

An illustration of two children, a girl and a boy, sitting on a grassy shore. The girl, on the left, is wearing a purple shirt and striped pants, looking towards the boy. The boy, on the right, is wearing a purple shirt and orange pants, looking down at something in his hands. They are surrounded by green grass, pink and yellow flowers, and a large tree on the left. In the background, there is a body of water (the cove) and distant hills under a blue sky with white clouds.

# The Lost Key

at Peck's Cove



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## Challenge Words:

catch

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The Gills had a home by the  
marsh at Peck's Cove.



Bob Gill fixed cars for his job.



Kate Gill was a cook  
and took care of the  
boys, Scott and Jon.







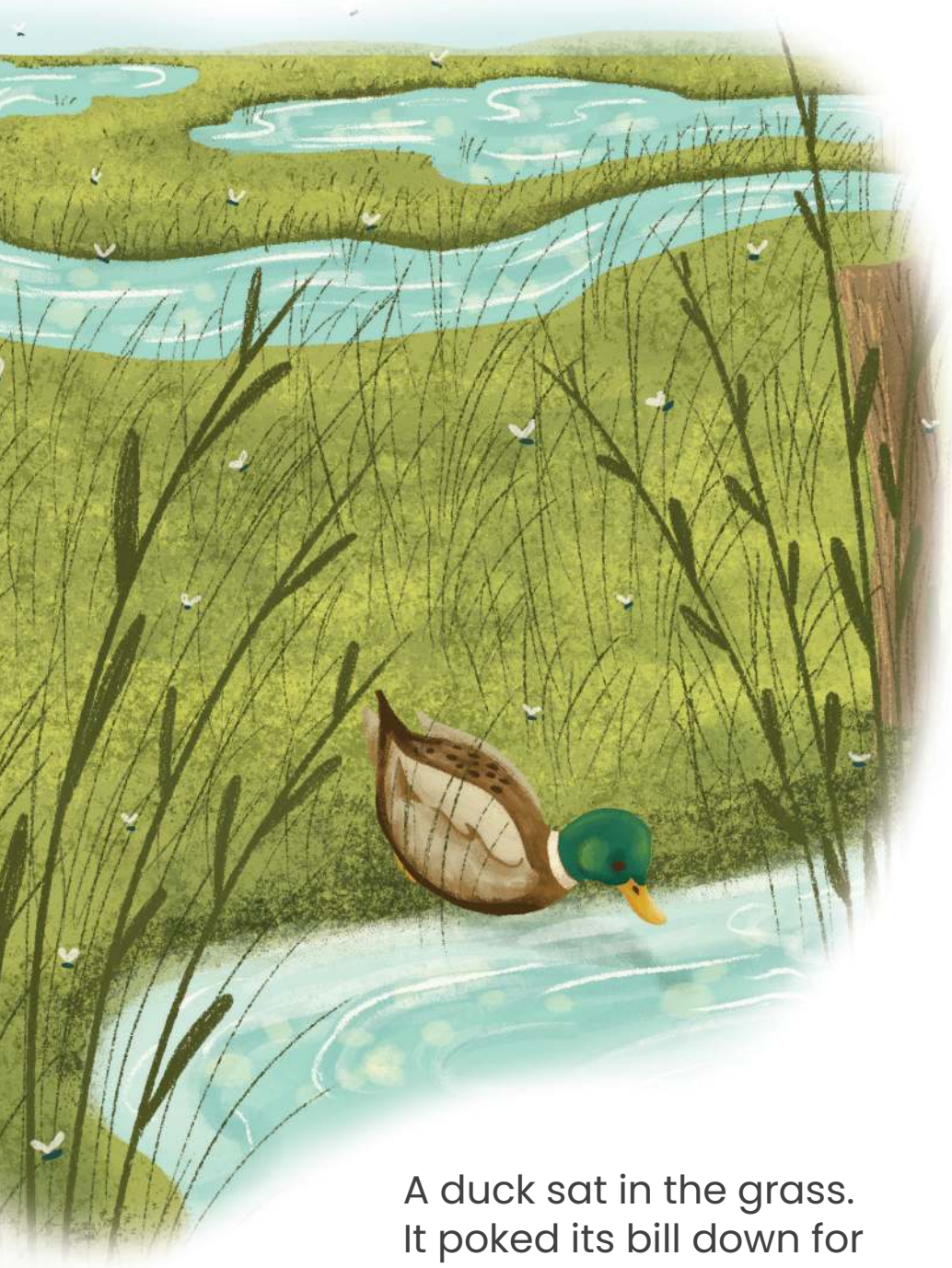
Dad, Mom, Scott, and Jon all had jobs—big and small—on the land by Peck's Cove.





The marsh smelled like salt  
and mud. Bugs buzzed on  
grass stems and in the sky.





A duck sat in the grass.  
It poked its bill down for  
a fish.





Scott and Jon tried to help Dad. They went back to the marsh to look.



Jon saw a blue  
fly, but no key.



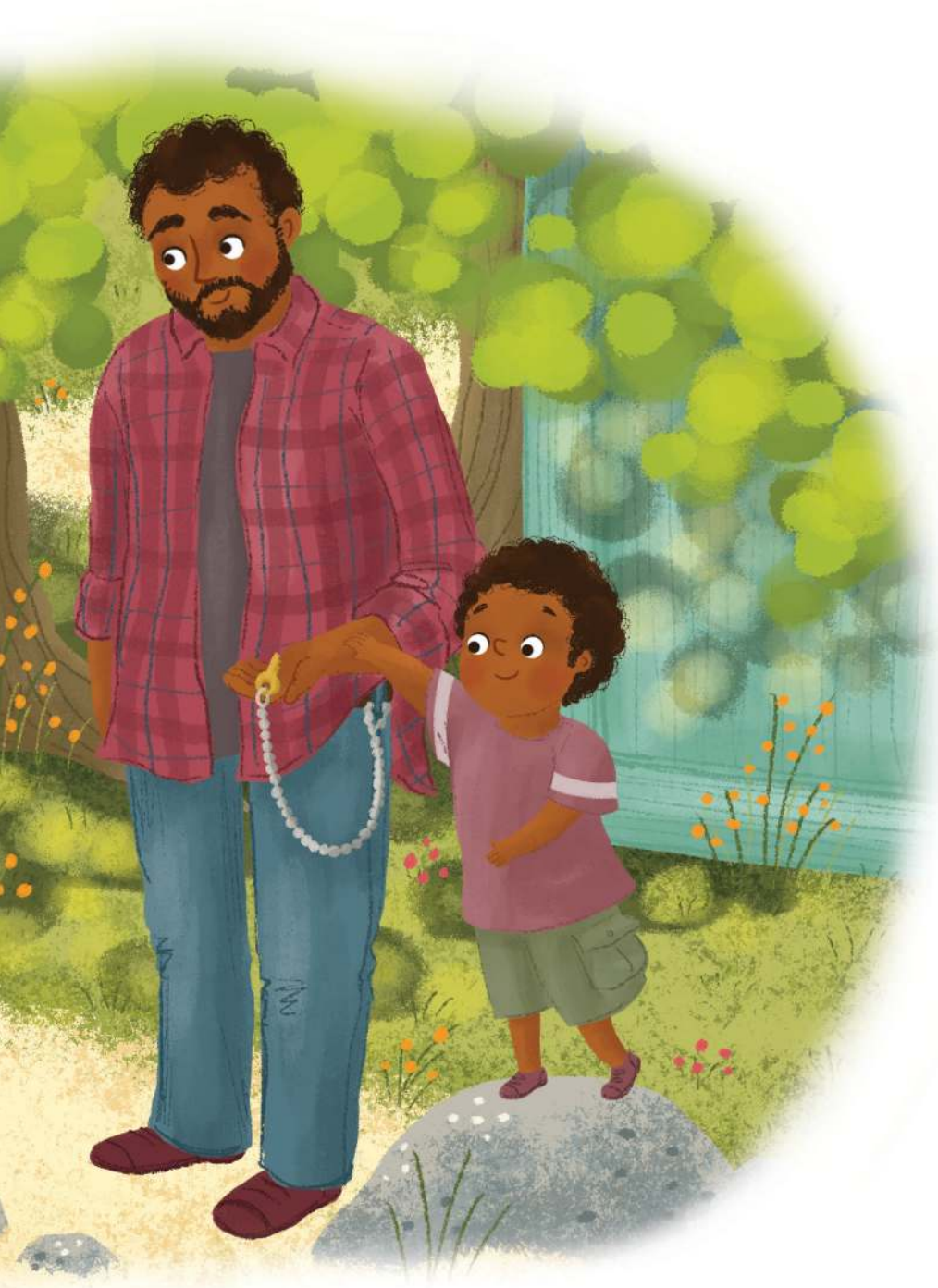
He looked at big fluffy  
clouds in the sky.





He clipped his key to  
a chain on his belt.





He kept his tools safe in the shed  
and his key safe on his belt.





# The Lost Key at Peck's Cove

Uh-oh! Dad lost the key to the shed!  
He can't do his work without his tools.  
Scott and Jon want to help him find the  
key, but they find much more than that  
when they search the marshes and  
creeks at Peck's Cove.

