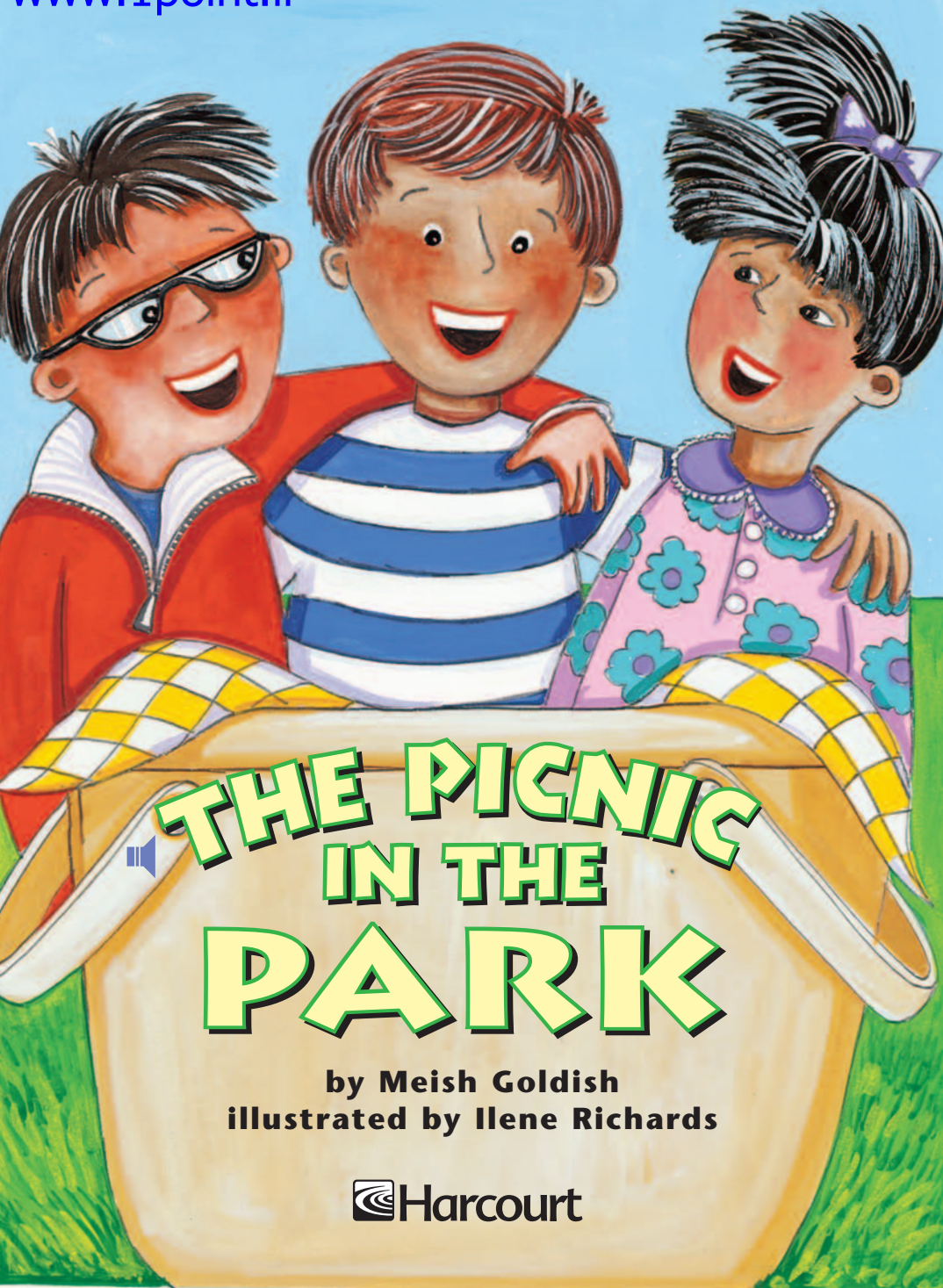


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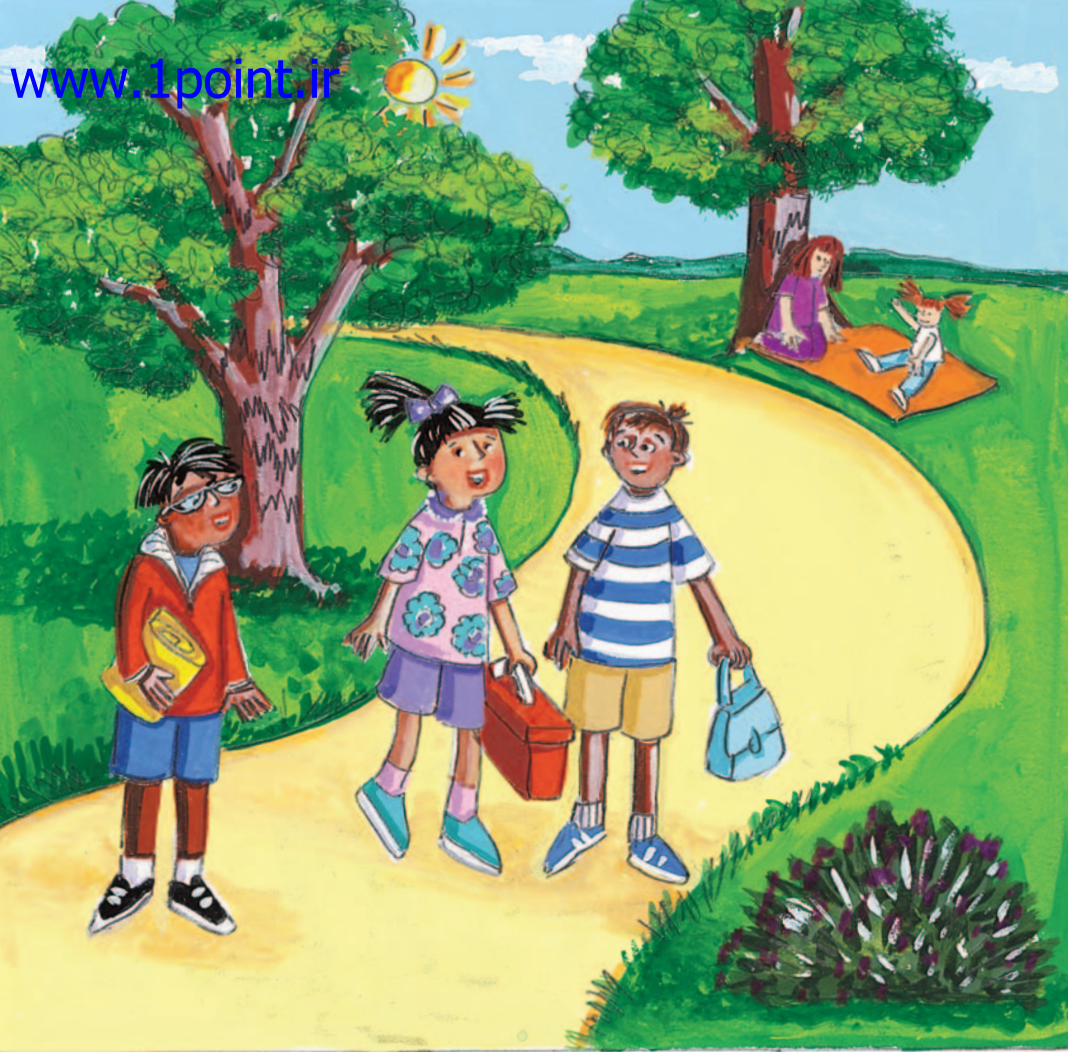
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■ Burt, Fern, and Kirk were in the park. It was the perfect day for a picnic!



▶ How did these friends have fun at their picnic? Let's follow them and find out.



First, Burt fixed a sandwich. He used a tortilla, which is Mexican. Look at the way he curls it up.



- ▶ Burt cut his tortilla into thirds. He offered it to Fern and Kirk.
- ▶ “It’s perfect!” they said.



▶ Fern fixed her sandwich next. She used a special bread from India. Look at the way she curls it up.



- ▶ Fern cut her sandwich into thirds. She offered some to Burt and Kirk.
- ▶ “It’s perfect!” they said.



▶ Kirk fixed his sandwich last. He used a special bread from Egypt. He did not have to curl it. This bread has a pocket!



- ▶ Kirk cut his sandwich into thirds. He offered some to Burt and Fern.
- ▶ “It’s perfect!” they said.



▶ Burt, Fern, and Kirk found some water. Then they were full!








▶ Burt turned around and saw his sister Roberta in the park. “Let’s play!” the four friends cried.



▶ Burt burst a piñata. Fern played music. Kirk twirled and whirled to the music. What a perfect picnic!

Think and Respond

-  **1** Where do Burt, Fern, and Kirk have their picnic?
-  **2** What does Burt do first at the picnic?
-  **3** What does Fern play at the picnic?
-  **4** How are the sandwiches alike? How are they different?
-  **5** What would you like to do at a picnic?



Plan a Picnic Plan a picnic with a friend. Make a list of things you will need to bring. Make another list of ways to have fun at the picnic.



School-Home Connection Discuss what your family would bring to a picnic. Talk about how you would prepare for it.



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