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Ruff Ruff!

I'm Otto. "It's almost summer," I barked.

"I love summer!" said Dennis. "We get to take a break from school and have fun!"



I replied, "I love being home and playing at your father's desk."

"That reminds me," said Dennis, "it's **Father's Day**!"

"Your dad is the best!" I responded. "I'm so glad we have a day where we can appreciate him."



“Me too! One day, I hope to be just like him and be a really good man and good father,” explained Dennis.

I responded, “Maybe we can learn from some of history’s great fathers! Let’s journey through time on this ship in a bottle.”

“Let’s go!” yelled Dennis.

ZOOM... We traveled in our ship to a time so long ago.
An old man named **Abraham** saw us and yelled, "Hello!"



He was taking his son, **Isaac**, out to play.
I barked, "We're here to learn about Father's Day!"



“For many years,” said Abraham, “I dreamed of having a son. But by age 99, I thought I’d never have one.”

I barked, “It sounds like you might have been too old by then.”

Dennis added, “You must have been sad that your dream might end.”



“Yes,” responded Abraham, “but one day everything changed. God spoke to me, and my entire life was rearranged.”



I asked, "What did God say when He spoke to you?"

Abraham answered, "That I'd father a nation, and He'd give me land, too."

He continued, "God promised that my wife, **Sarah**, and I would have a child.

But when Sarah heard this, she chuckled and smiled."



“By then,” Dennis asked, “wasn’t she 90 years old?”

“Yes,” Abraham replied, “but my **faith** in God remained bold.”

He continued, "God can accomplish anything He wants to do."

I barked, "All of His promises for your life came true!"

"Follow God," declared Abraham, "and He will be on your side."

I barked, "Of all of His blessings, Isaac is your joy and your pride."





“How can I be a good father?” Dennis asked with a nod.
Abraham explained, “Teach your children the ways of God.”



We **zoomed** far ahead, to 1945.
It was a very anxious time to be alive.

We were in the **Pacific** during the **Second World War**.
Just then, we saw a large ship cruising by the shore.



Dennis said, "It's amazing that such a big ship stays afloat!"

I barked, "Wait, I think I see your father on that boat!"

"My dad looks so young," Dennis insisted.

I said, "This must be your dad before you existed!"



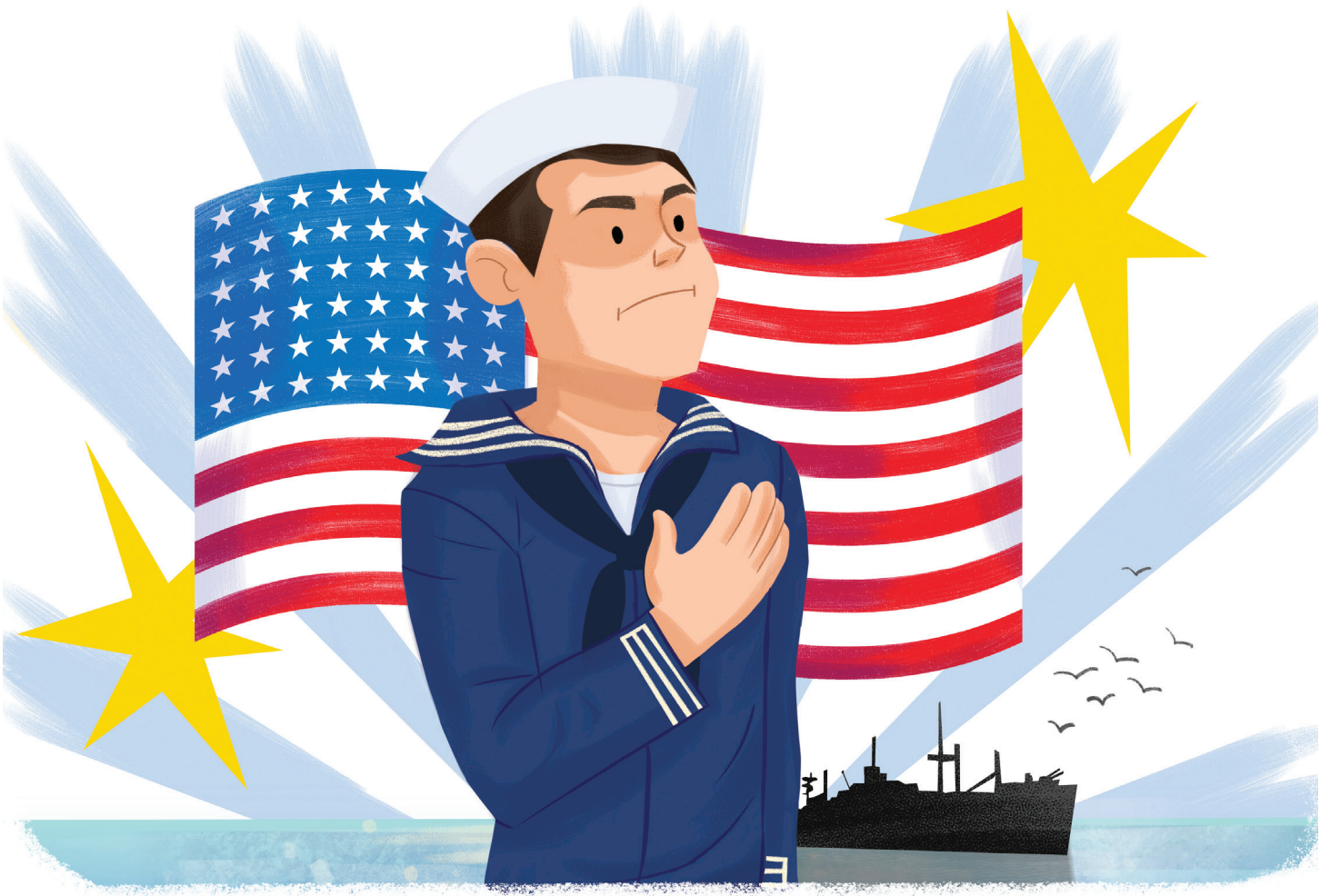


We saw Max Prager hard at work just then.
He was gathering food and supplies, and taking care of his men.

“Mr. Prager,” I asked, “why are you working so hard?”

He answered, “For God, country, and family, we must always be on guard.”





He continued, "To be with my family right now would be nice."
"But to protect them," I observed, "you're here making a great **sacrifice.**"

"My country," he added, "is under attack.
I became an officer in the **Navy** so I could fight back."

I asked, "Doesn't this war ever make you afraid?"

"Yes," he replied, "but when my family and country are threatened, I come to their aid."





I barked, “You are doing your part to defend our great nation.”
He responded, “Yes, so we can preserve freedom for the next generation.”
“Thank you for your service!” Dennis said as we ***ZOOMED!***
We went forward a few years, back to Dennis’s room.

When we arrived home, we were so glad.
Downstairs, we joined Dennis's mom and dad.





“Dad,” said Dennis, “I’m so grateful for you.

You work hard to provide for us, and for Otto too!”

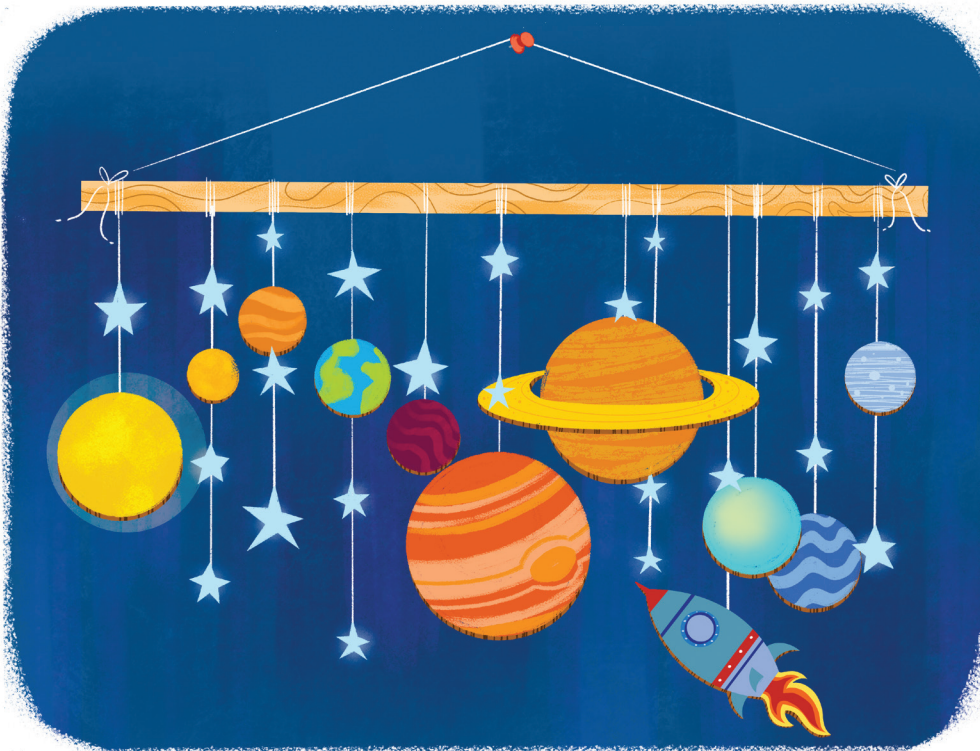
I barked, “You fought hard in the war so we could be free.”

Dennis said, “Meeting you as a young sailor was quite a thing to see!”

Dennis added, "You teach me to never give up on my goals."
"And when I get hungry," I barked, "you always fill up my bowls!"



Dennis continued, "When I have questions about life or the solar system, you share with me your hard-won knowledge and wisdom."



Hilda Prager said, “You take us on wonderful trips abroad.
And like our forefather, Abraham, you teach us the ways of God.”



“Whether it’s work or sports,” Dennis noted, “or just how to shave,
you teach me how a man should behave.”





I barked, "Father's Day gives us all a chance to dwell,
on all the ways that you lead our family so well."

We all greeted Max Prager, "Happy Father's Day!"
He smiled and responded, "I don't know what to say!"

Then added, "As Abraham loved his wife and his boy,
you, my family, are my greatest joy."





“That was my favorite adventure yet!” I barked.

“You say that every time, Otto.”

“Well, I never thought I’d see your dad when he was younger. He’s done so much for us, even years before you were born!”

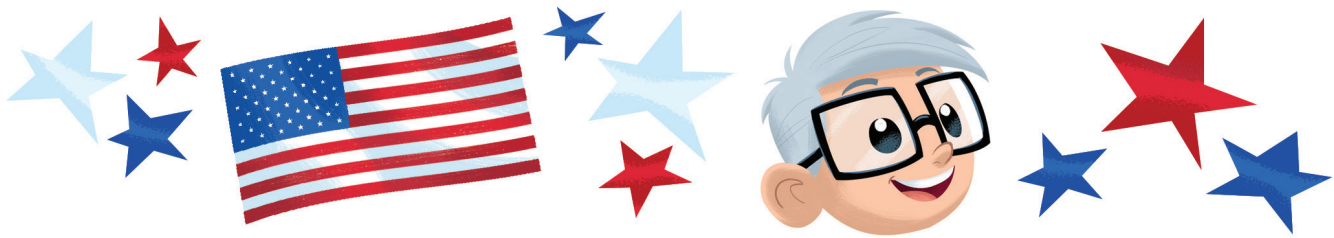
“Abraham was a great father, and so is my dad!”



"Our family is lucky to have him," I barked. "He provides for us, teaches us, and leads us so well."

"You're right, Otto. Happy Father's Day!"

"Happy Father's Day! **Ruff Ruff!**"



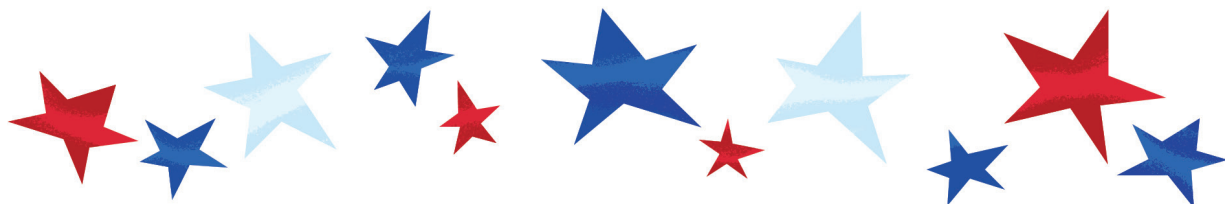
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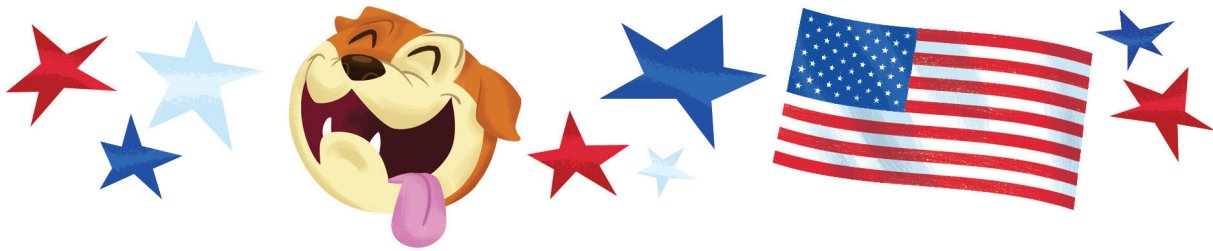
Father's Day: A holiday in which Americans recognize the contributions of fathers to their families and the country. It was started by a woman from Washington state named Sonora Smart Dodd in 1910. She wanted to recognize the impact her own father, William Smart, had on her life.

Abraham: A biblical figure who lived around 2000 B.C. According to the Bible, God called Abraham to be the father of His special, chosen people. When Abraham was about 100 years old, God promised to give him a son and that he would have many descendants. Abraham believed in God and was rewarded when God kept all of His promises and gave Isaac to him as a son.

Isaac: Abraham and Sarah's first son. Like his father, Abraham, he is remembered as one of the Fathers of God's people.

Sarah: Abraham's wife and Isaac's mother. She was about 90 years old when God promised she would have a child. Even though she was well past the age most women have children, the Bible teaches that God blessed her and she gave birth to Isaac.





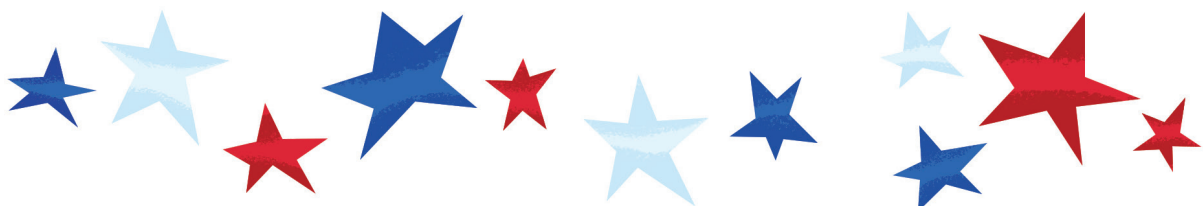
Faith: Belief or trust in something, especially in God and His promises.

Pacific: The largest and deepest ocean in the world, located between Asia in the west, and North and South America in the east.

Second World War: The war that took place from 1939-1945 involving many of the world's most powerful countries. During the war, the Allies, led by the United States, the United Kingdom, and Russia, defeated the Axis, led by Germany, Japan, and Italy.

Sacrifice: To give something up for others or for a cause.

Navy: The military service that performs operations on or under water. The U.S. Navy, formed in 1775, often uses battleships, aircraft carriers, and submarines to carry out its missions.



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our *next* adventure!
- Dennis and Otto

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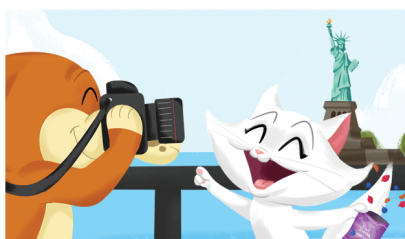
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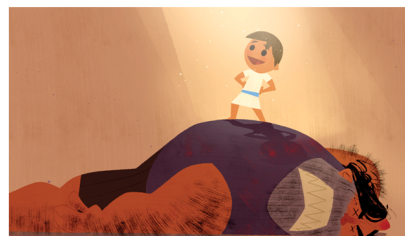
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