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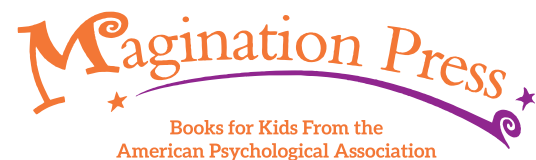
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*Dedicated to my children, Joni and Austin—MAH
For anyone affected by the darkness—FI*



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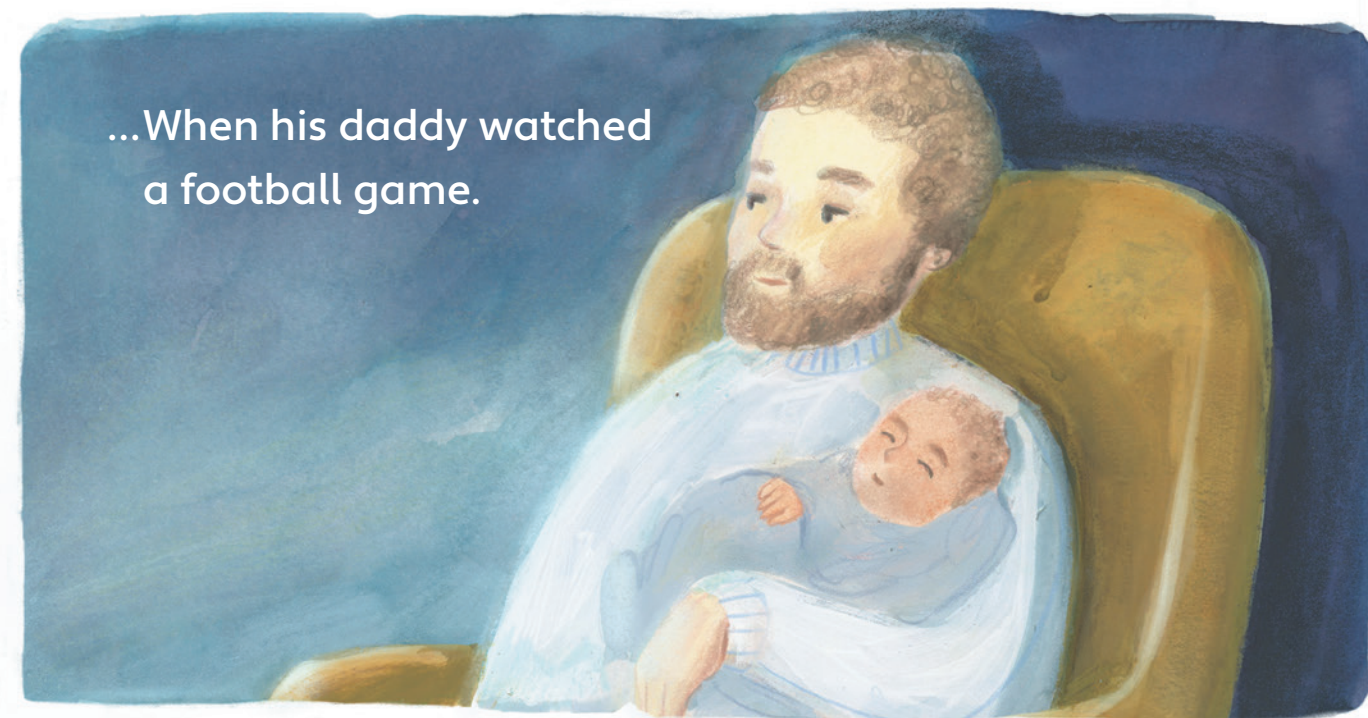
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Oliver's mommy says when he was a baby,
his daddy loved holding him.

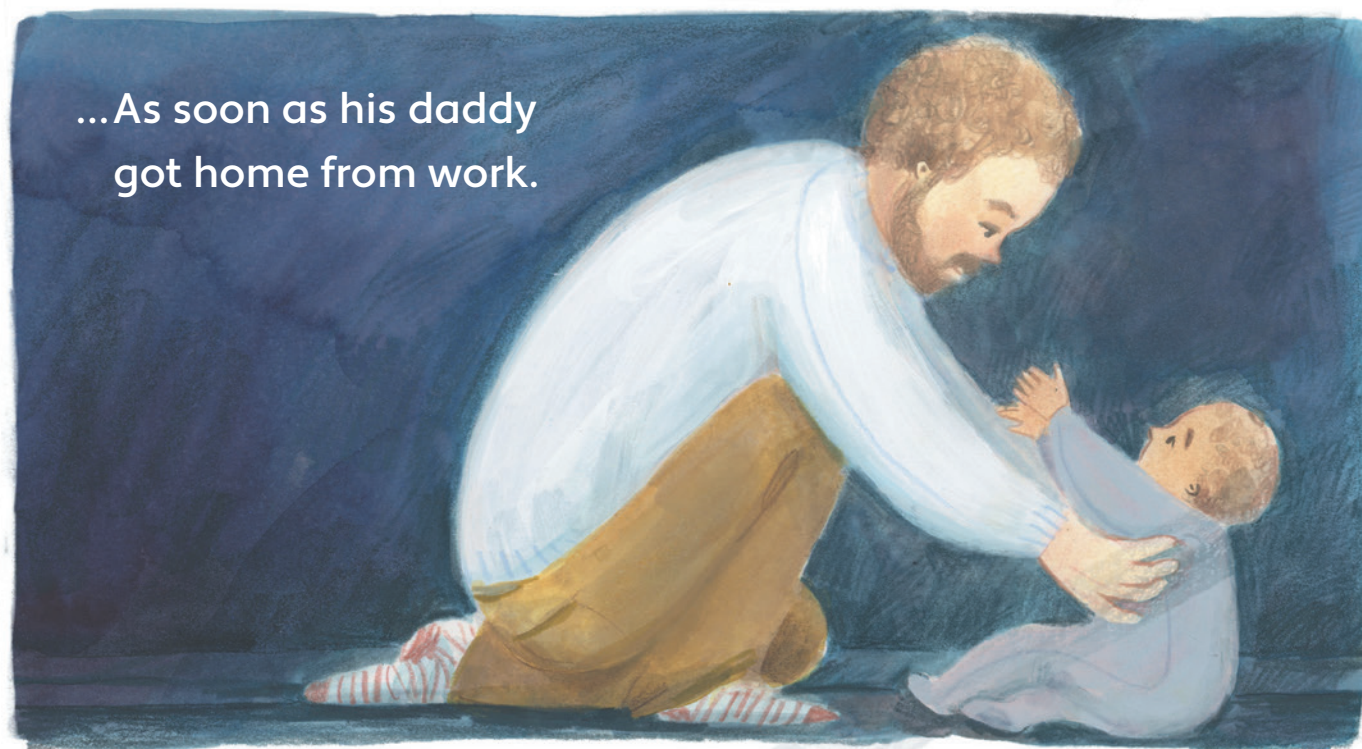




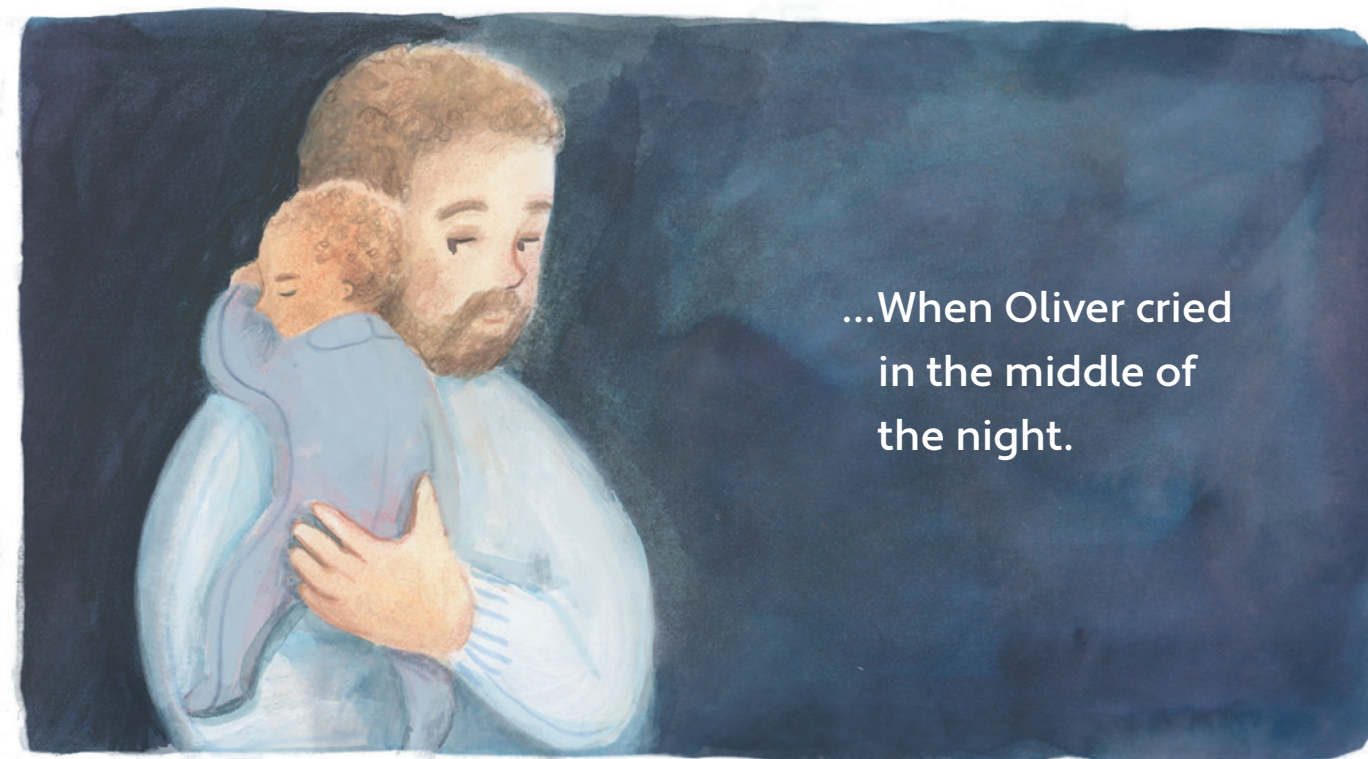
...Before his daddy
went to work.



...When his daddy watched
a football game.



...As soon as his daddy
got home from work.



...When Oliver cried
in the middle of
the night.



Oliver's mommy says he has his daddy's eyes.

She says he has his daddy's hair.

Oliver even has his daddy's name.

Oliver's mommy says
his daddy loved him—
a whole bunch, forever
and for always.

But Oliver's daddy is not here.
He is gone. He died. He is dead.

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