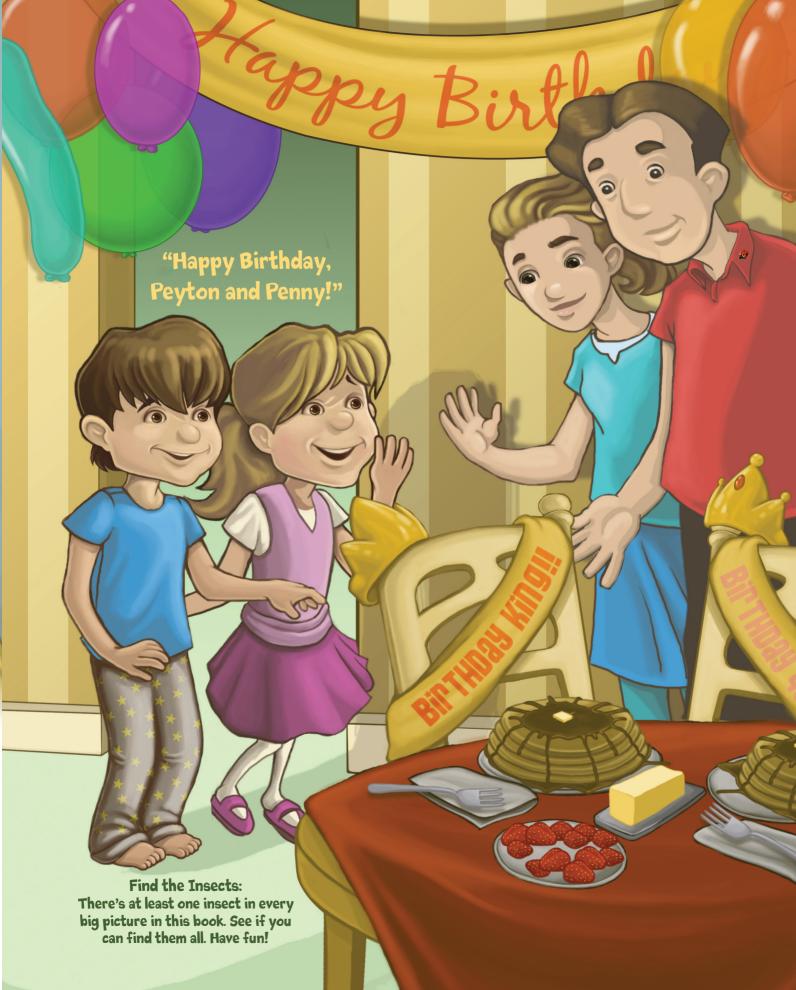


It was a very, very special day indeed! The twins, Peyton and Penny, knew what they wanted to do and had dropped a lot of hints.

"I hope our hints worked," Penny said excitedly.

Peyton stretched. "Me too, but Mom and Dad have been acting like they haven't heard us at all. **Surprises** are so hard to wait for." Peyton sniffed the air. "Wow! Mom's pancakes!"

The twins dashed downstairs.







**Penny** prayed a breakfast prayer and dropped another hint by thanking God for their *birthday adventure*.

Dad chuckled. "Guess where we're going today."

Peyton felt like he'd burst. "Mr. Chapman's Perfect Pet Pal Emporium?"

Penny added, "Please, please,"

Mom smiled and simply said, "Yes."

The kids exploded with excitement. They were going to the most amazing pet store on the **planet!** It was like a zoo, a museum, a theme park, and a birthday party palace all in one place.

Shortly afterward, Peyton held the door of the **family truck** open for his mom and sister. Penny climbed in right next to her dad. "Dad, did you hear ALL our hints?"



