

Yes! I Can!

A Girl and Her Wheelchair

Carolyn is in a wheelchair, but she doesn't let that stop her! She can do almost everything the other kids can, even if sometimes she has to do it a little differently.

Includes a **Note to Parents, Caregivers, and Teachers** with more information on discussing disabilities with children and helping them to build positive, empathic relationships.



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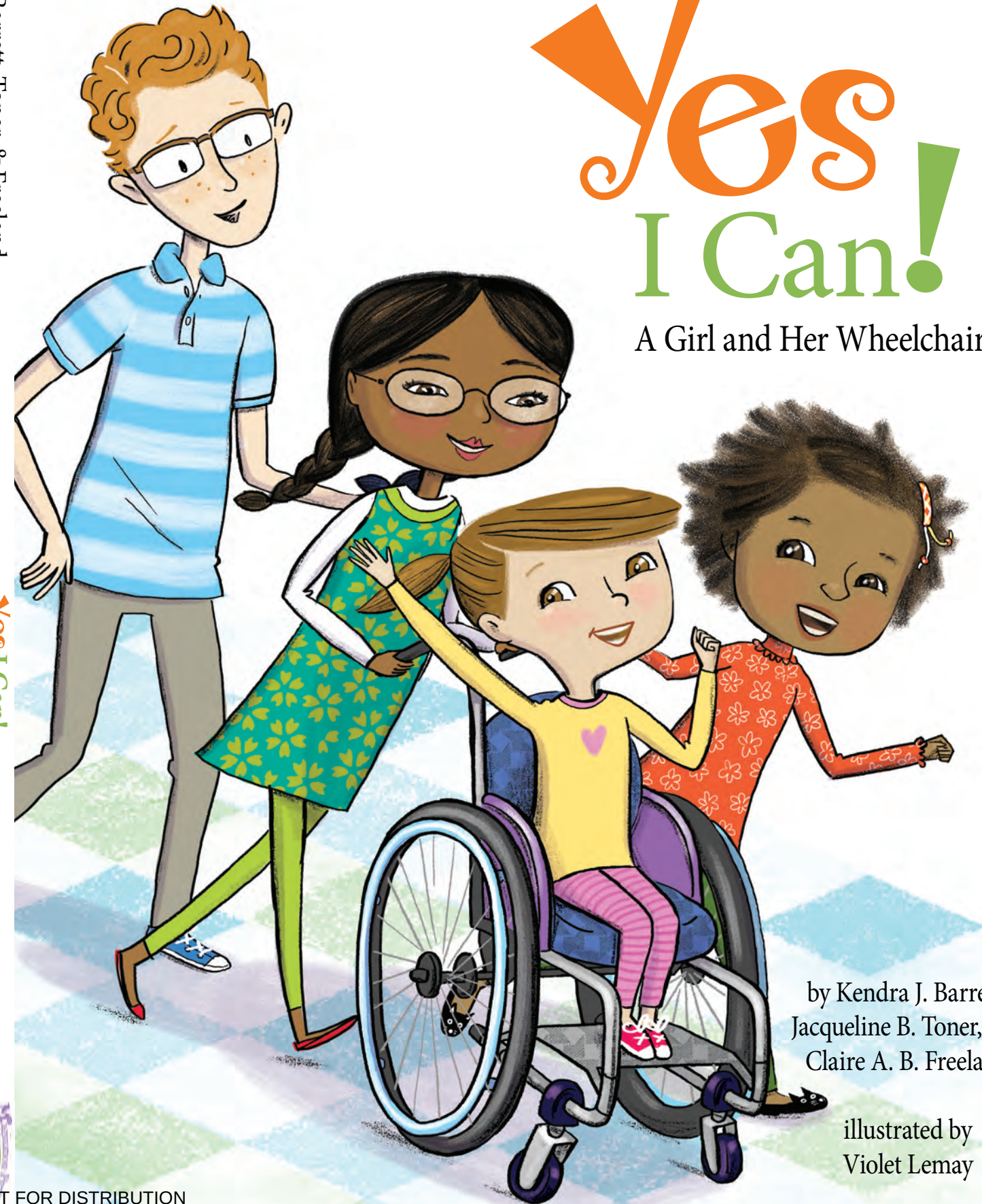
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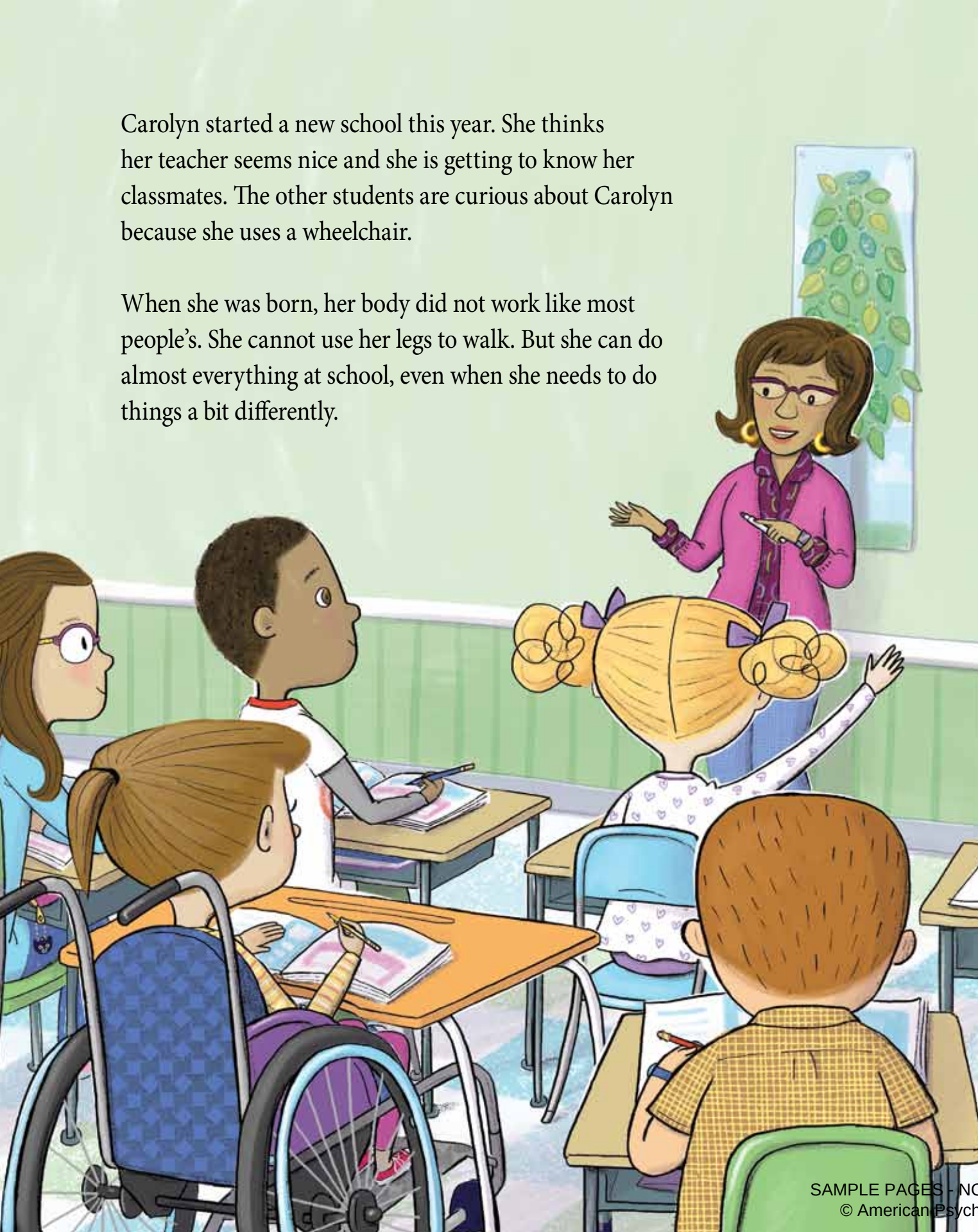
This is Carolyn.
Like many kids her age, Carolyn loves animals, castles, and building with blocks.



She is helpful to her mom and dad and even to her baby brother.

Carolyn started a new school this year. She thinks her teacher seems nice and she is getting to know her classmates. The other students are curious about Carolyn because she uses a wheelchair.

When she was born, her body did not work like most people's. She cannot use her legs to walk. But she can do almost everything at school, even when she needs to do things a bit differently.



She joins right in during reading time. The teacher asks if the children can think of words that rhyme with “cat.”

Carolyn says, “**Yes I can!**”
She is excited to add to the list.



Sometimes Carolyn can do what the other kids do with just a little help.

At circle time, Carolyn wants to sit on the carpet with her classmates. Her teacher helps her get out of the wheelchair. When her teacher asks if she can come up front to help with the morning song, Carolyn says, “**Yes I can!**”



Instead of walking, Carolyn uses her hands to scoot on her bottom to get to the front of the class. The first few times the other students stared because they had never seen a kid move like this, but now they're used to it and they hardly notice.