

Sharing

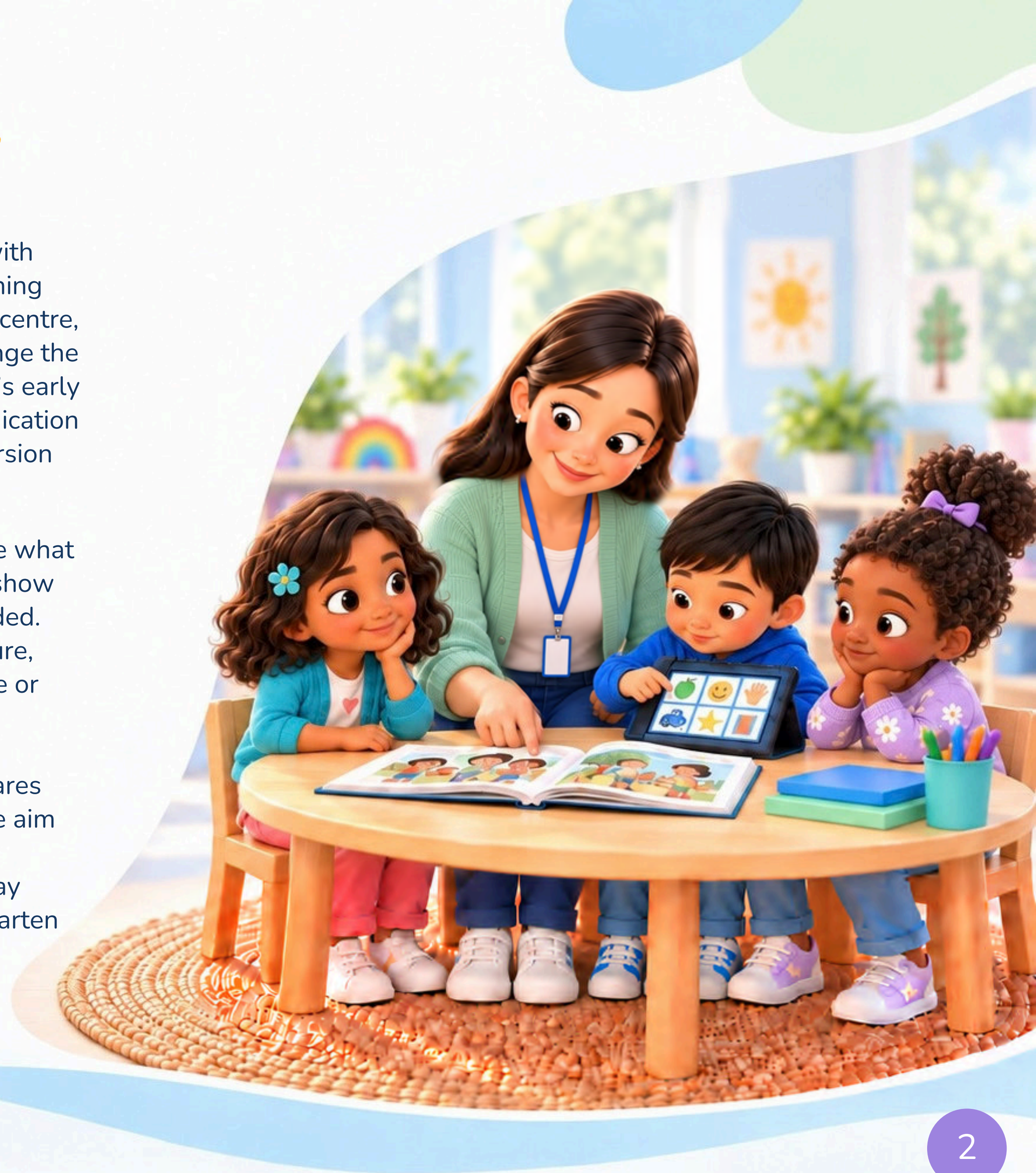


Reader Notes:

These stories can help children become familiar with some things they may experience at an early learning centre or kindergarten. Every child, early learning centre, and kindergarten is different. Before reading, change the words, pictures and order so they match the child's early learning centre or kindergarten, routines, communication and support needs. The "add your own image" version can be used to include familiar photographs.

Read the story with the child. Invite them to notice what is the same or different, share how they feel and show what helps them feel safe, comfortable and included. Children may communicate through speech, gesture, movement, sign, symbols, a communication device or other ways.

Families and educators can use what the child shares to plan supports and reasonable adjustments. The aim is to support predictability, agency, belonging and participation while recognising that every child may engage with their early learning centre or kindergarten in different ways.



Sometimes I play by myself. Sometimes I play with other children. When we play together, we can share and take turns.



Sometimes I have a turn first. Sometimes I need to wait for my turn. If someone is using something I want, I can ask for a turn. I can use words, signs, and pictures to show them I am waiting. I can say, “Can I have a turn, please?” in my own way.



If I am using something, another child might want a turn too. We can take turns so everyone can play. I can say, “You can have a turn when I am finished” with words, signs and pictures.



Sharing can be hard. I might feel sad when it is not my turn. I can wait, play with something else, or ask my teacher for help.



I do not have to share everything. Some things are special to me and help me feel safe. I might have a soft toy from home or a special book or treasure that is just for me.



Some children might also have special equipment like headphones or wheelchairs or devices to help them. These are their special things.



Sometimes I play by myself. When we play together, I can share, take turns, and ask for help when I need it. Sharing lets everyone have a go!

