



Module 1: Wally Walker Story

WALLY WALKER



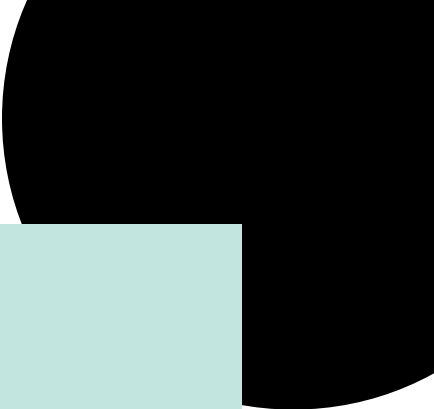
There once was a boy named Wally. He was 5 years old and in kindergarten. Wally's parents usually drove him to school and dropped him off but he really wanted to be like his friend Ollie who walked to school.

Wally wanted to walk but he knew that he needed to be safe. Let's help Wally walk to school safely.

On the day that Wally was going to walk to school, he woke up, got dressed, brushed his teeth, ate his breakfast and packed his bag. He was all ready to go. He went out the front door, excited to walk to school. Wally's parents were still finishing up their breakfast and coffee. Wally wondered if he should wait for them or start walking alone.

What do you think?





**Wait for them, always
walk with an adult.**

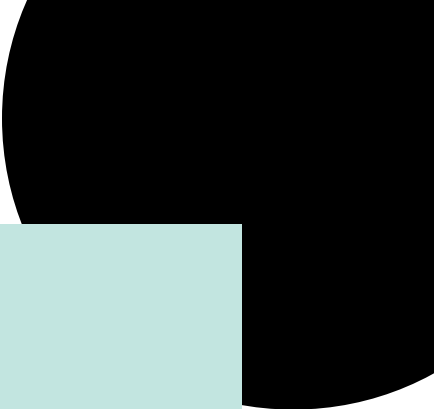


Wally called out to his Mom that he was ready to walk to school now and to hurry up. He waited patiently for his mom to get ready to go out the door too.

They walked down their laneway to the end and stopped. They had to decide where they were going to walk. There was a sidewalk at the end of their laneway. There were cars driving down the street next to the sidewalk. Wally wondered where they were supposed to go.

Can you help him?





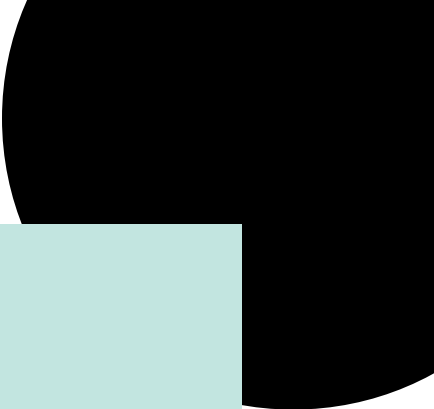
On the sidewalk.



Good idea. They set off down the sidewalk towards the school. They were walking and walking and Wally was getting kind of bored. He had his favourite bouncy ball in his backpack. He thought it would make the walk more exciting if he took it out and played with it while they walked.

Should Wally take his ball out?





No. Why not?

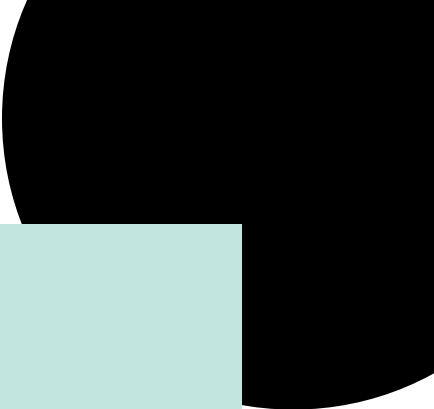


Smart! He decided to keep his ball in his backpack and pay attention to everything going on around him to make sure he stayed safe.

All of a sudden, Wally saw his best friend Ollie up ahead across the street. He was so excited to see Ollie and tell him that he was walking to school for the first time. He wanted to run over to him and tell him.

Should he?





**No – stay with
your adults, don't run
across the road.**

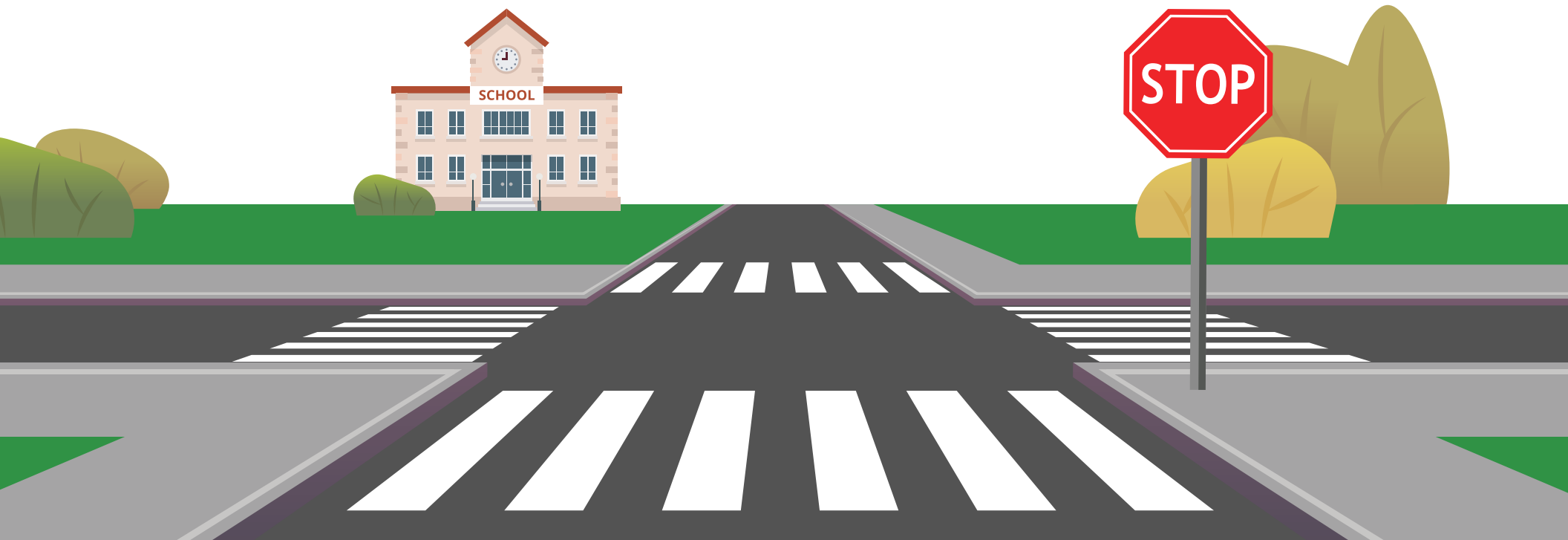


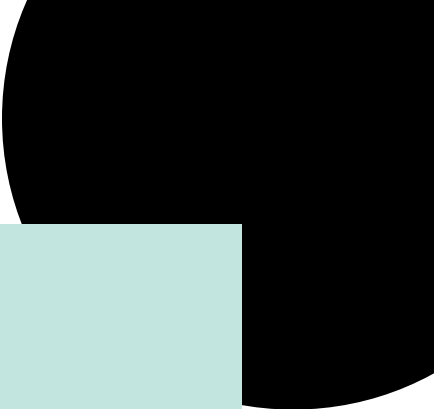
That's right! Wally should wait until he gets to school safely to talk to Ollie and tell him that he walked. Maybe they could even plan to meet up on route the next day. It was important he stay with his Mom, not run across the road. That would not be safe.

Wally and his Mom continued to walk up the street until they came to an intersection! Wally knew it was an intersection because there were two roads that crossed each

other in different directions and he saw stop signs and a crosswalk! His school was still a bit up the street but on the other side of the road. Wally wondered to himself –

should I cross the road now at the intersection? Or wait and cross it further up the street in front of the school where there is no crosswalk?



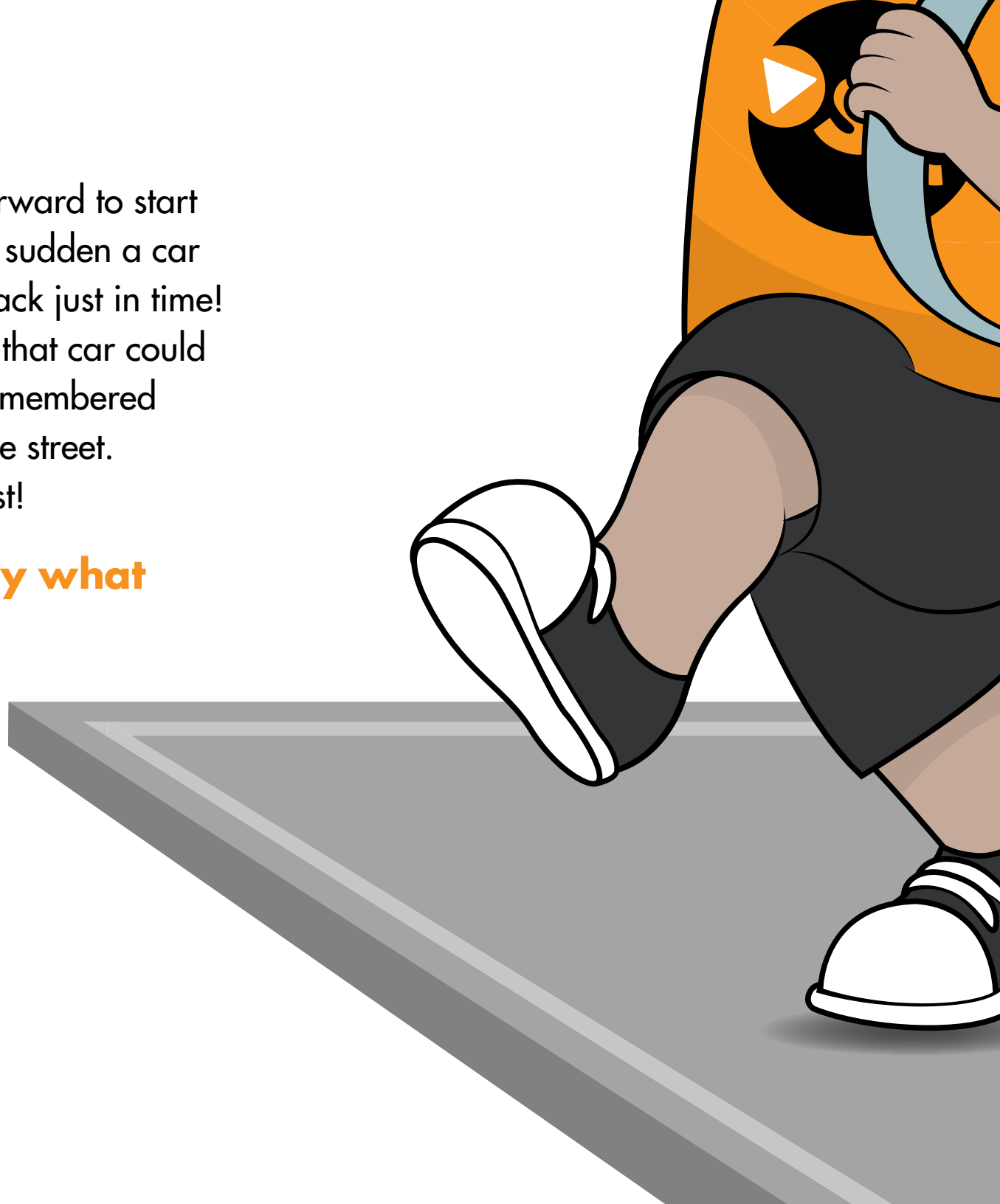


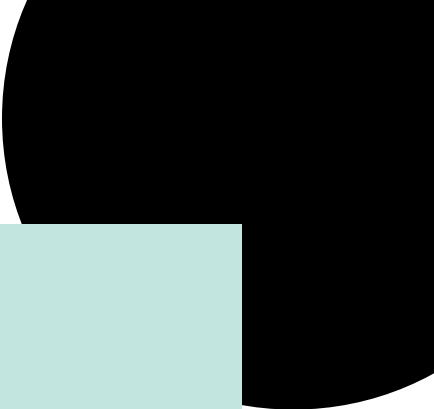
**Cross the street now
at the intersection. It is
not safe to cross where
there is no crosswalk/
intersection.**



Good idea! Wally stepped forward to start crossing the street but all of a sudden a car zoomed by and he jumped back just in time! Wally got a little frightened – that car could have run into him! Then he remembered there is a safe way to cross the street. You need to do the 5 steps first!

Can you remind Wally what the 5 steps are?





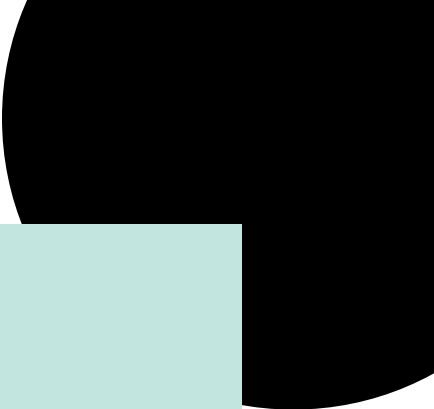
**Stop, get big,
listen, look all ways,
then, if it is safe to go,
walk.**





Wally saw that a car was stopped and waiting at the stop sign for him to cross. Wally put his arm up to get big and make the driver notice him. He looked at the driver to make sure he saw him. The driver nodded at him. Wally could not see or hear any other cars in any direction. He knew it was safe to start crossing. Wally started crossing with his Mom. While he was crossing he walked in between the crosswalk lines. When he was halfway across the road he noticed his shoe lace was untied. Wally thought he should stop and tie it so he didn't trip.

Should Wally stop in the crosswalk and tie his shoe?



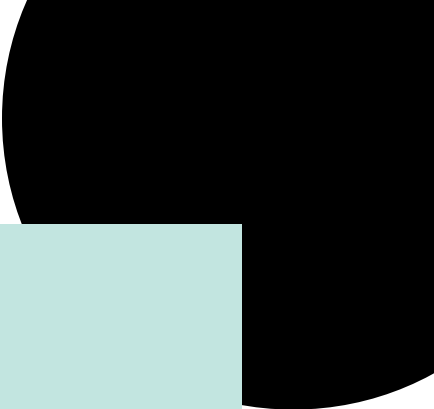
**No – never stop
in the crosswalk.
Continue crossing
and then tie your shoe
when get to the other
side of the street.**



Wally continued to walk across the crosswalk and got to the other side safely. He tied his shoelace. Then he looked up and noticed there was no sidewalk on this side of the street! Uh oh! They were on the left side of the street.

Where should Wally and his Mom walk if there is no sidewalk?





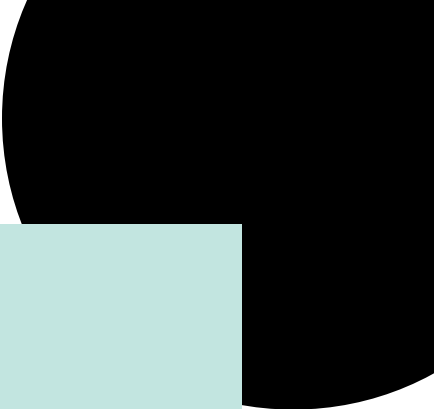
**On the left side,
facing the traffic.
As far over as possible
to the side of the road.**



Wally and his Mom continued walking along the side of the road, out of the way of traffic. They were almost at the school. All of a sudden Wally saw a car in a laneway up ahead with white lights on the back. He thought maybe that meant something.

Should Wally keep walking past the laneway?





**No, the car
is backing up.**

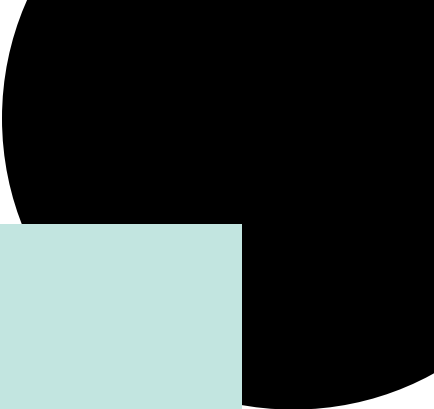


That's right – white lights mean the car is backing out of the laneway. Wally stopped and waited for the driver to back up. The driver looked out his window and saw Wally waiting. He waved at him and said to go ahead and walk by before he backed up.

Wally and his Mom continued down the street. Finally they reached the school! They turned into the parking lot and started to walk through the parking lot to the yard where all his friends were. Wally wanted to take his ball out now that they weren't on the street anymore and wanted to run to catch up with Ollie who he could see playing on the play structure.

Is it safe for Wally to do this now?



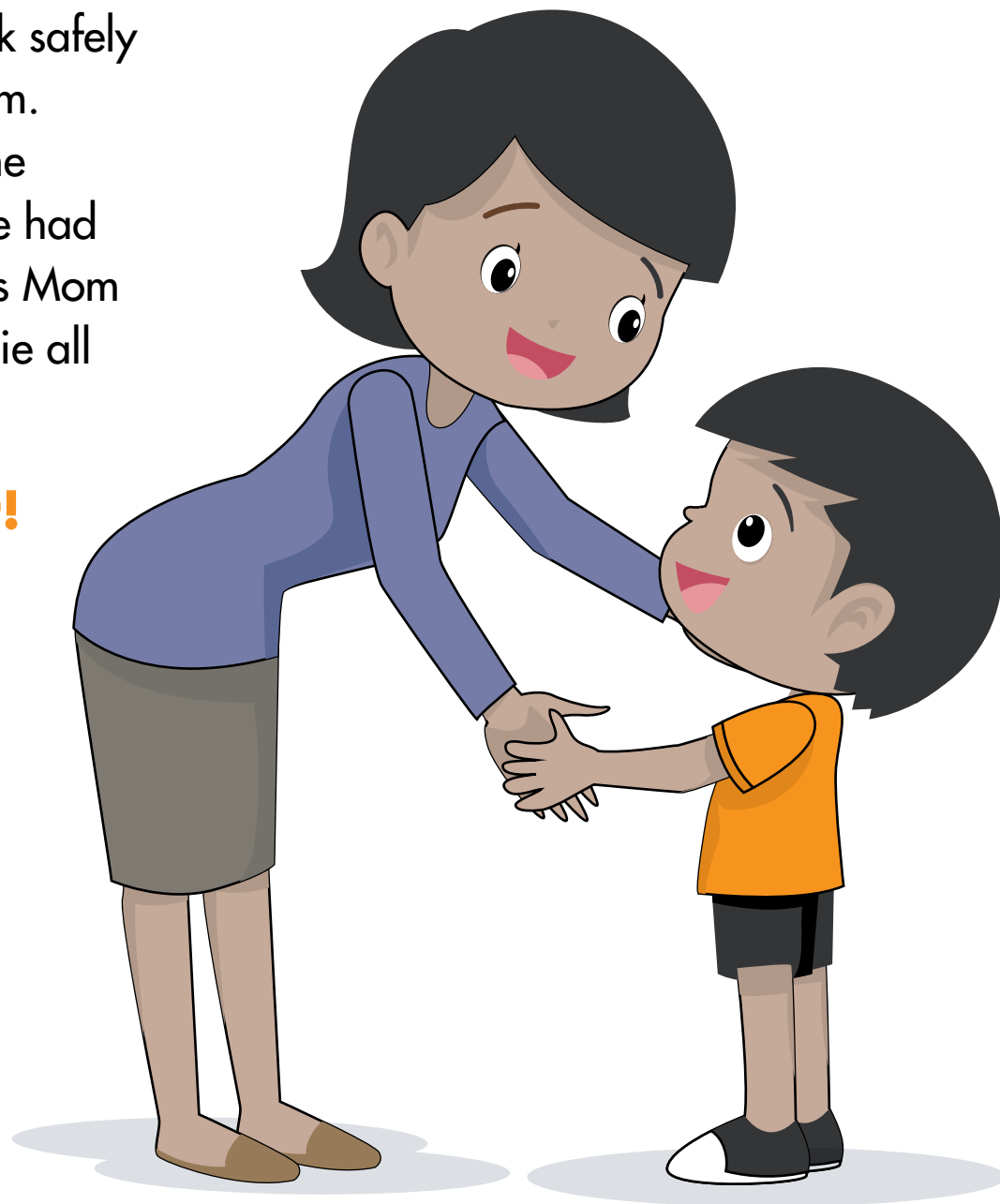


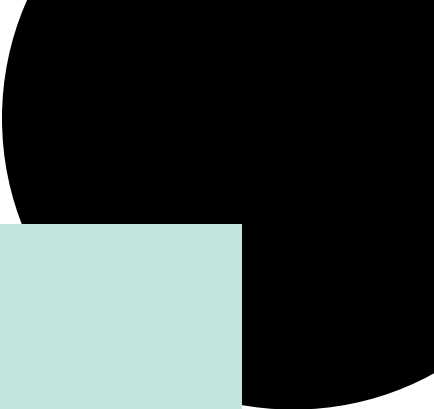
**No, you have
to be careful in the
parking lot too.**



That's right! Wally continued to walk safely through the parking lot with his Mom. They finally reached the gate into the school yard. Wally was so proud he had walked to school safely. He gave his Mom a quick hug then ran over to tell Ollie all about his walk.

Wally was now a Walker!





**Ollie gave him a
high five and they
made a plan to walk
home together with
their Moms at the end
of the day too.**

