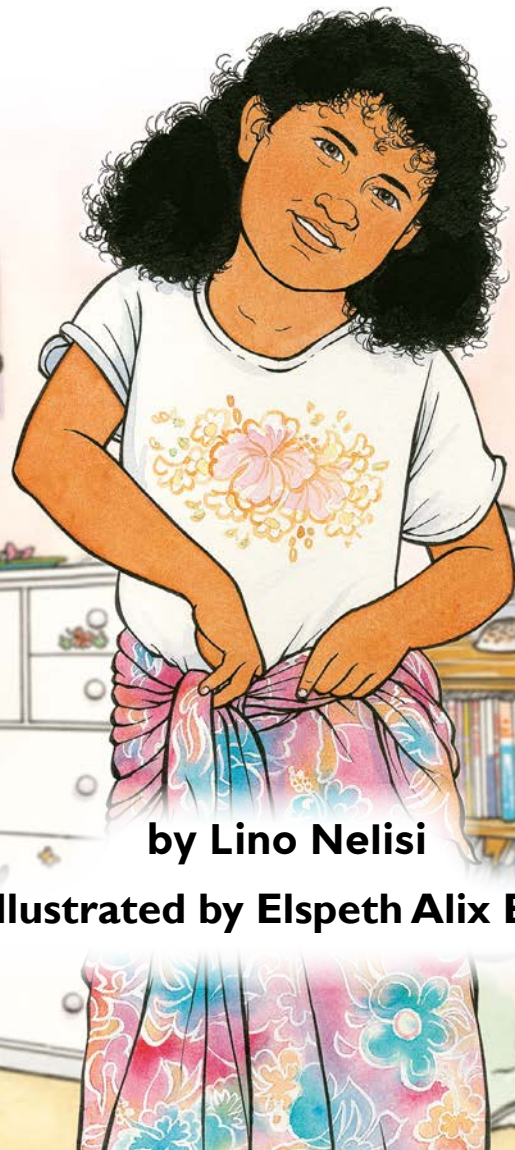


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**kilikiti** (kee-lee-kee-tee) a game played  
in New Zealand, Niue, and other Pacific  
countries that combines elements of the  
Samoan game tāgātī'a with cricket

**lavalava** (lah-vah-lah-vah) a wraparound  
skirt worn in many Pacific countries

**Sofi** (Soh-fee) a girl's name

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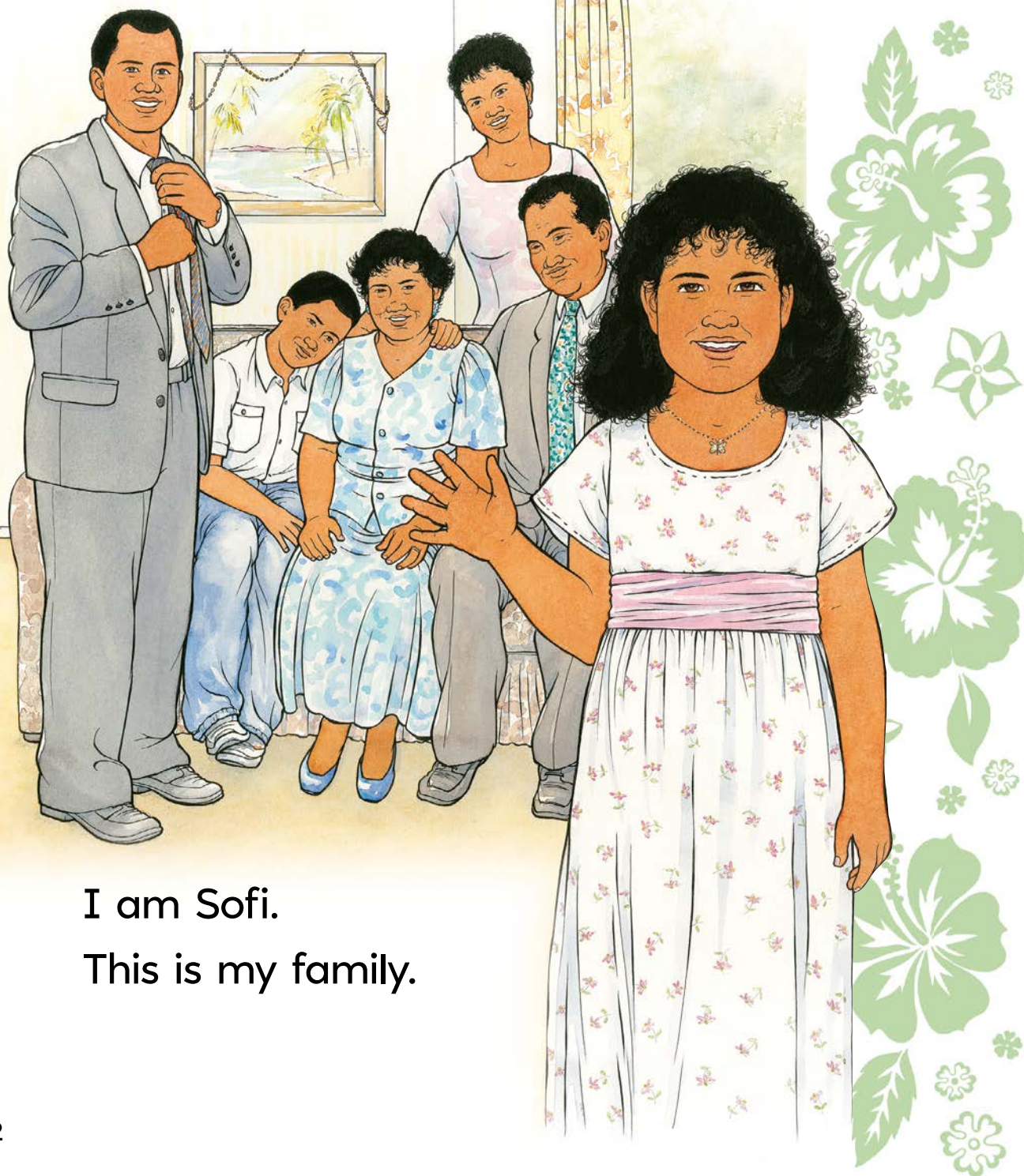
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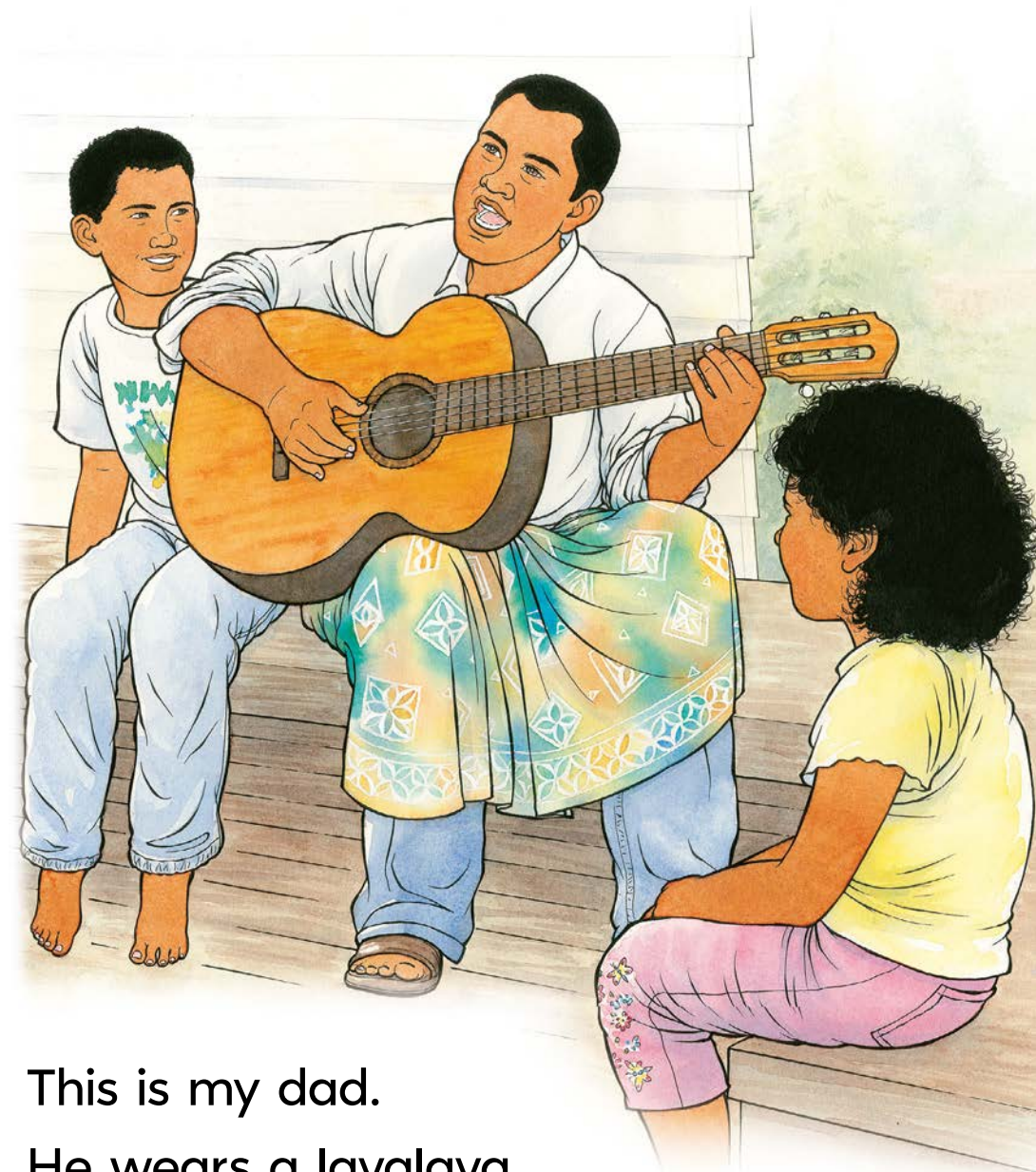
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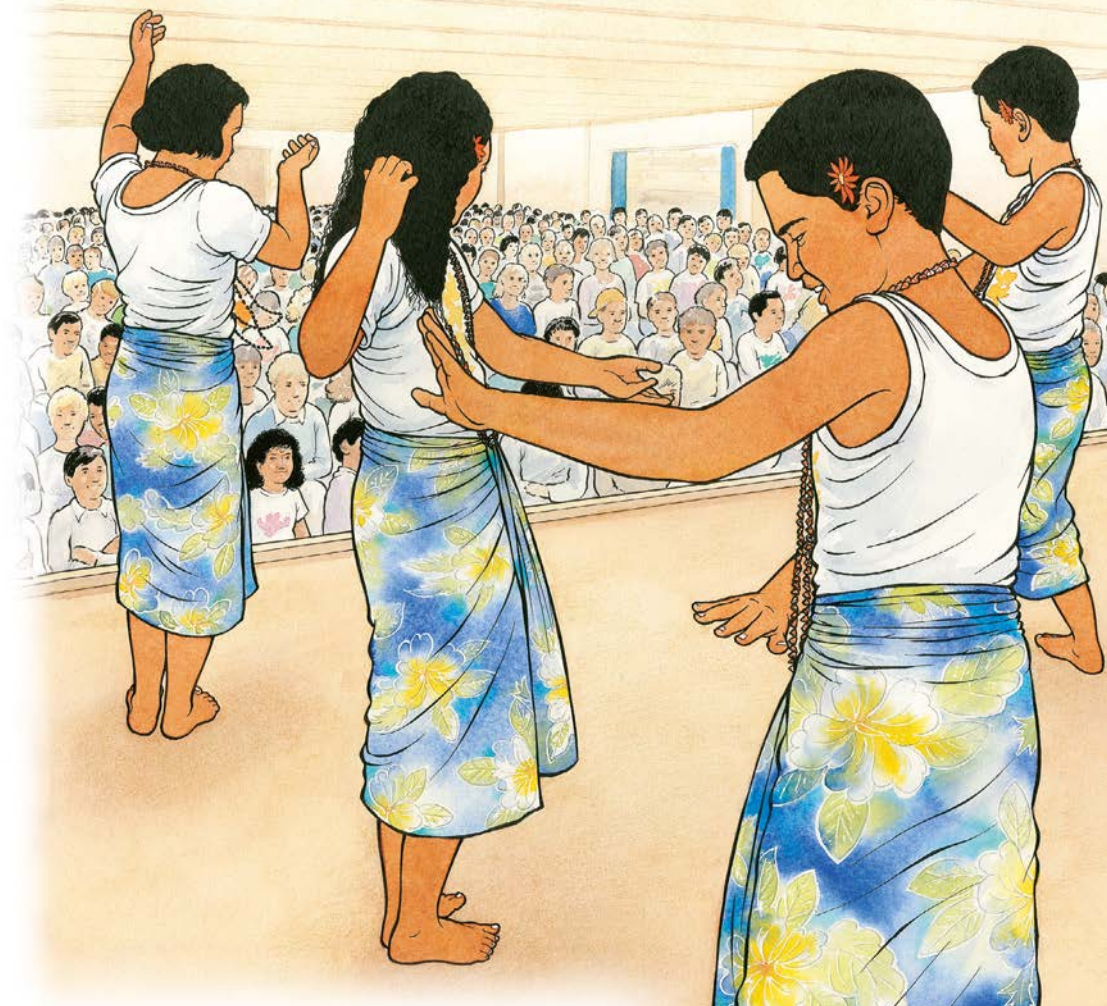
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This is my family.



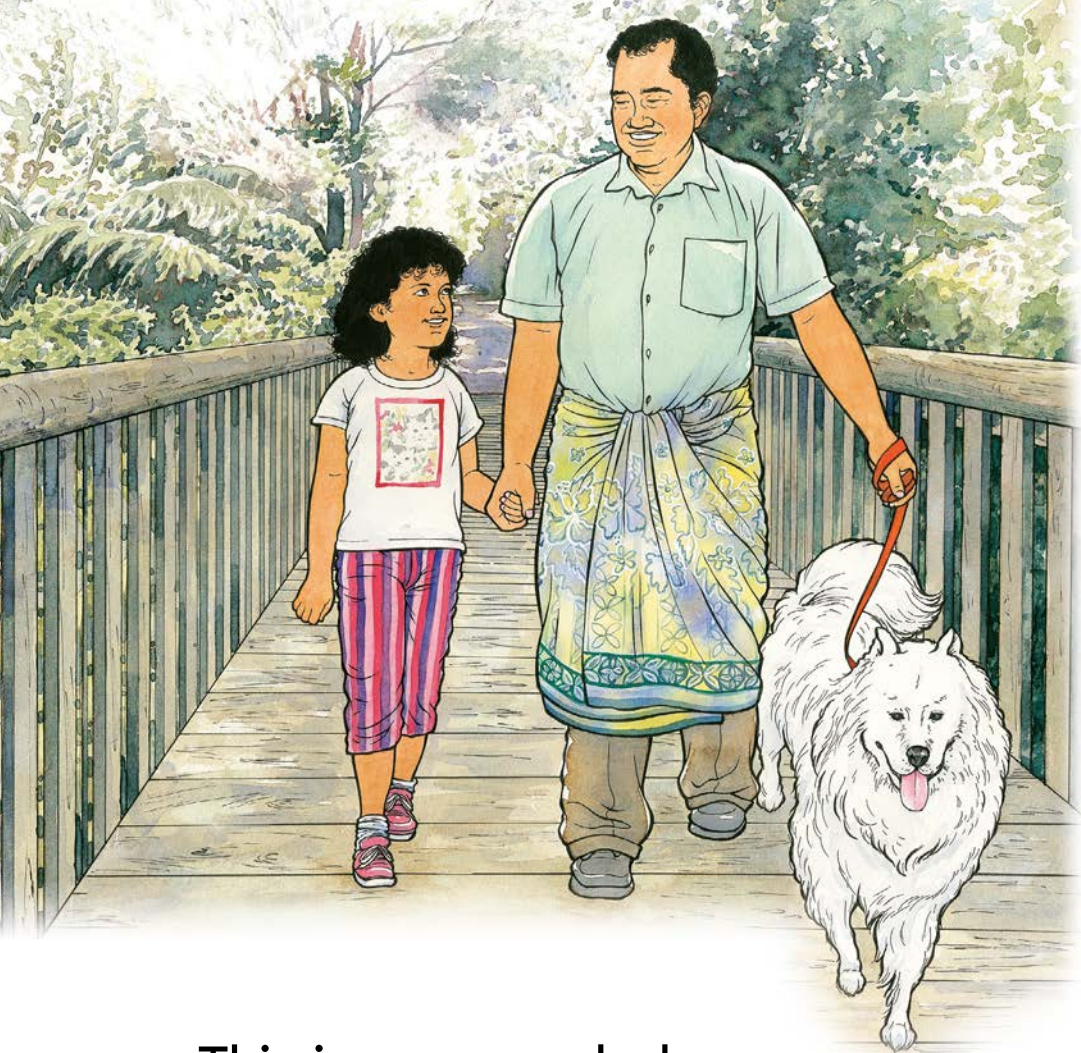
This is my dad.  
He wears a lavalava  
when he sings.



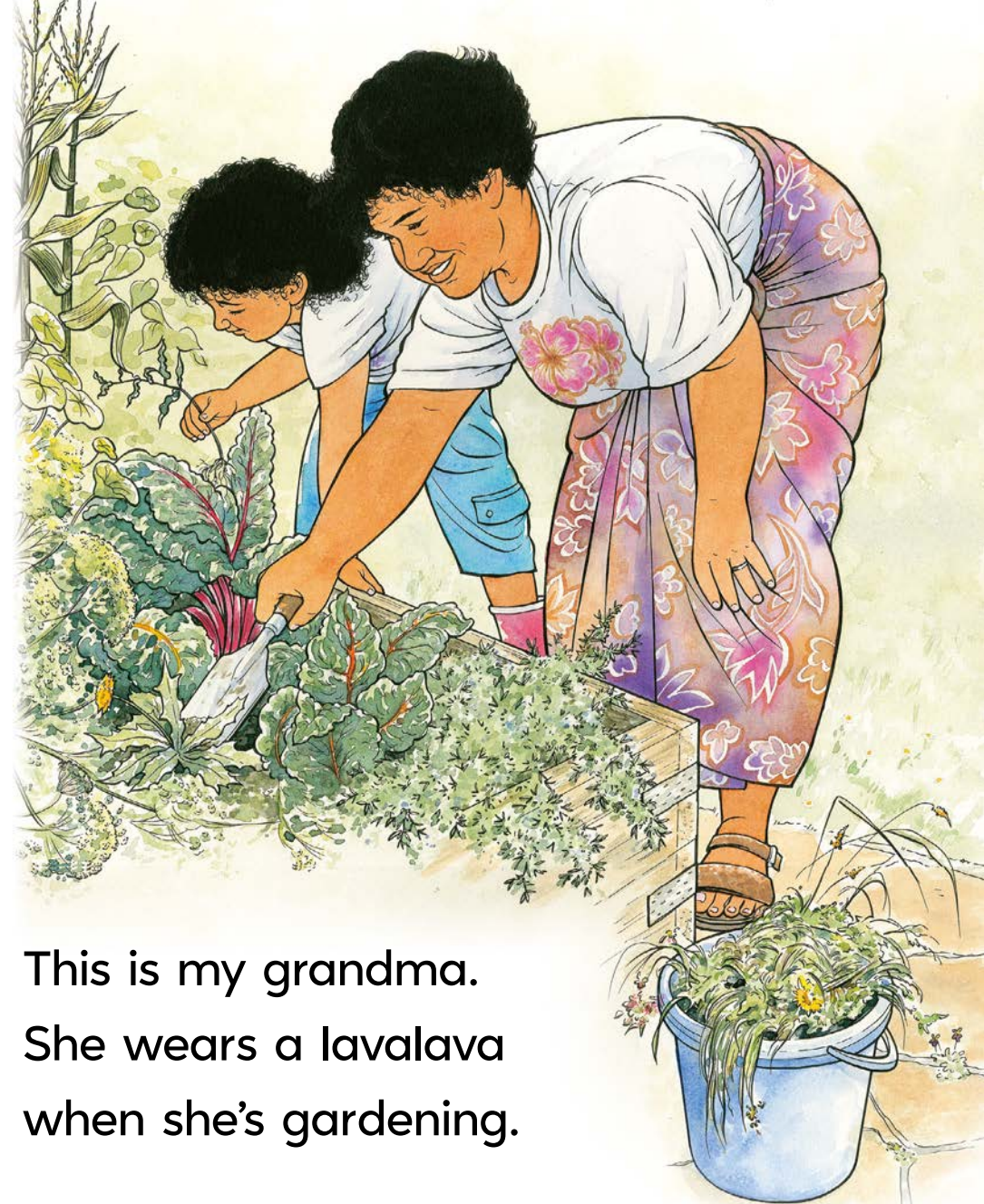
This is my mum.  
She wears a lavalava  
when she plays kilikiti.



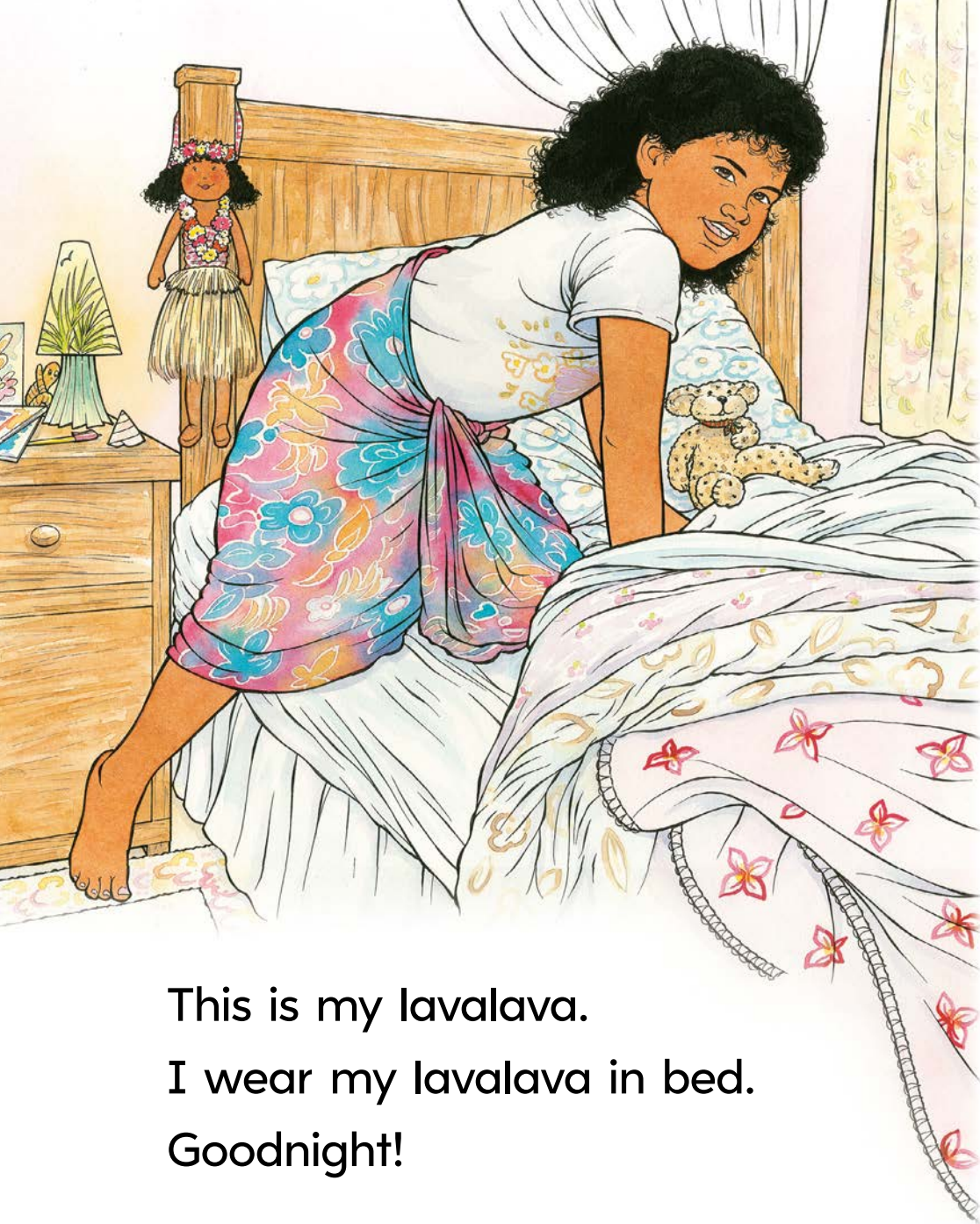
This is my brother.  
He wears a lavalava  
when he dances.



This is my granddad.  
He wears a lavalava  
when he takes the dog  
for a walk.



This is my grandma.  
She wears a lavalava  
when she's gardening.



This is my lavalava.  
I wear my lavalava in bed.  
Goodnight!

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