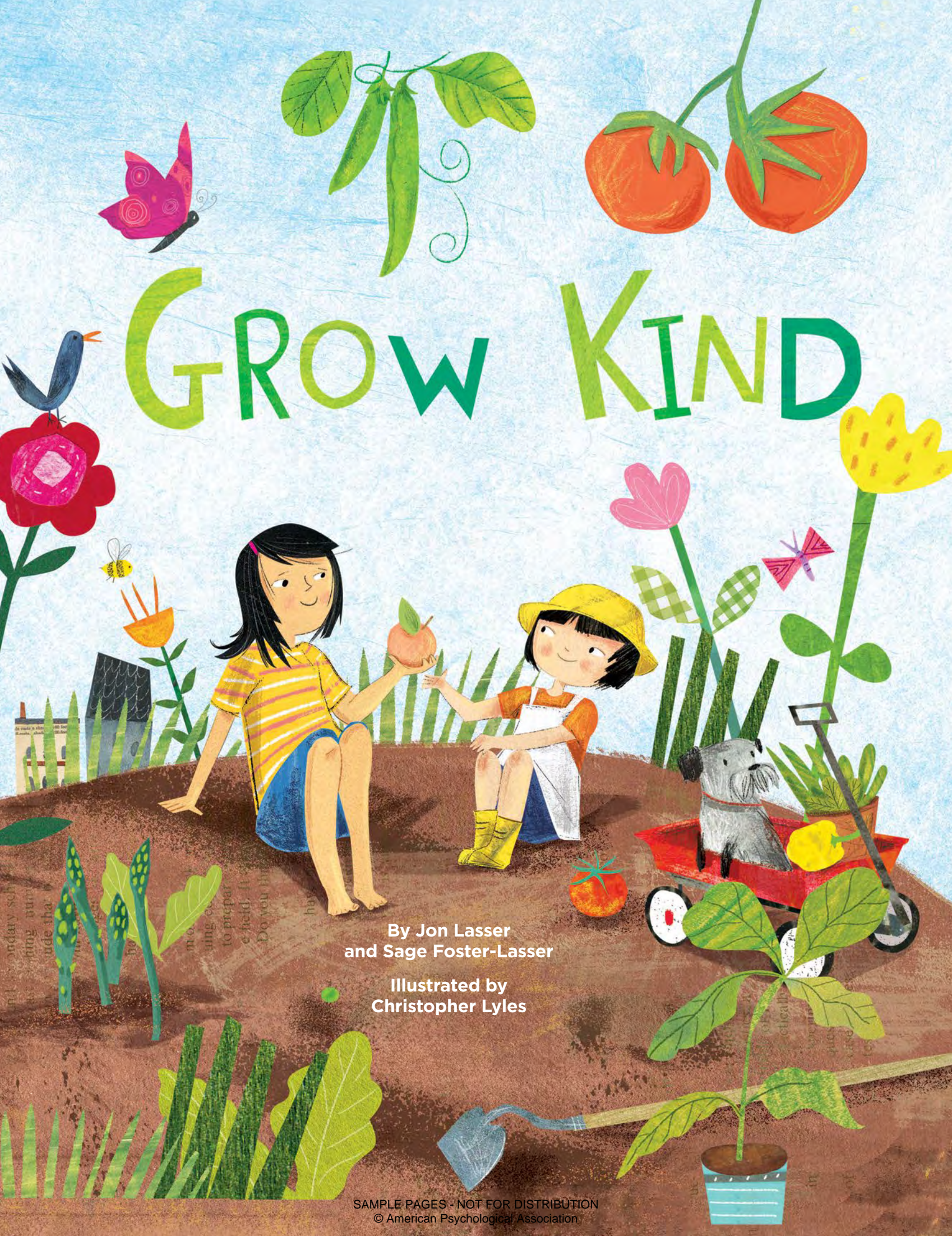


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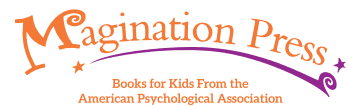
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To Sarah (Bubby/Bubs)—*JL*

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For my mother, who has given me
endless amounts of love, support, and
encouragement along the way.—*CL*



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My name is Kiko. I grow kind.
I will show you how, but first, I have a question for you.



Who helps you
wake up in the morning?

This morning, Chico
woke me up by licking
my face. We went outside
to check the garden.

A colorful illustration of a garden scene. In the center, a grey dog with a white muzzle and a red collar stands on a patch of brown soil. To the left of the dog, there are several large, round, orange-colored vegetables, possibly tomatoes or peaches, and a large green melon. In the foreground, there are several green broccoli florets and a yellow radish. To the right of the dog, there are several green peas in their pods and a large pink flower. In the background, there are several blueberries on a vine and a large yellow flower. The sky is a light blue with white clouds. The overall style is a soft, painterly illustration.

We saw peas and peaches, tomatoes and potatoes,
radishes and roses, blackberries and broccoli,
melons and marigolds, and so much more!



I really wanted to show Annie everything growing in the garden, but I played fetch with Chico outside and waited for her to wake up.

I wanted to wake up Annie, but Mom and Dad stopped me.

“Be kind to Annie and let her rest,” said Mom. “Teenagers need a lot of sleep.”



Finally, Annie woke up.
“You’re up, you’re up!”
I grabbed Annie’s hand and
pulled her toward the garden.

“Beautiful!” Annie said. “I know you worked hard
caring for your garden. Do you need help to harvest?”

Kiko's garden is ready for harvest. When she gives vegetables to her dad and sees how happy it makes him, she decides to spread kindness by sharing her harvest with the rest of her community.

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