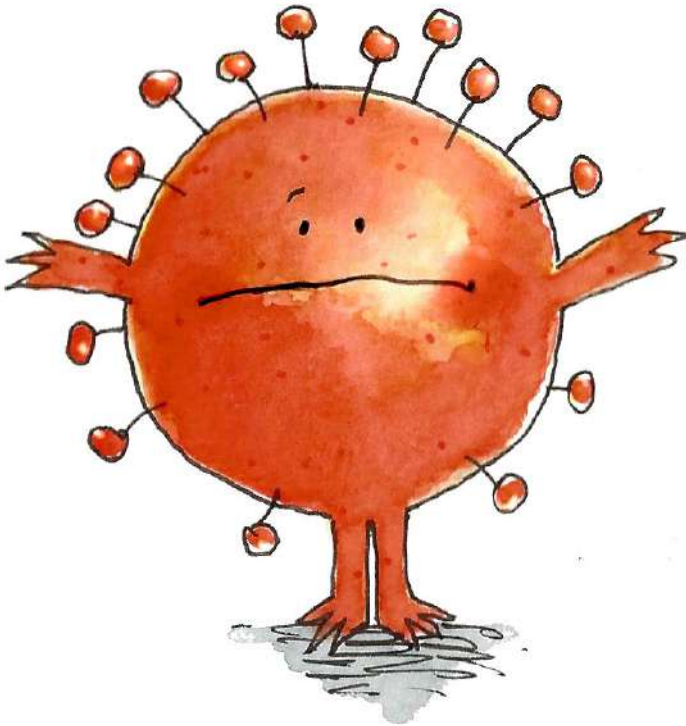


A MESSAGE FROM CORONA[©]

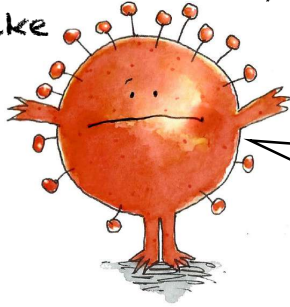
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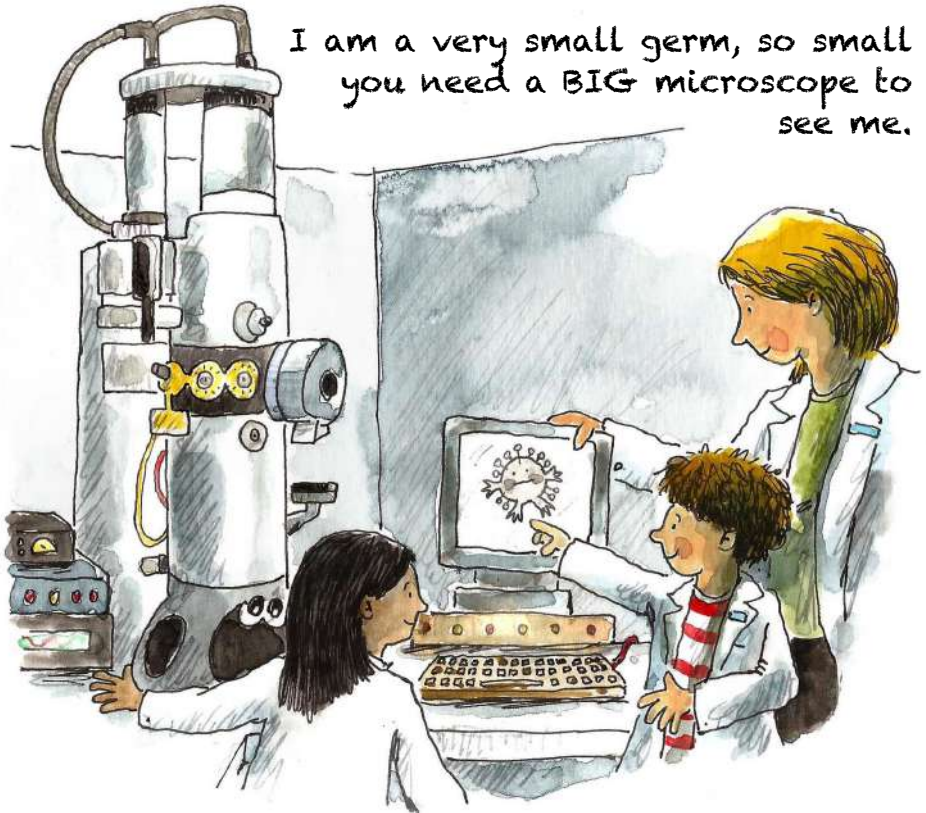
This text is scientifically correct and has been endorsed by Professor Richard Tedder,
Visiting Professor of Medical Virology, Imperial College London

Hello. My name is Covid-19,
my friends like
to call me
Corona.



See if you
can spot me
in the
pictures!

I am a very small germ, so small
you need a **BIG** microscope to
see me.



I used to live
in a bat
with my
brothers
and sisters.
Fancy that!



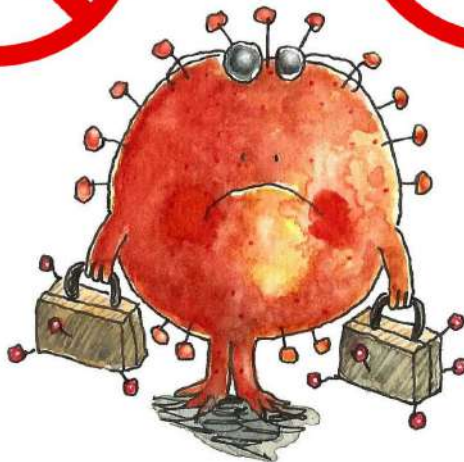
My bat and I
lived in a
little town
in a
faraway
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One
day I
was
bored
and
wanted
to go
exploring.

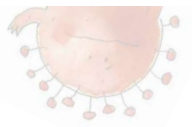


I had heard of lots of exciting places across the seas and really wanted to travel the world.



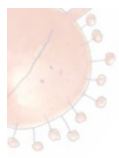
The humans would not let me on board their ships or planes.



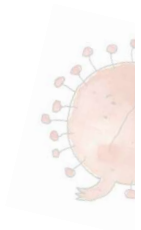


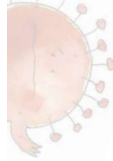
I had to find another way, so I decided to leave my bat and get into a human. I set off on a journey with my brothers and sisters to see the world, we were so excited!





As we left our little town, we jumped from person to person so that we could travel far and wide. We got to see America, Australia and Europe.

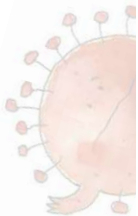


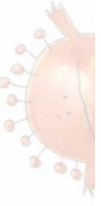


My brothers and sisters and I do not wish to hurt people. But as we visited each new city and country, we saw people beginning to cough and become very poorly. Most of the children did not get ill, but their grandmas and grandads started feeling very unwell and some of them had to go to the hospital for extra special care.

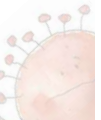


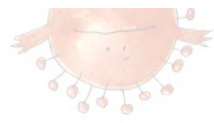
I didn't know that we would make the humans poorly as we travelled around the world. Doctors, Nurses and Scientists are working really hard to care for people.



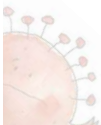
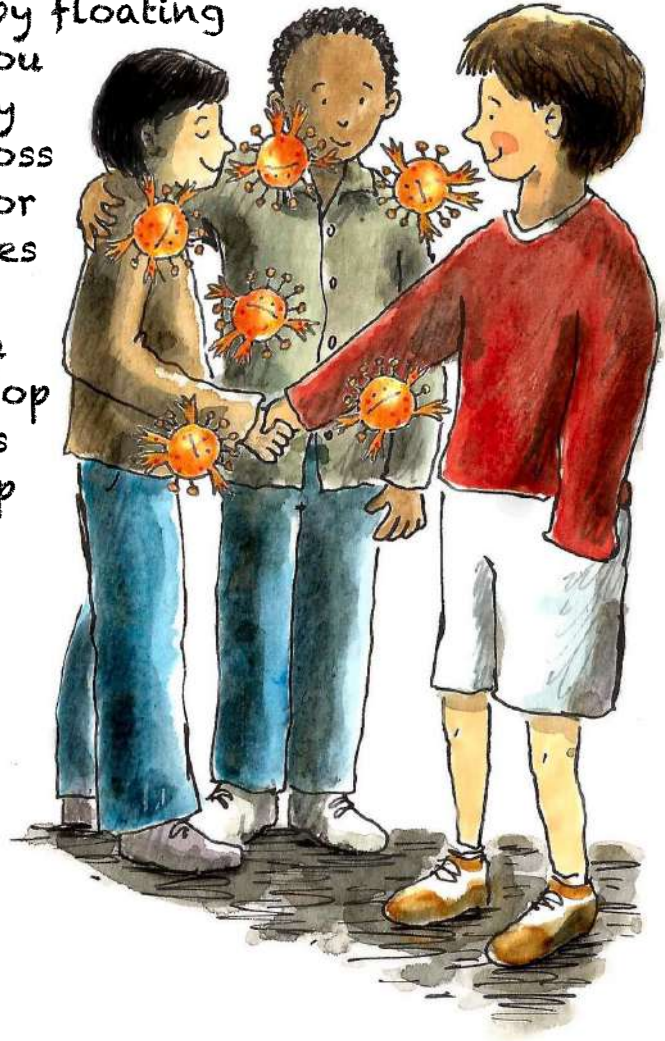


WE NEED TO BE
STOPPED!



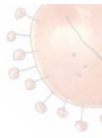


We jump from one person to the next by floating on the air you breathe or by running across your hands or other surfaces you touch. We need you to help us stop travelling as we can't stop moving around.



When you see your friends please don't get close enough for us to jump on to you. If you wash your hands with soap and water often we will slide right off and won't be able to come away with you.

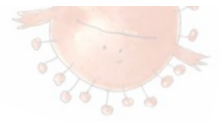


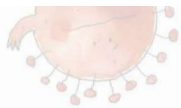


The politicians want to keep you safe so you should do what they say which means staying at home and not going to school or playing in the park with your friends.



Some of the mummies and daddies have really important jobs to do. That means you might still have to go to school so that they can go to work. But the teachers will look after you and keep you safe.

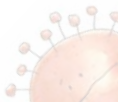




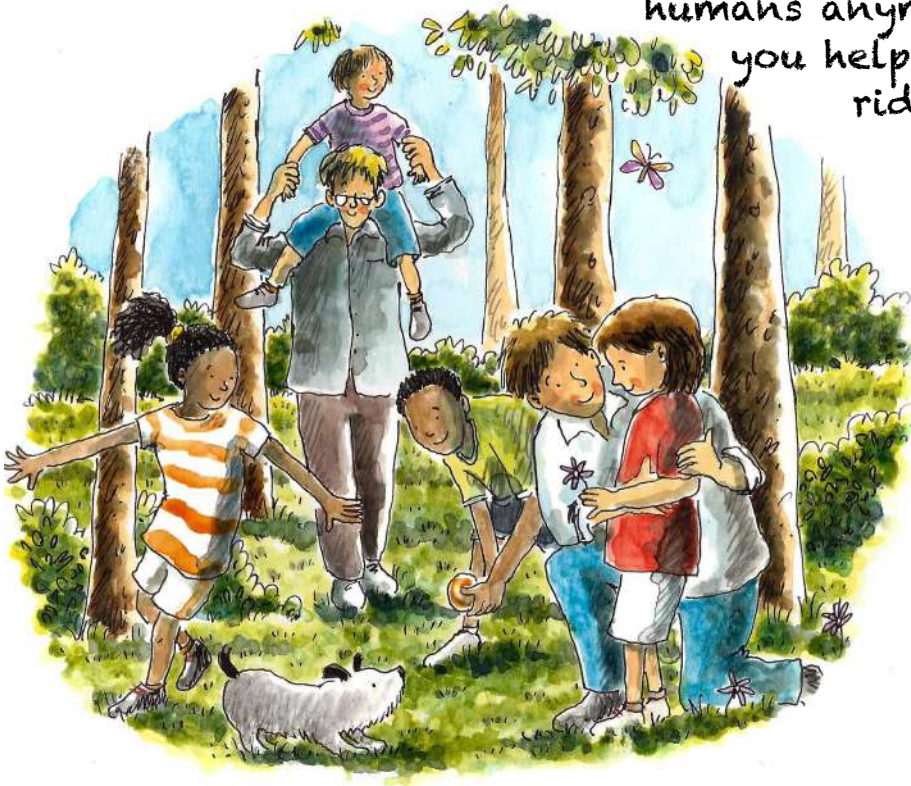
We know you may find this sad and scary, but there are lots of fun things that you can do at home too.



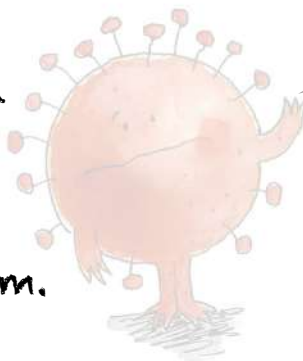
We understand you must be missing your friends and grandparents because of us. But there are ways you chat together, like over the phone or by a video call.



In time, we will not be harmful to the humans anymore if you help to get rid of us.



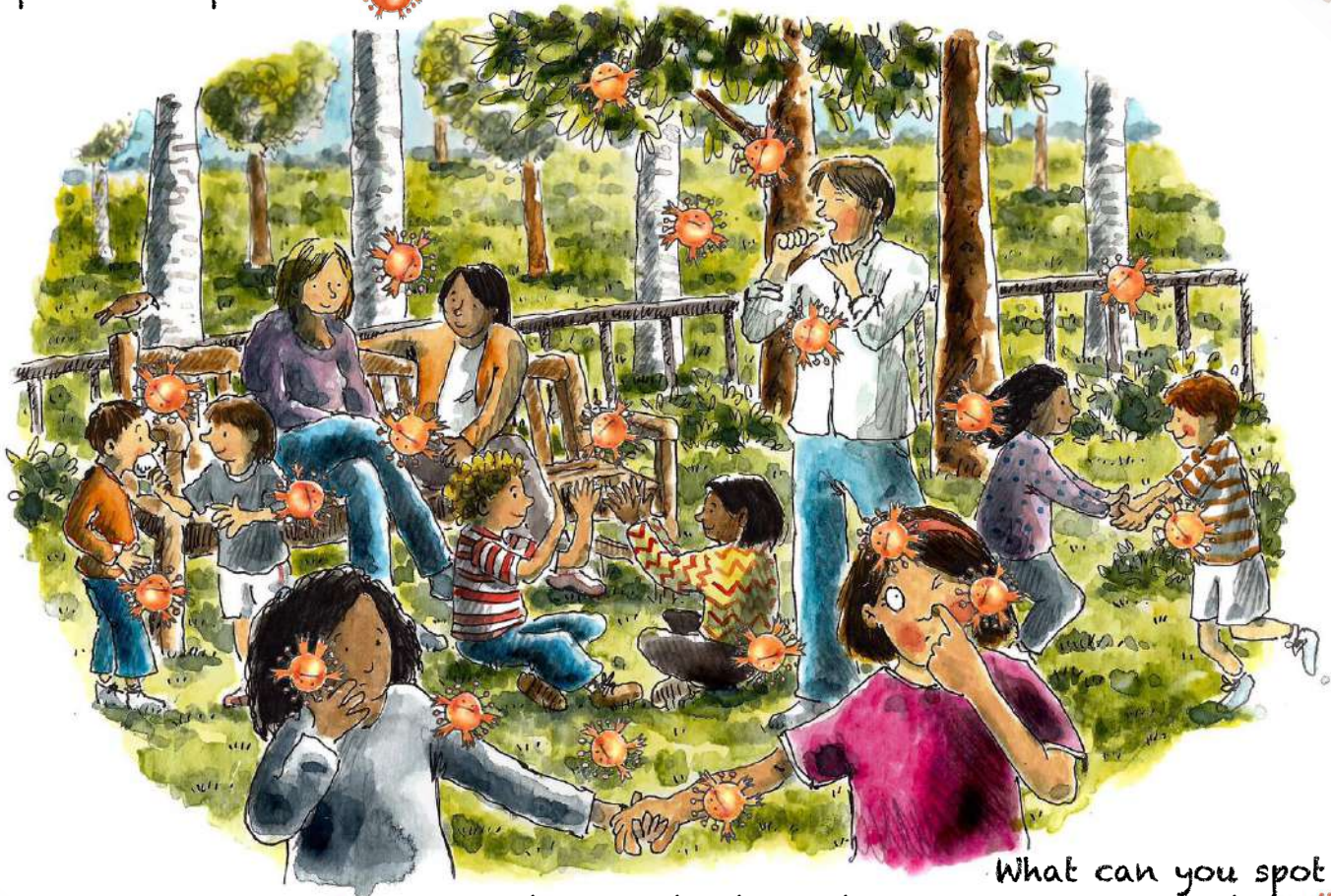
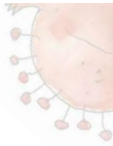
My brothers and sisters and I thank you for helping us from doing more harm.



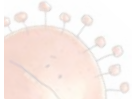
Goodbye!

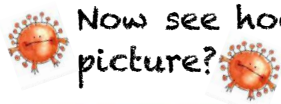
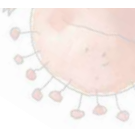


See how many of my brothers and sisters you can spot in the picture.



What can you spot the children and adults doing that they shouldn't?



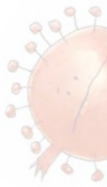


Now see how many of us you can count in this picture?



What can you spot the children and adults doing here that they shouldn't be?





The Story Behind the Story

The original concept for this book came from Charity's mum, Lesley. Since then both Charity and Leighton have been working non-stop to get the message across. The idea is to help children understand a little about what is going on during these unprecedented times. We hope to educate children, raise awareness and dispel some of the fear around the current global crisis.



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