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## Today is a big and exciting day for Kate!



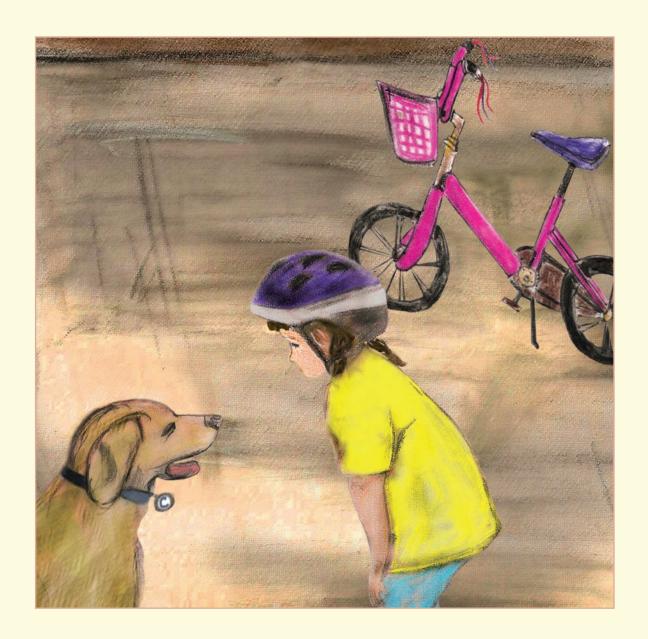
The sun is shining and she is going to ride her bike without training wheels.

Kate has to be certain that she and her bike are ready for a safe ride! First, Kate checks to see that her shoe laces are tied tight. Next, she puts on her bicycle helmet and fastens it. Then, Kate checks the tires on her bicycle to make sure they are not flat. Last, Kate rings her bell to make sure it is loud enough so people can hear her coming.



"We are all ready," Kate says.

## Kate calls to Champ, her golden retriever. "Come on Champ, jump in the basket on my bike!"



Champ sits in the driveway and just looks at Kate.

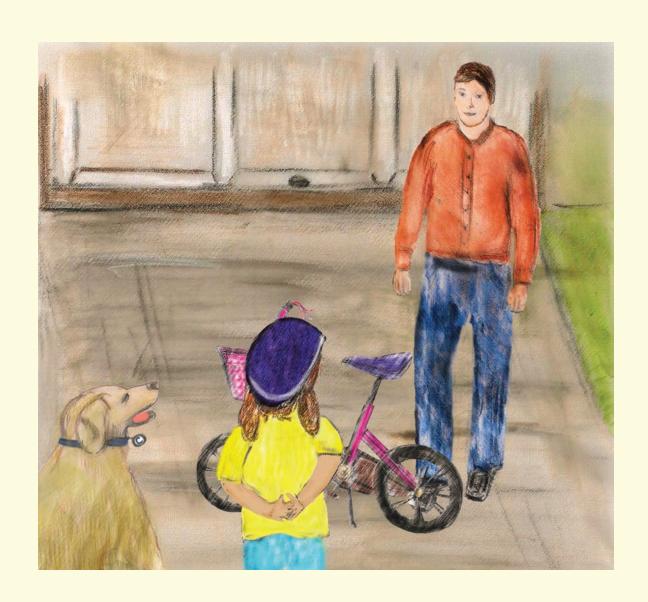
## Kate tries to pick up Champ and put him in the basket but he is too heavy.



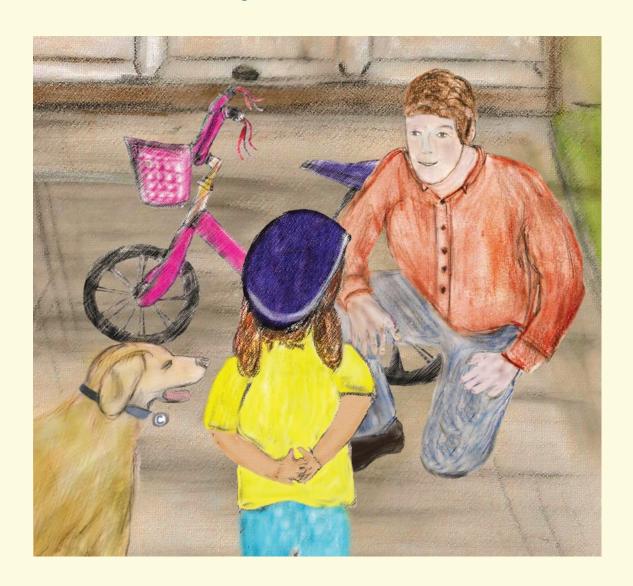
Seeing this, Kate's dad asks, "What are you trying to do?"

Kate explains to her Dad,
"I want to take Champ for a bike ride with me.

I thought he could go in my basket."



Kate's Dad explains to her that Champ is much too big to fit in her bicycle basket.



Dad says, "No one should ride on your bicycle with you because you or they could fall off and get hurt. Also, it is dangerous to place anything big or heavy in your bicycle basket. That person, animal or thing in your basket could block your vision."

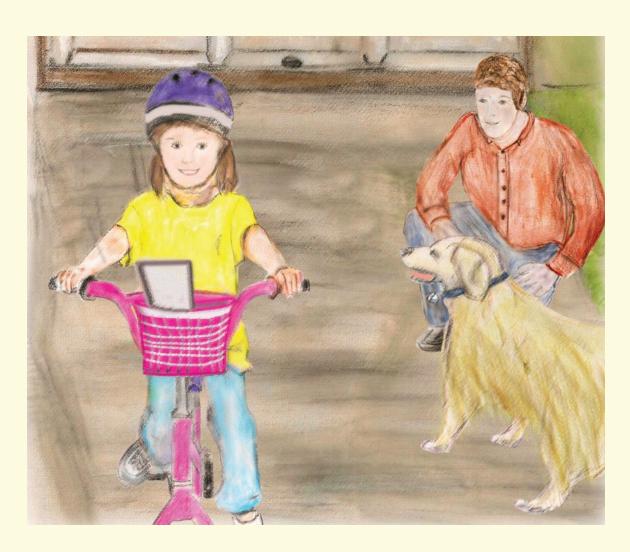
Kate really wanted to take Champ on her bike ride, but now she understands that it is not safe to put anything big in her bicycle's basket.

Then Kate has an idea! She is very excited! Kate runs into her house and finds a small picture of Champ.



Kate runs back outside and places the photo of Champ in the basket of her bike.

Now Kate feels safe and is smiling as she rides away.



She rings her bicycle bell just for Champ!

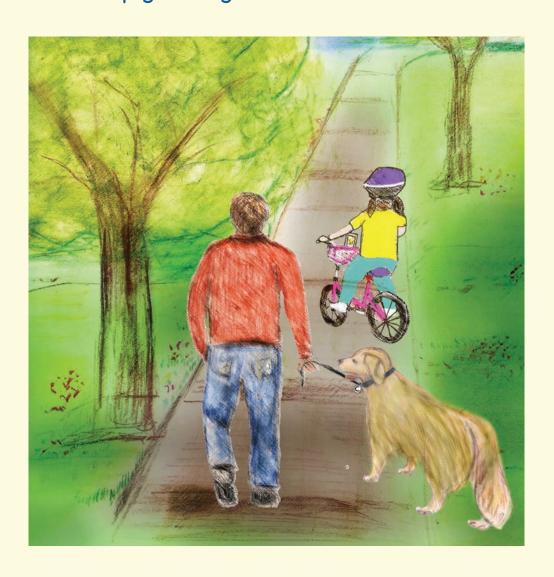
Dad and Champ are happy too as they watch

Kate having fun riding her bicycle safely down

the driveway of her home.

Kate's Dad then leans down and says,
"How about you come with me Champ?"

I need to go with Kate while she rides her bike on the sidewalk.
Champ gets excited, jumps up and barks "WOOF" for a big "YES!"
As it turns out, Champ gets to go on the bike ride with Kate in two ways!



Kate's Dad, Kate and Champ all enjoy the sunny day!