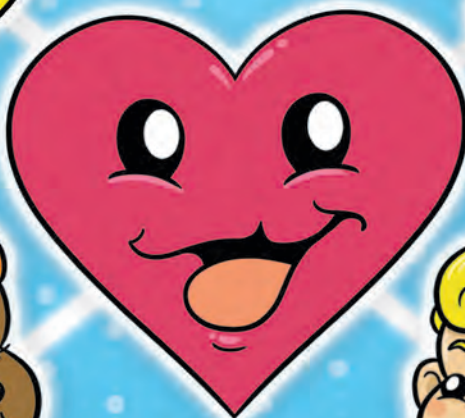




DARBY BOINGG  
LEARNS THAT

EVERY FACE HAS



A SPECIAL SMILE!

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MY NAME IS  
DARBY BOINGG! THIS BOOK  
IS ALL ABOUT DIFFERENT SMILES  
AND DIFFERENT FACES! LET'S LEARN  
A LITTLE MORE ABOUT YOU AND  
WHAT MAKES YOU SMILE!



**My name is...**

MY FAVORITE THING TO DO IS...

I AM GOOD AT...

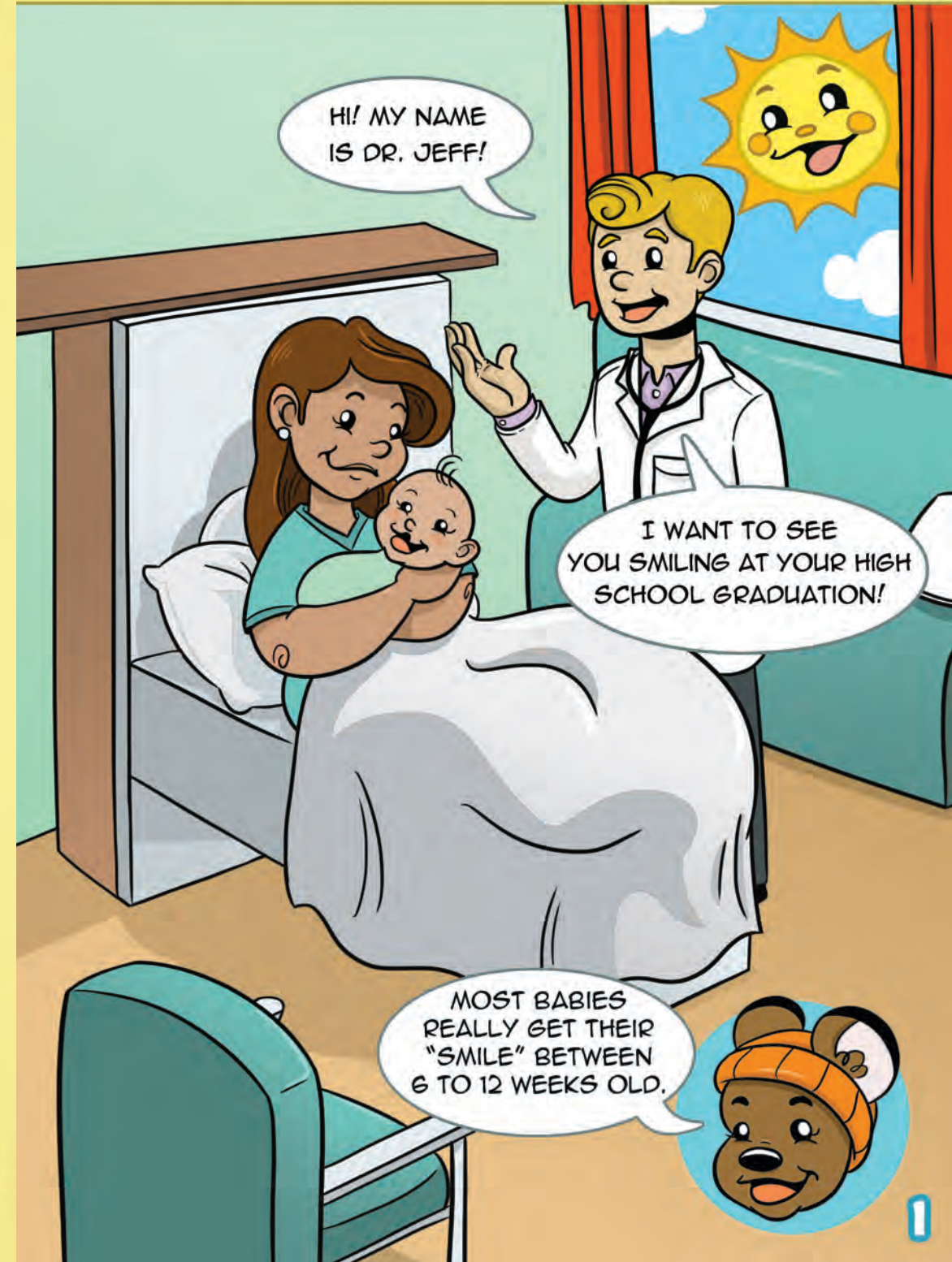
MY FAVORITE THING ABOUT ME IS...

WHEN I GROW UP, I WANT TO...

I AM REALLY PROUD OF...

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ONE BRIGHT AND SUNNY MORNING, A BEAUTIFUL BABY GIRL NAMED FELICITY WAS BORN WITH A VERY SPECIAL SMILE.



HI! MY NAME  
IS DR. JEFF!

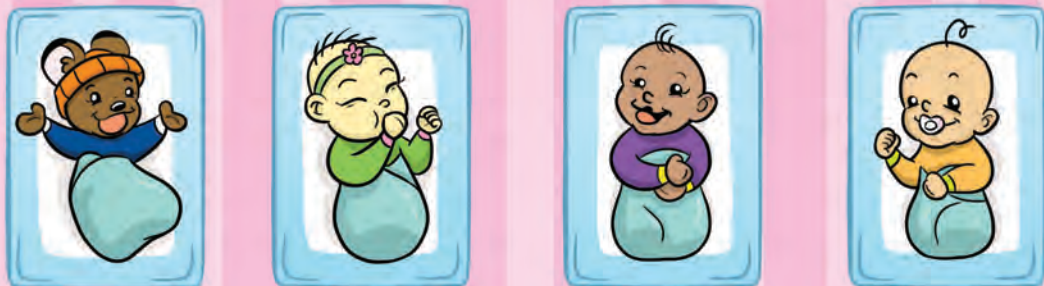
I WANT TO SEE  
YOU SMILING AT YOUR HIGH  
SCHOOL GRADUATION!

MOST BABIES  
REALLY GET THEIR  
"SMILE" BETWEEN  
6 TO 12 WEEKS OLD.





FROM BIRTH, EVERYONE HAS A DIFFERENT JOURNEY! BABIES BORN WITH A CLEFT LIP OR PALATE HAVE A SPECIAL JOURNEY OF THEIR OWN.



**YOUR JOURNEY IS YOUR OWN.**



FELICITY WAS BORN WITH A CLEFT LIP AND PALATE. SHE HAD TO TAKE CARE OF HER SMILE AND HAD SPECIAL HELPERS ALONG HER JOURNEY. SURGERIES HELPED HER SMILE LOOK ITS BEST AND HER TEETH GROW PROPERLY. SOON SHE COULD SPEAK WELL AND BE HEALTHY!

CLEFT LIP IS WHEN A PERSON IS BORN WITH A SPLIT IN THE TOP OF HIS OR HER LIP.



I'M FELICITY AND I HAVE A CLEFT LIP AND PALATE.



YOUR PALATE IS THE ROOF OF YOUR MOUTH.

CLEFT PALATE IS WHEN A PERSON IS BORN WITH A SPLIT IN HIS OR HER PALATE.

**SAY IT:  
PAL-it**



AS FELICITY WENT ON HER JOURNEY, SHE HAD HELP IN MAKING HER SMILE HER OWN.



AT ONE MONTH OLD, FELICITY SAW DR. JEFF, HER SURGEON. THEY CAME UP WITH A PLAN TO TREAT HER SPECIAL SMILE. SHE LATER SAW A CHILDREN'S DENTIST TO MAKE SURE HER TEETH WOULD BE HEALTHY.

SOME PEOPLE WOULD NOTICE AND ASK HER ABOUT THE LITTLE SCAR ABOVE HER LIP OR WHY HER SMILE SEEMED A BIT CROOKED. SHE DIDN'T MIND TALKING ABOUT HER SPECIAL SMILE.

FELICITY LOVED BOOKS AND READ ALL OF THE TIME. AS SHE GREW, SHE HAD ANOTHER SURGERY ON HER NOSE AND LIP. FELICITY BECAME GOOD FRIENDS WITH THE ORTHODONTIST, THE SPECIAL DOCTOR WHO PUT BRACES ON HER TEETH.



BEFORE SHE WAS A YEAR OLD, FELICITY HAD HER CLEFT LIP AND PALATE REPAIRED. THAT HELPED HER SWALLOW THE RIGHT WAY.

SHE GREW AND HAD MORE SURGERIES. THEN FELICITY SAW A SPEECH THERAPIST TO HELP HER SPEAK. BUT NONE OF THAT STOPPED HER FROM BEING THE FASTEST BIKE RIDER ON HER STREET!



FELICITY'S HIGH SCHOOL YEARS FLEW BY WITH LEARNING, SPORTS AND FRIENDS. BUT AS SHE KEPT GROWING, SHE MET WITH HER DOCTORS TO MAKE SURE HER SPECIAL SMILE STAYED HEALTHY FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE!





FELICITY MADE MANY FRIENDS ALONG HER JOURNEY. ONE DAY AT DR. JEFF'S OFFICE, SHE MET A FRIEND NAMED BALDWIN. HE HAD A SPECIAL SMILE, TOO!



BALDWIN'S JOURNEY IS DIFFERENT FROM MINE, BUT HIS IS STILL VERY SPECIAL!



**SAY IT:**  
**cray-nee-oh-FAY-shul dee-FOR-mit-tees**  
THESE ARE BIG WORDS THAT MEAN THE HEAD AND BONES IN THE FACE GROW DIFFERENTLY.

THERE ARE DIFFERENT KINDS OF CRANIOFACIAL DEFORMITIES. BALDWIN HAS WHAT IS CALLED CRANIOSYNOSTOSIS.

THE JOINTS BETWEEN THE BONES IN HIS SKULL CLOSED TOO EARLY, BEFORE HIS BRAIN WAS FULLY FORMED.

**SAY IT:**  
**cray-nee-oh-sin-uh-STO-sis**

AND HE'S THE BEST CHESS PLAYER I KNOW!





FELICITY KNEW THAT EVERY SMILE WAS DIFFERENT FROM PERSON TO PERSON, BUT AS SHE PUT HER SCHOOL PICTURES IN ORDER, SHE REALIZED JUST HOW MUCH HER SMILE HAD CHANGED!

SOMETIMES PEOPLE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND HER SMILE AND ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT IT. AND SOMETIMES THAT DIDN'T FEEL SO GREAT. HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF SOMEONE ASKED YOU THESE QUESTIONS? FILL IN THE BLANK THEN DRAW YOUR FACE AND HOW YOU FEEL.

WHEN SHE WAS YOUNG SHE HAD TUBES IN HER EARS TO HELP HER HEARING.

AS SHE GREW OLDER, THE TUBES WERE TAKEN OUT.

LATER SHE GOT BRACES TO HELP HER SMILE BE AS STRAIGHT AS IT COULD BE.

THE BRACES MADE HER TEETH STRAIGHT AND THE SURGERIES FIXED HER CLEFT LIP.

WHY DOES YOUR SMILE LOOK LIKE THAT?

THAT MAKES ME FEEL...

HOW COME YOU'RE DIFFERENT FROM OTHER PEOPLE?

THAT MAKES ME FEEL...

SOMETIMES QUESTIONS CAN HURT A PERSON'S FEELINGS.

THEY CAN. WHEN I FEEL BAD, THOUGH, I LIKE TO TURN IT INTO A POSITIVE.



FELICITY LEARNED THAT THERE WERE MANY OTHERS JUST LIKE HER THAT SHE MET AT HER DOCTOR VISITS. SOMETIMES PEOPLE SAID HURTFUL THINGS BECAUSE THEY SIMPLY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND HER SPECIAL SMILE. SHE DIDN'T LET IT BOTHER HER. FELICITY KNEW WHAT TO DO WHEN SHE FELT BAD.



YOU DON'T HAVE TO FEEL BAD WHEN SOMEONE SAYS SOMETHING HURTFUL TO YOU. WHAT ARE SOME WAYS THAT YOU HELP YOURSELF FEEL BETTER?



WHEN I FEEL **ANGRY**, I FEEL BETTER BY...

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WHEN I FEEL **SAD**, I FEEL BETTER BY...

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WHEN I FEEL **EMBARRASSED**, I FEEL BETTER BY...

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WHEN I FEEL **HURT**, I FEEL BETTER BY...

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WHEN I FEEL **LONELY**, I FEEL BETTER BY...

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THERE ARE MANY REASONS TO SMILE! THINK ABOUT WHAT MAKES YOU FEEL HAPPY AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW.

WHAT MAKES ME **HAPPY?**

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WHAT MAKES ME **LAUGH?**

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WHAT DO I DO FOR **FUN?**

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WHAT IS MY **FAVORITE** JOKE?

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WHAT DO I **LOVE** TO DO?

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THESE WERE SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO HELPED FELICITY ON HER JOURNEY. SHE CALLED THEM "TEAM SMILE." THERE MAY BE MANY PEOPLE WHO WILL HELP YOU WITH YOUR SPECIAL SMILE!

**GENETICIST**

A SCIENTIST WHO STUDIES GENES

**AUDIOLOGIST**

A SPECIALIST WHO HELPS HEARING

**PLASTIC SURGEON**

A DOCTOR WHO HELPS FIX FACIAL CHALLENGES

**PEDIATRICIAN**

A DOCTOR FOR CHILDREN

**NURSE**

A PERSON WHO HELPS THE DOCTOR CARE FOR PEOPLE'S HEALTH

**DENTIST**

A DOCTOR WHO KEEPS SMILES HEALTHY

**SPEECH THERAPIST**

A PERSON WHO HELPS SPEAKING

**ORTHODONTIST**

A DOCTOR WHO STRAIGHTENS TEETH

**TEAM SMILE**



BUT IT WASN'T ONLY HER DOCTORS WHO HELPED FELICITY ON HER JOURNEY. TEAM FAMILY MADE SURE THAT TEAM SMILE STAYED WITH HER ALL ALONG THE WAY.

**GRANDMOTHER**

TOOK FELICITY TO THE DENTIST.



**MOM**

TOOK FELICITY TO THE ORTHODONTIST.



**DAD**

TOOK FELICITY TO HER PEDIATRICIAN.



**COUSIN**

TOOK FELICITY TO THE AUDIOLOGIST.



**UNCLE**

TOOK FELICITY TO HER SPEECH THERAPIST.



**TEAM FAMILY**

ALL OF THEM LOVE FELICITY FOR WHO SHE IS

EVERYONE HAS A SMILE THAT'S ALL THEIR OWN. THEY ALSO HAVE DIFFERENT INTERESTS AND THINGS THEY'RE GOOD AT. LEARN WHAT DARBY, BALDWIN, FELICITY AND DR. JEFF ARE GOOD AT THEN ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.



I LIKE PLAYING BASKETBALL AND BASEBALL. WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO PLAY?

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I AM REALLY GOOD AT CHESS AND READING. WHAT ARE YOU GOOD AT?



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I DO WELL IN SCHOOL AND LOVE TO READ! WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE BOOK?



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I BECAME A DOCTOR WHEN I GREW UP. WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?

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ON THE DAY THAT FELICITY GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL, ALL OF HER FAMILY, FRIENDS AND DR. JEFF WERE THERE TO CONGRATULATE HER AND CELEBRATE!



TO: \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_

TO: \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_

TO: \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_



ASK A GROWN-UP TO HELP YOU CUT OUT THE CARDS. THEN FILL THEM IN AND GIVE THEM TO THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE YOU SMILE!







**YOU MAKE  
ME SMILE!**

**YOU MAKE  
ME SMILE!**

**YOU MAKE  
ME SMILE!**



CHILDREN BORN  
WITH CLEFT LIP, CLEFT PALATE  
AND CRANIOFACIAL DEFORMITIES  
HAVE A JOURNEY THAT'S DIFFERENT  
FROM MOST. BUT A TEAM OF DOCTORS  
AND SPECIALISTS CAN HELP THESE  
CHILDREN LOOK THEIR BEST, SPEAK  
AND HEAR CLEARLY AND IMPROVE  
THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE.

DR. JEFFREY COLYER, MD



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