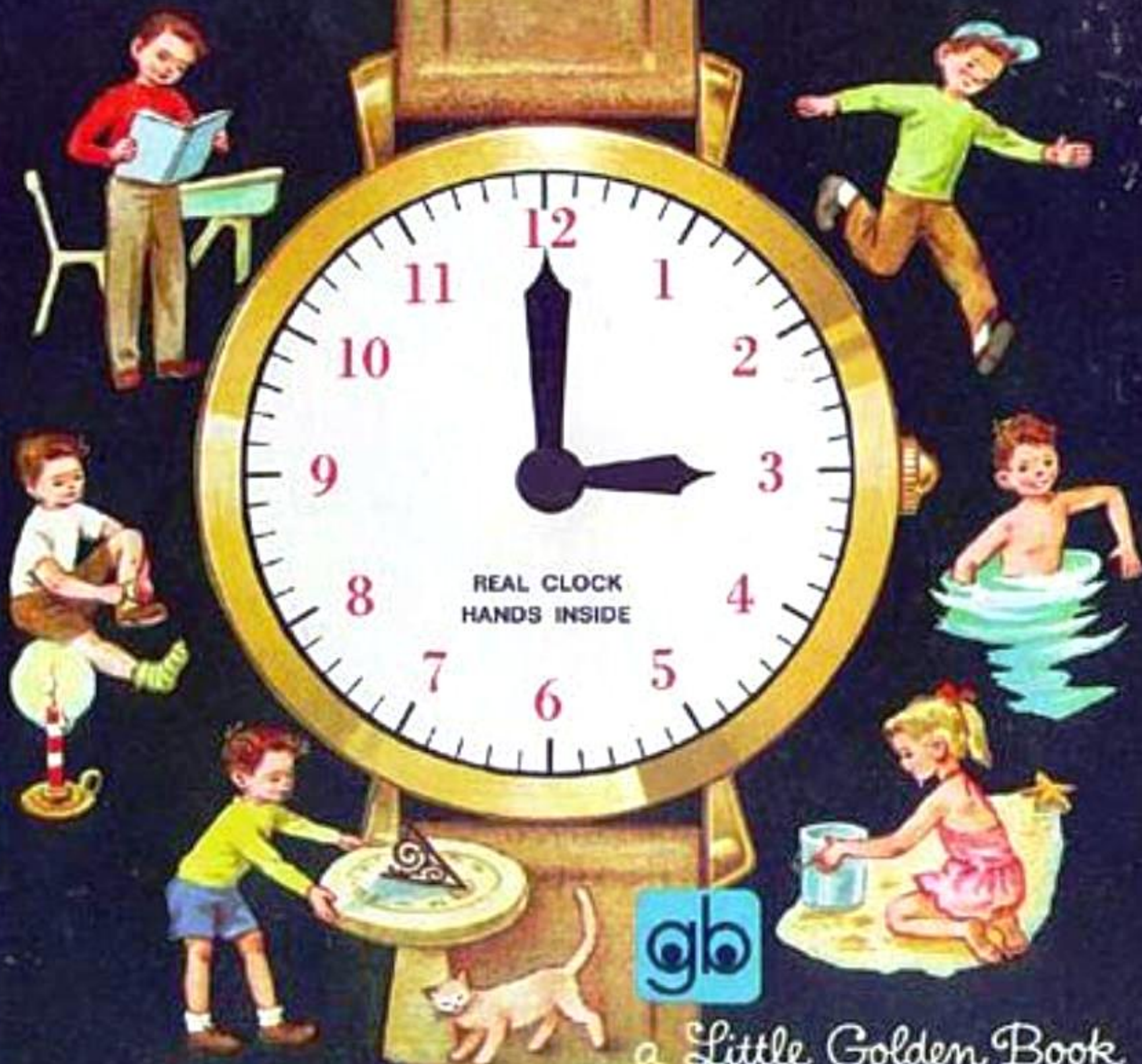


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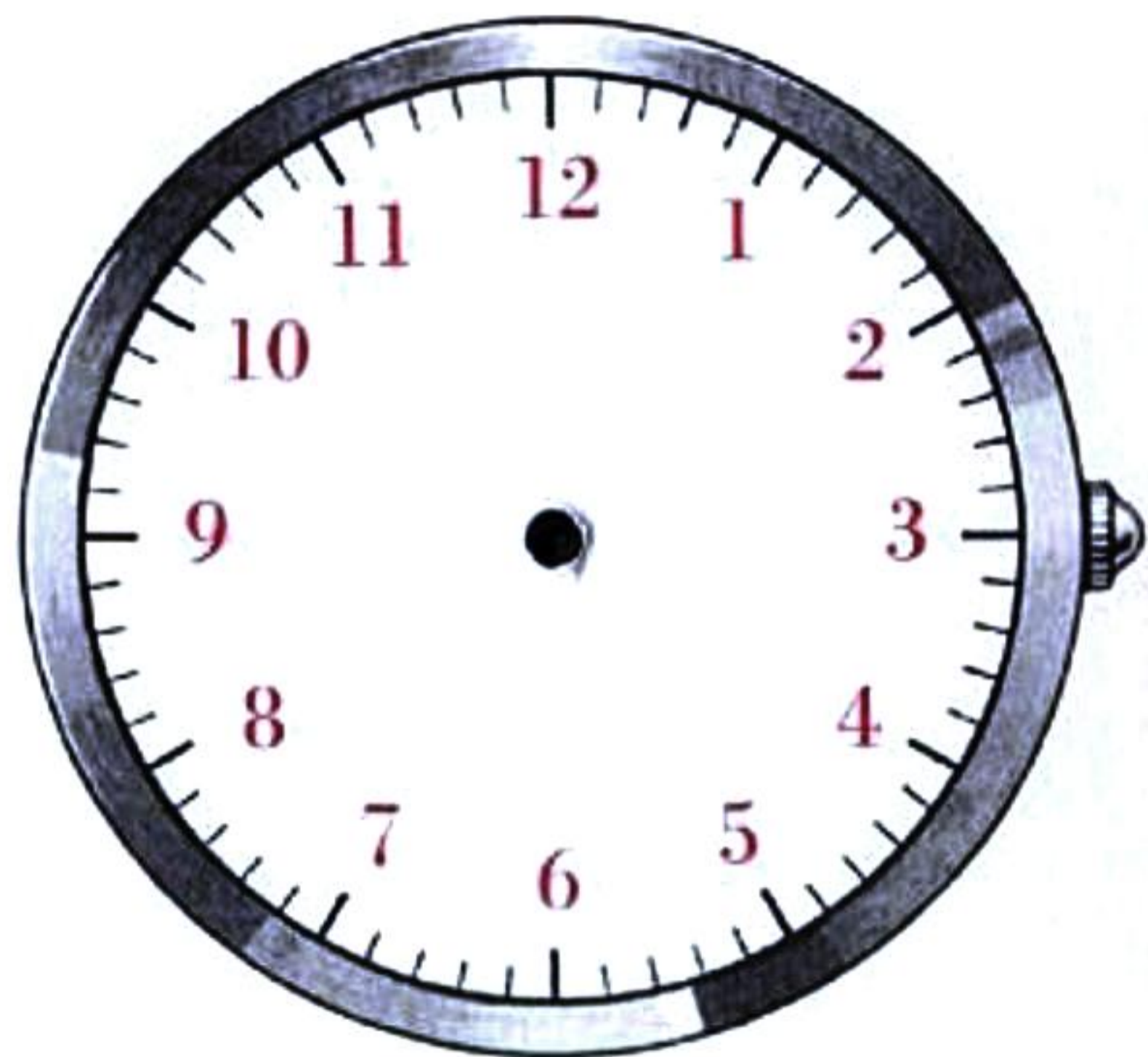


a Little Golden Book

# HOW TO TELL TIME

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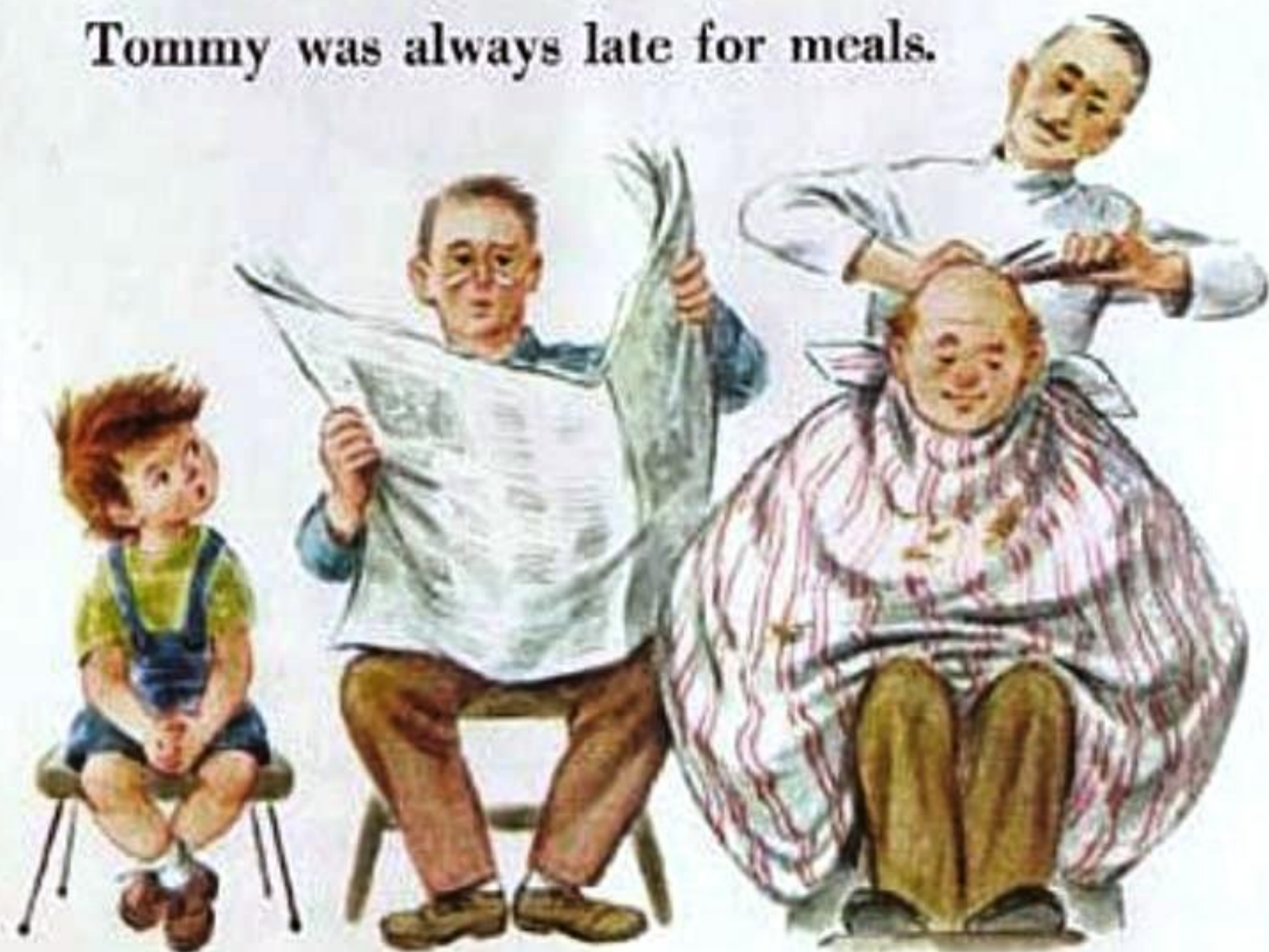


Tommy's name was Tommy O'Toole, but his family called him "Tommy-Too-Late." Because that was what he was—always late.

He was late getting up in the mornings. He was late for breakfast. And he was almost always late for school.

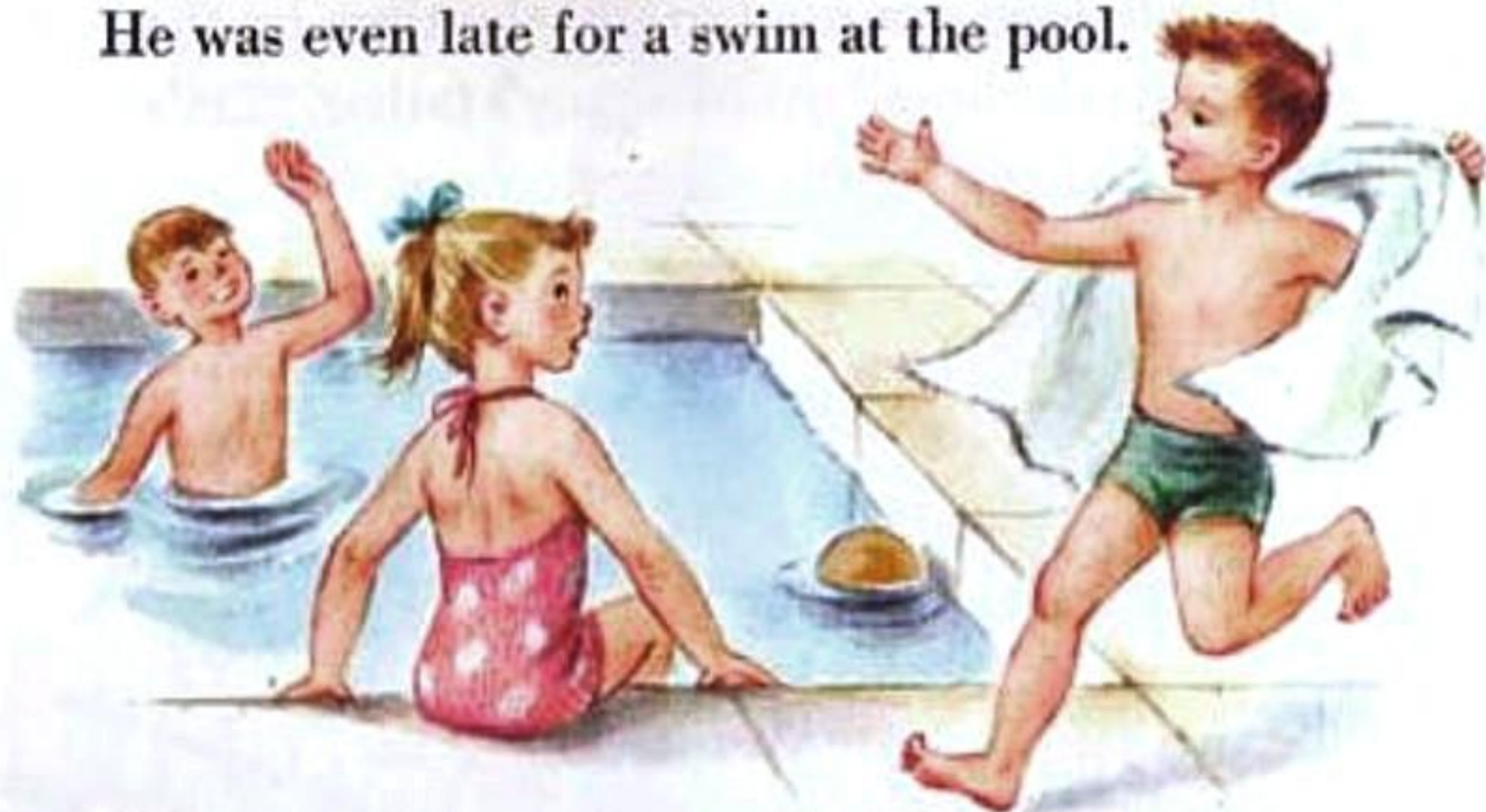


**Tommy was always late for meals.**



**He was late when he went for a haircut.**

**He was even late for a swim at the pool.**



**Of course, he was late to bed at night  
—this Too-Late-Tommy O'Toole.**



**Something had to be done.**

“People long ago used to tell the time by the sun and its shadows,” said Tommy’s father. “Let’s turn his bed to catch the morning sun.”



Next morning the sun woke Tommy. But he took so long about dressing and breakfast that he was still late to school.



“We’ll try an old-fashioned sandglass,” said his father. “People long ago used to time their work by the sand slipping through.”



Next morning as the sand slipped through the hole in the sandglass, Tommy got ready for school. But on the way there he stopped to watch a steam shovel. And Tommy was late again.



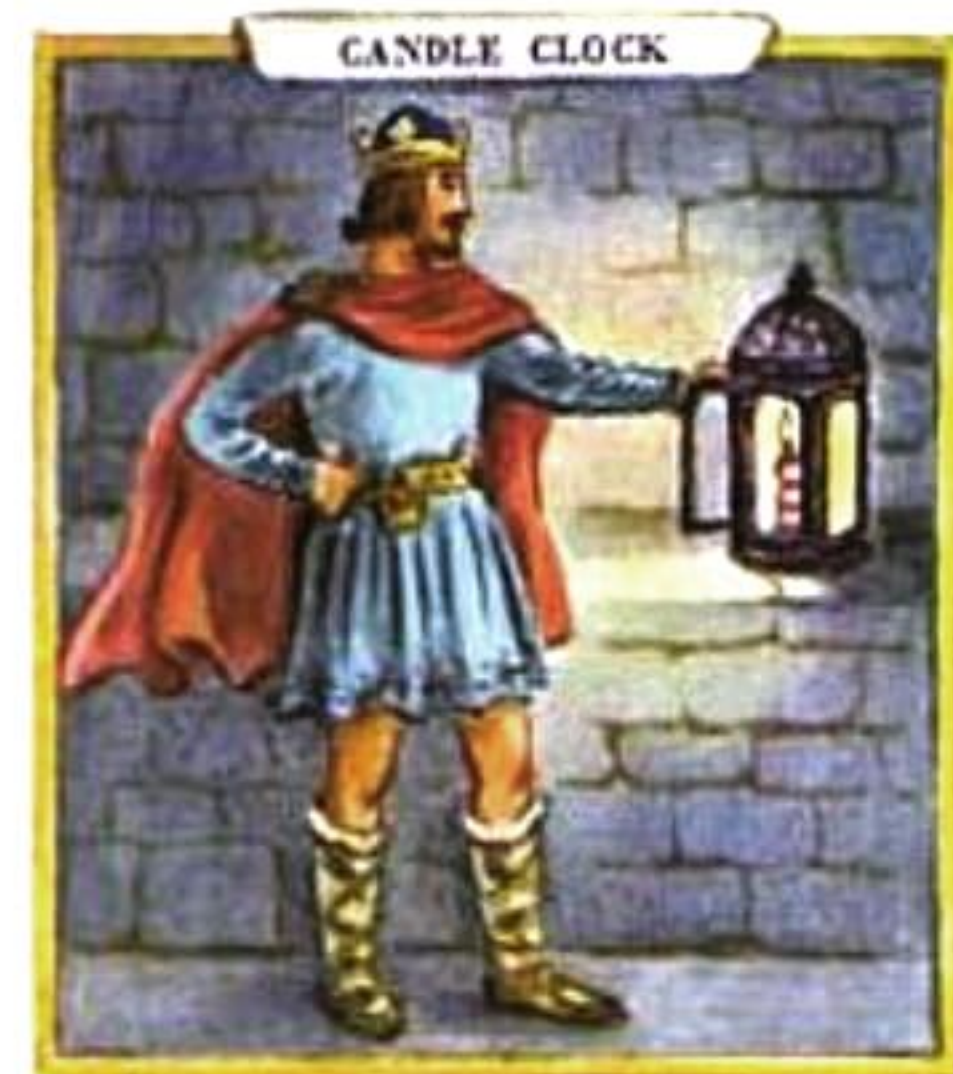
Tommy's father and mother tried again and again.

They set up a sundial in the garden. Then the sun could cast a shadow to show when it was time for Tommy to come in.



They lit a candle in the evening, with marks on the candle's sides, to show when it was time for Tommy to go to bed.

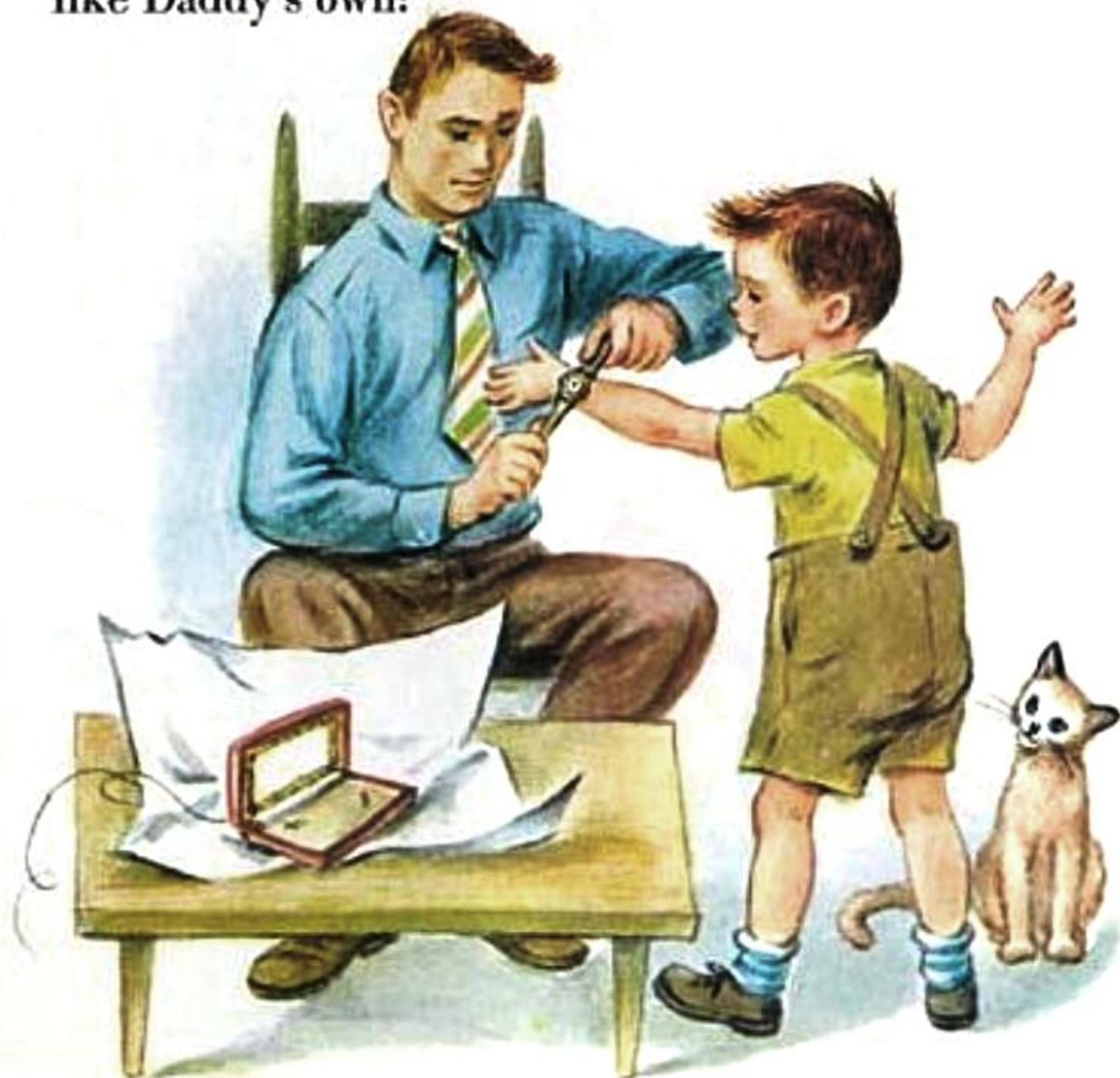
But Tommy O'Toole was still Tommy-Too-Late almost all the time.



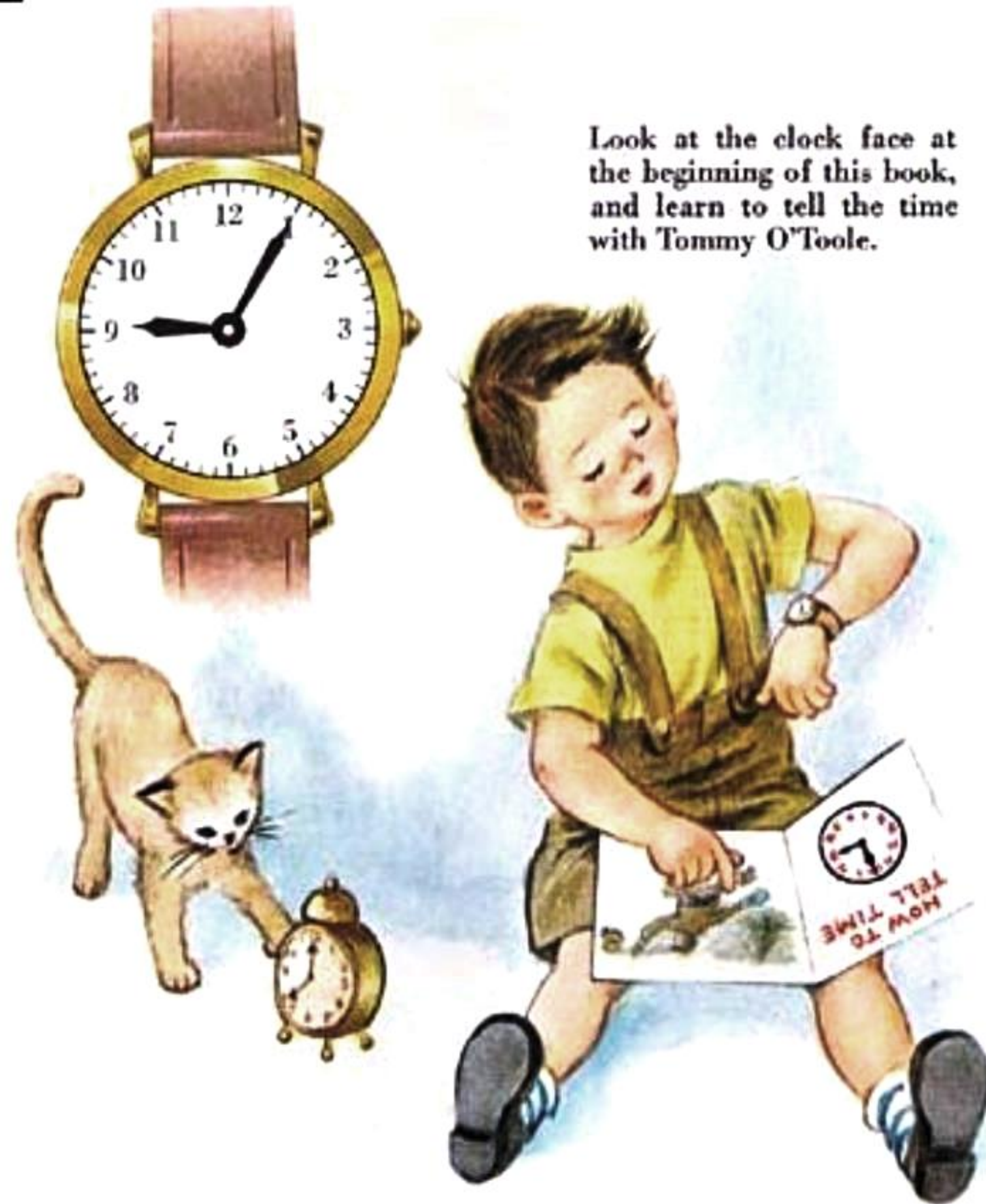
There was just one more thing to try. One day Tommy's father came home with a small box.

"I have brought you a friend to go with you everywhere, to tell you what time it is," he said.

He opened the box. There was a watch, just like Daddy's own!



Look at the clock face at the beginning of this book, and learn to tell the time with Tommy O'Toole.



"This shorter hand is the hour hand. It points to the hour of the day or night," Tommy's father said. Tommy began to count the hour numbers.  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12  
You can do that too, can't you?



“This is getting-up time in the morning,” said Tommy’s father.

“Seven o’clock,” read Tommy. “I get up at 7.”

“This is leave-for-school time,” said Tommy’s father.

“Eight o’clock,” read Tommy. “I leave for school at 8.”



“This is lunchtime,” said Tommy’s father.

“Twelve,” read Tommy. “Lunchtime is at 12 o’clock.”



Can you find your leave-for-school time and your lunchtime?



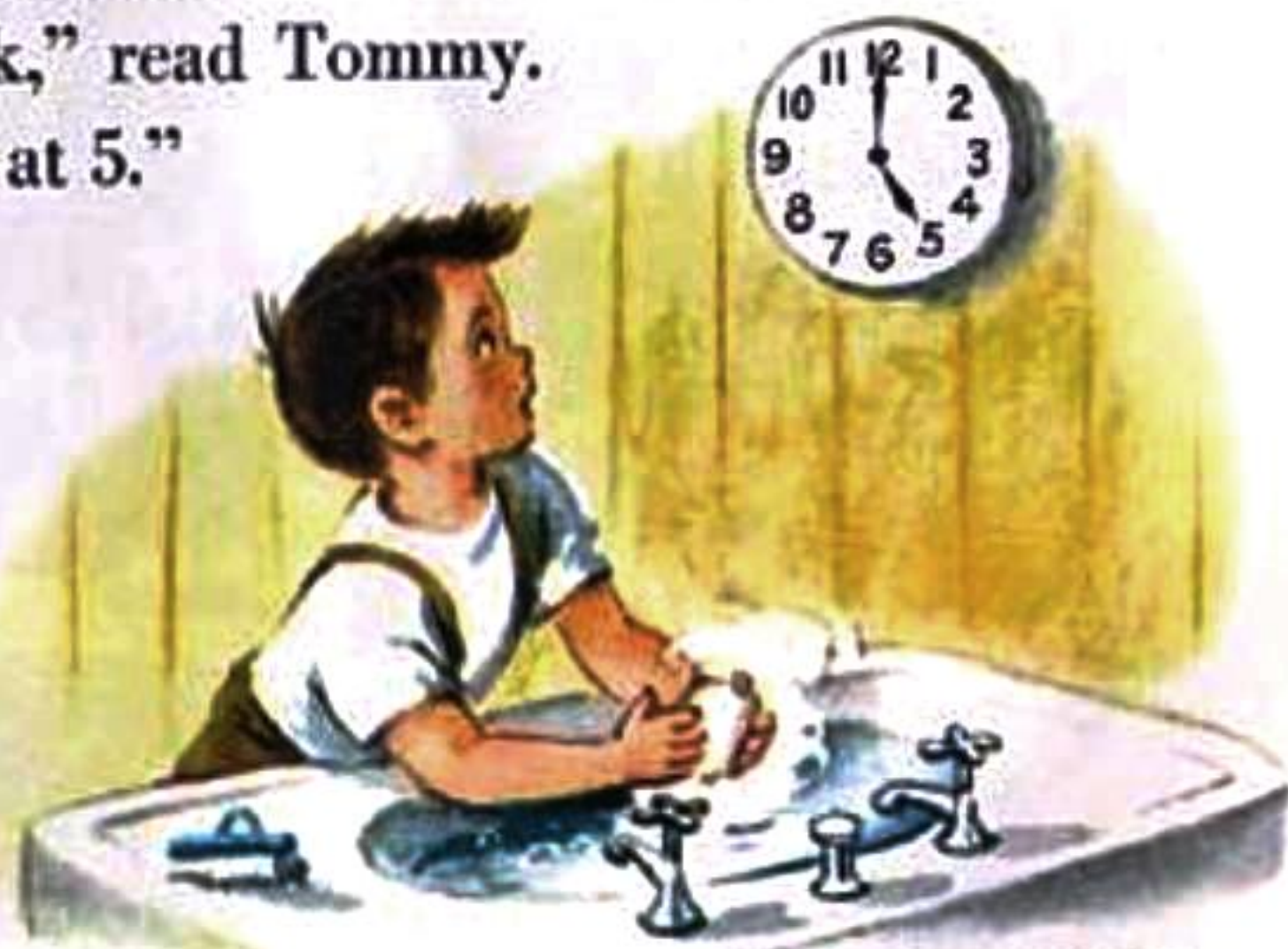
"This is home-from-school time,"  
said Tommy's father.

"Three o'clock," read Tommy.  
"Home from school at 3."



"This is time to come in for supper,"  
said Tommy's father.

"Five o'clock," read Tommy.  
"In for supper at 5."



Can you find your home-from-school time and your supper time?

"Bedtime," said Tommy's father.  
"Seven o'clock," read Tommy.  
"Bedtime is at 7."



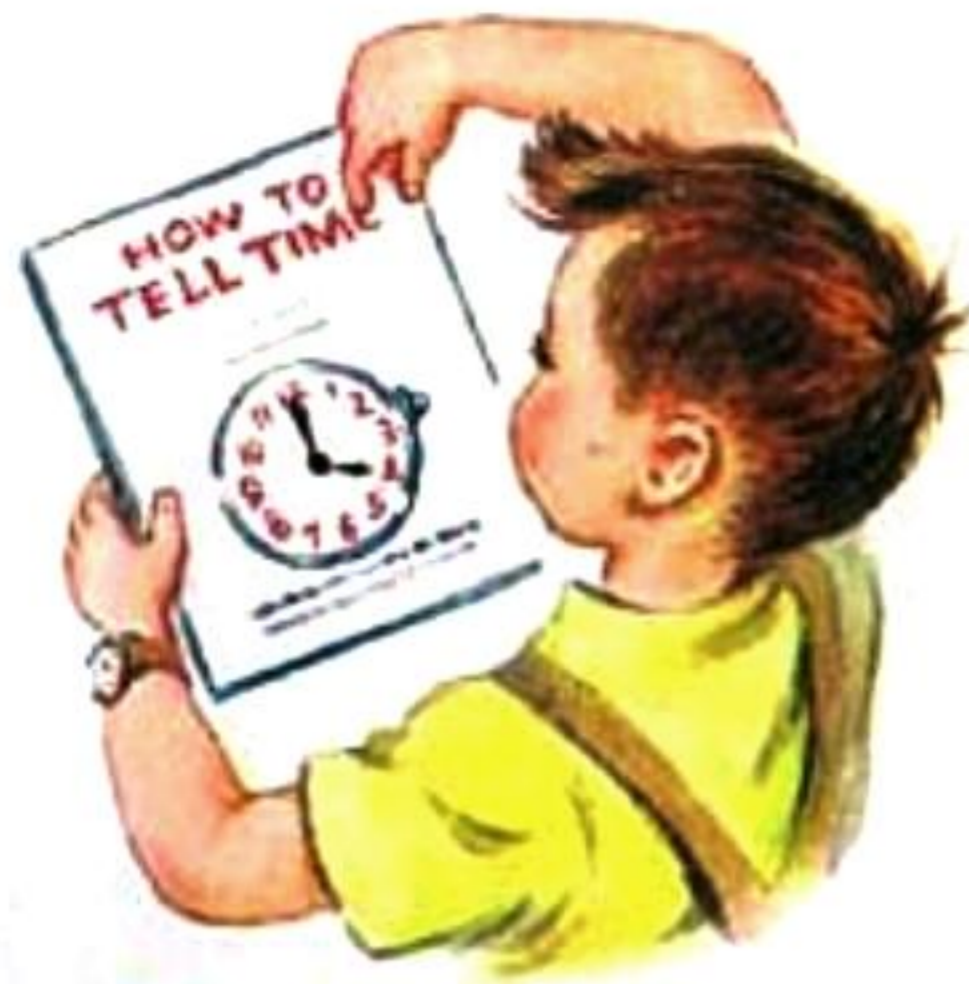
"But seven is getting-up time, too!" he said.  
"Yes," said his father. "The hour hand circles  
the twelve hours once every day and once every  
night."



Can you find your bedtime and getting-up time?



4 o'clock



"What about the other hand?" asked Tommy.

"The longer hand on your watch is the minute hand. The minutes it tells are very short. So it circles the watch face every hour.

"It starts from the top—say at four o'clock.

"Every five minutes it passes a number.

"When the minute hand is on three, it is 15 minutes past four or a quarter past four."



5 minutes after 4



15 minutes after 4,  
or a quarter after 4

"At half-past four the minute hand is down at the bottom—halfway round.

"The minute hand circles back toward the top. When it is on nine it is 15 minutes to five, or a quarter to five.

"When it reaches the top, an hour has passed.

"It is five o'clock then."



half-past 4



15 minutes to 5,  
or a quarter to 5





“Four o’clock is hair-cut time today,” said Tommy’s father.

So Tommy set the hands at four o’clock.  
So can you.

“Ten o’clock is recess time at school,” said Tommy’s father.

So Tommy set the hands at ten o’clock.  
So can you.



“Eleven o’clock is time for a swim in the pool,” said Tommy’s father.

So Tommy set the hands at eleven o’clock.  
So can you.



“A watch will be your good friend always if you take good care of it,” said Tommy’s father.

“How do I do that?” asked Tommy.



“Take it off carefully before you play in water or sand.

“Put it down gently in a good safe place.



“Wind your watch every morning—gently, not too hard.

“If you take care, your watch will last for a long time.”



So Tommy took care of his watch. He wore it wherever he went. And it told him the time.

Now when Tommy is asked what his name is, he says, "Tommy O'Toole."

But his family calls him "Tommy-On-Time." Because that is what he is now - always on time.



eleven o'clock



twelve o'clock



one o'clock



ten o'clock



two o'clock



nine o'clock



three o'clock



eight o'clock



four o'clock



seven o'clock



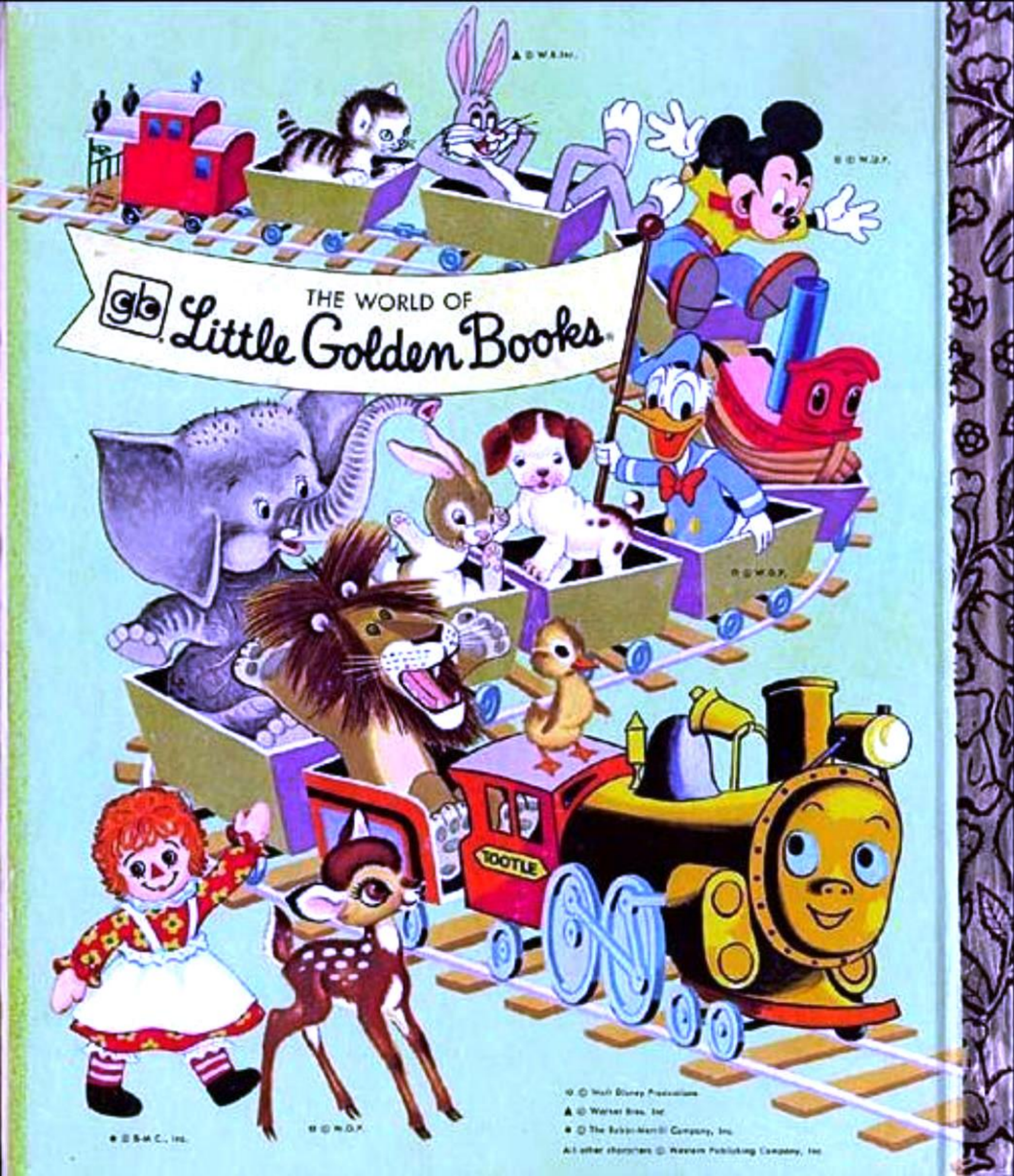
six o'clock



five o'clock

#### PUBLISHER'S NOTE TO PARENTS

Here is a book with real watch hands to help children learn to tell time. We suggest that, as the story is read, you turn back to the clock face frequently, allowing the child to manipulate the hands himself. You might reinforce the learning experience by pointing to clock faces throughout the book and letting the child tell you what time is shown.



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