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# Three Little Birds



Three little birds, sitting on a wire,  
chirping about the day...

Until Blue's feelings get hurt. Upset, he starts  
a rumor. Before Blue knows it, his small fib has  
snowballed into an epic game of telephone  
gone wrong with all of his feathered friends.

Includes a **Note to Parents, Caregivers,  
& Professionals** with more information  
on dealing with rumors and gossip  
and helping children build  
positive relationships.



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For my mom, a loving soul who taught me the importance  
of being kind. Thank you for always believing in me—LM

To Mrs. White, who started all of this—KR



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Three little birds, sitting on a wire, chirping about the day.  
Red asked Yellow, "Do you want to go find some worms?"  
Yellow replied, "Why not?"  
Off they flew to find their snack, leaving Blue behind.



One little bird, sitting on a wire, feeling all alone.  
"That's not fair! They didn't ask me to go!"  
His mood turned dark and foul.



Along came two more little birds.  
Green and Violet joined Blue.

Three little birds, sitting on a wire, chirping about the day.  
Blue still felt hurt that Red hadn't invited him along.





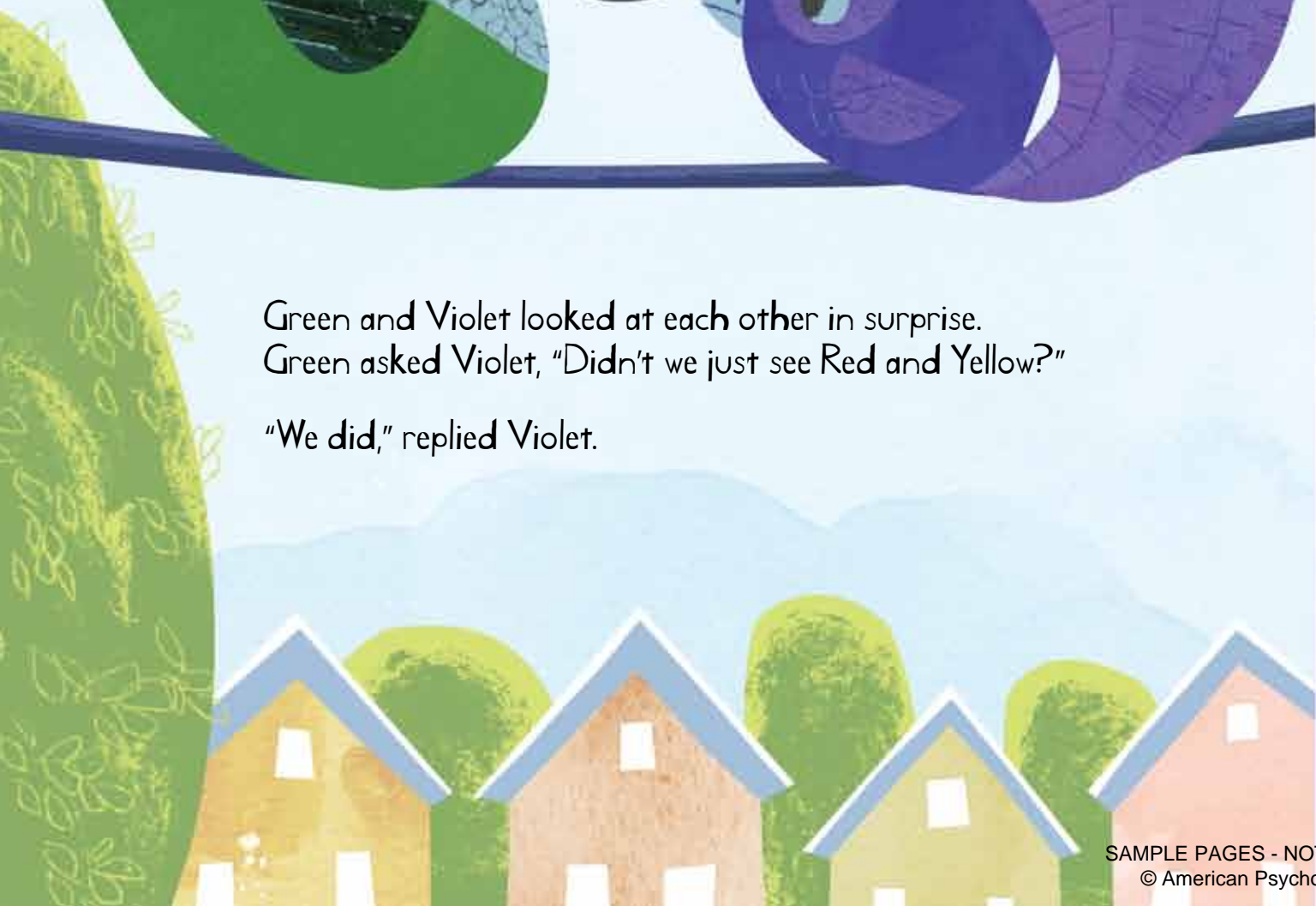
Impulsively, he blurted out, "I heard Red say to Yellow that Yellow was the worst at finding worms."

Blue knew it was a lie.  
But he thought: *Red deserves it for being mean to me.*



Green and Violet looked at each other in surprise.  
Green asked Violet, "Didn't we just see Red and Yellow?"

"We did," replied Violet.



Green asked, "Do you think they are fighting?"

"Maybe," said Violet. Violet was a bird of few words.

Feeling curious, Green said, "Let's go see!"



Blue felt guilty for what he had done.  
He said something that was not true, and now it had started a rumor.

He wanted to take back what he said.  
He opened his beak to speak, but the words didn't come out fast enough.



Green and Violet were already on their way, in search of the angry birds.  
Once again, Blue was left behind.

