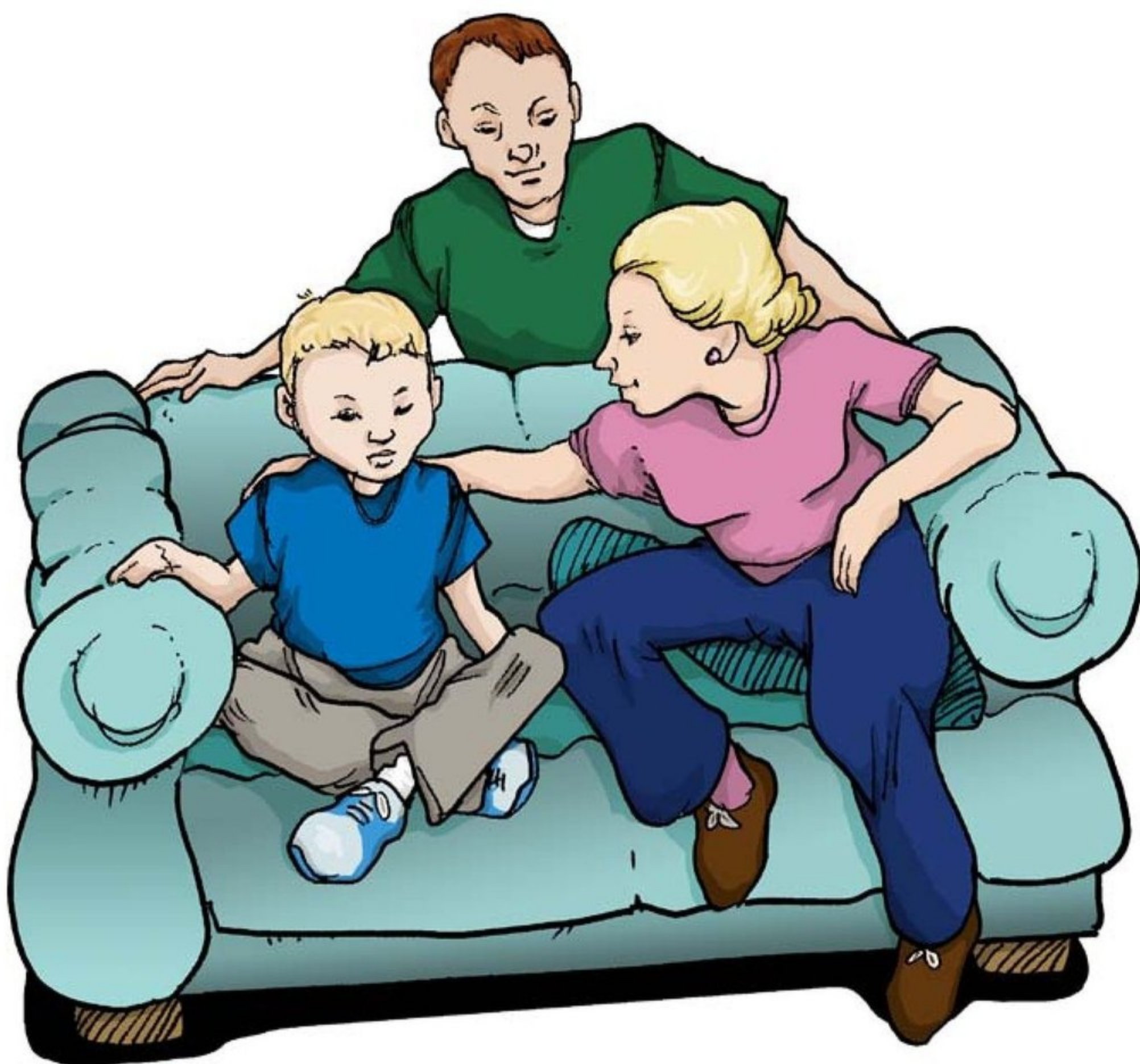
My dad said some people write a letter when they lose a friend. The letter tells about the good times they had together. He said I could write about how Izzy sat on my shoulder when I did my homework. He said I might share how Izzy loved to eat green beans.

My grandmother said that some people go to a church or another place of worship.

My mom said that some people light candles and pray.

She said other people put flowers next to a photo of their friend.





My dad said that whatever I did to remember Izzy would help me feel less sad.

Mom added that in time I would feel much better.

But she also said I might feel sad again some days along the way.

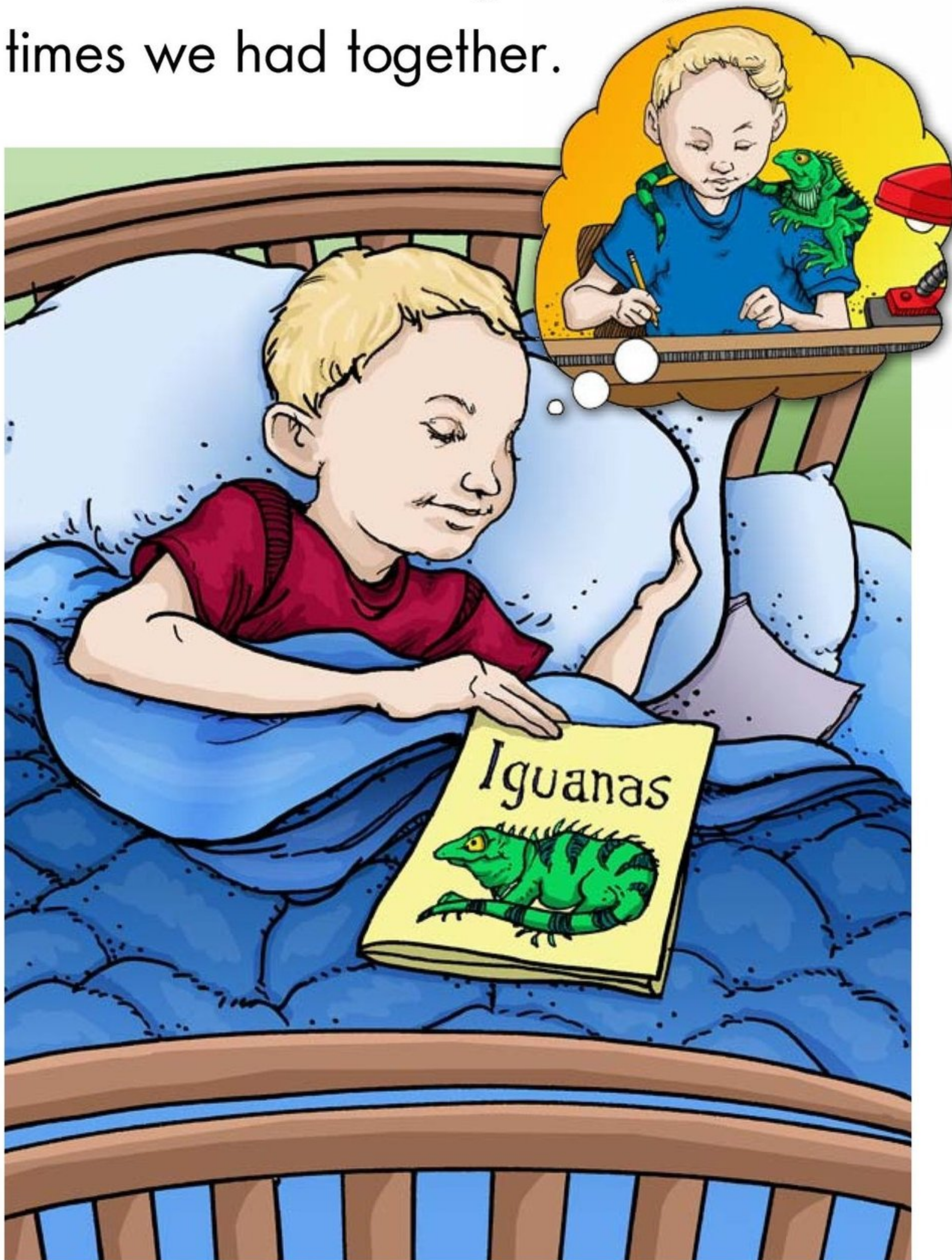
I chose to make Izzy a card.
I drew Izzy with a smile.
I drew a big heart because
I loved him.
I wrote that I missed him.
I wrote that I would remember him.





Tomorrow we will bury Izzy.
I chose a special place in the
backyard.
It is next to a clump of flowers.
I will put his favorite rock there.
I will put my card there, too.

My dad was right.
I do feel a little bit better.
I will always miss Izzy,
but I won't ever forget the good
times we had together.



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