



# the Work of Your Hand

Fingerprints,  
GOD, and YOU!

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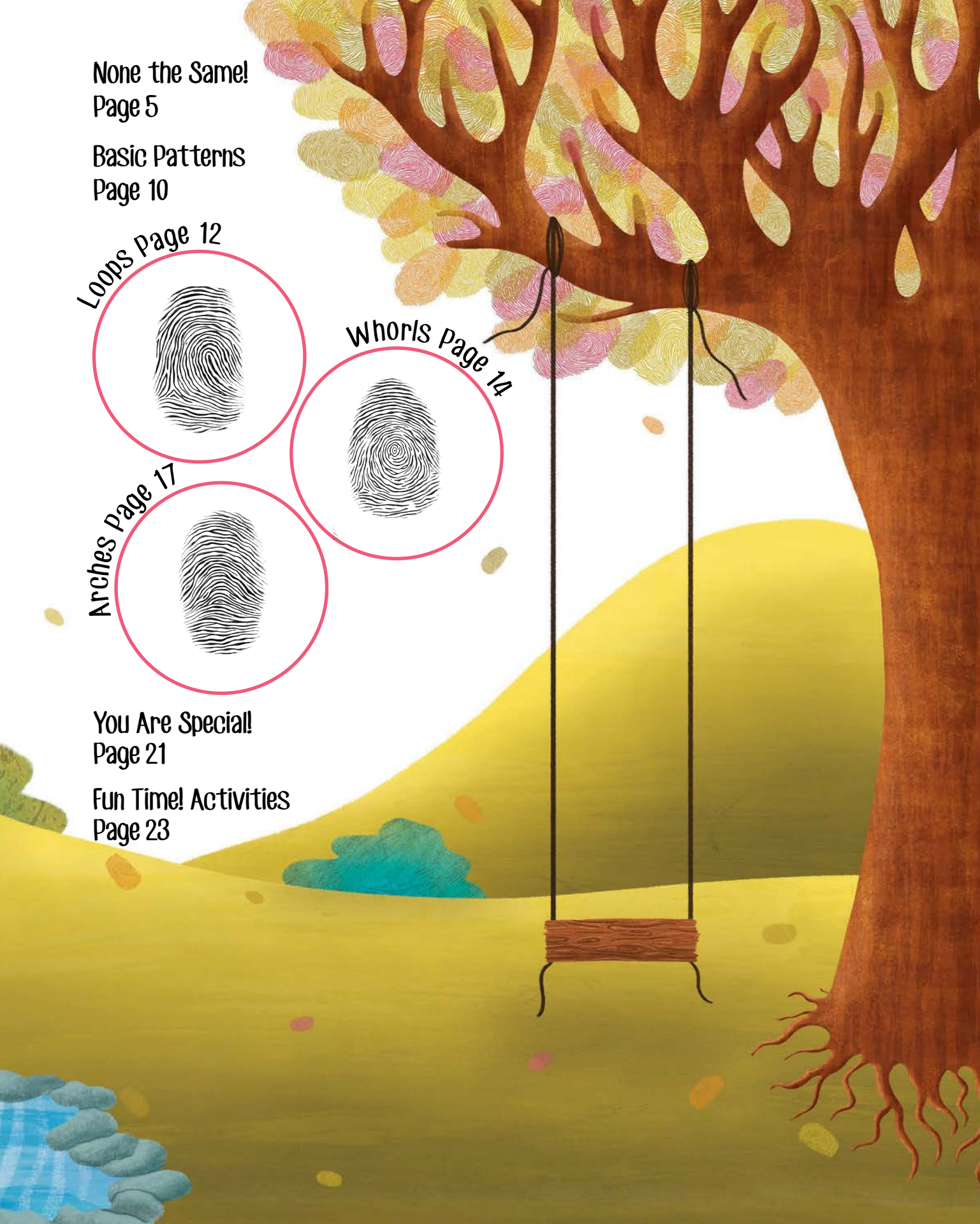


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## DEDICATION



This book is dedicated to my father, whose expertise and passion for dactyloscopy inspired my life-long interest in the field of forensic science.

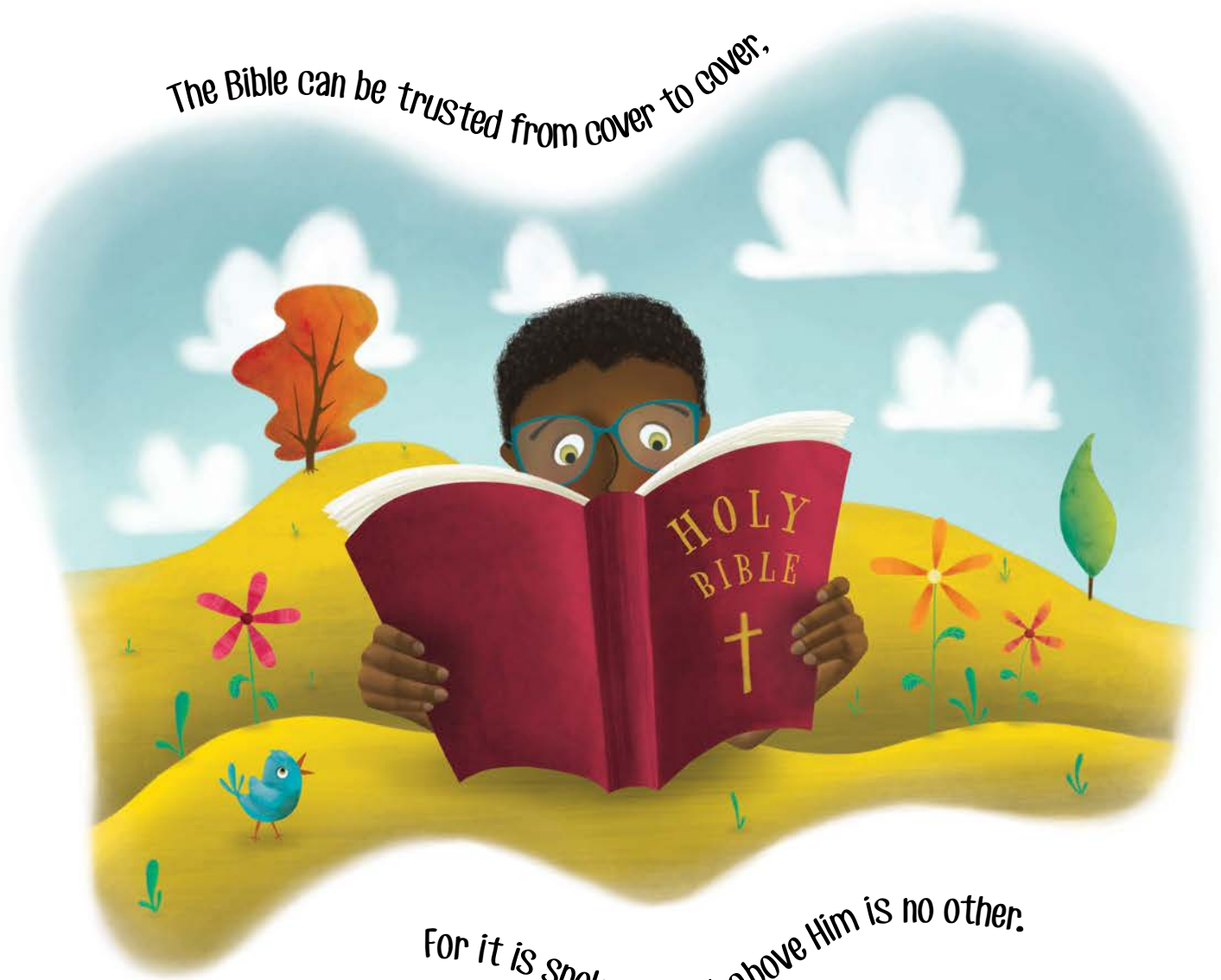


Fearfully and wonderfully made are you,

For the Bible tells us this, and we know it is true.




*The Bible can be trusted from cover to cover.*



*For it is Spoken by God: above Him is no other.*





God created you with a feature only you get.

A unique set of fingerprints uniquely sets

Fingerprints are found on you and me.  
They are very easy to find as you will see.

Everyone's fingerprints differ in design.



Each finger is unique, and that is just fine!



Friction ridge skin found on hands and feet

Make your prints special and really neat.



What is friction ridge skin? God designed us with a unique skin on our hands and feet called "friction ridge skin." This skin is raised to create a non-slip surface. Take a look at the bottom of your sneakers. What do you see? Ridges! Sneaker makers copied God's perfect design and put non-slip ridges on the bottom of shoes just like on your hands and feet.





Ridges flow up and down, hills and valleys that turn,

Roll on some ink and see your fingerprint pattern.

Inside each mother, a baby at week eleven

Has these appear, planned by God in heaven.



The patterns' minutiae you find.  
Make fingerprints one of a kind!



Arch



Loop



Whorl







1. Ridge Ending



2. Enclosure



3. Bifurcation



4. Island



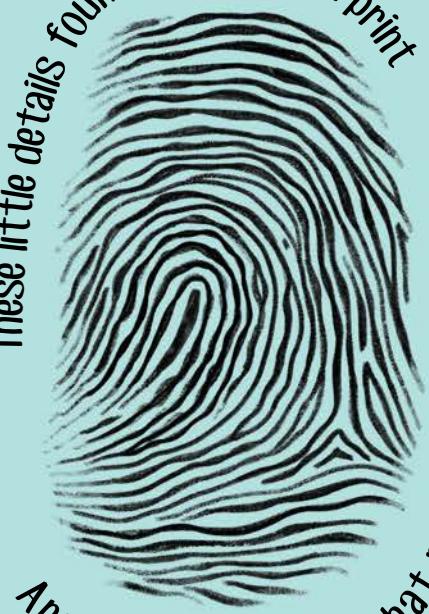
**Find little things!**

**Minutiae** (my-NU-sha) is a big word for tiny things in your friction ridge skin that are unique to you.

**The most common types:**

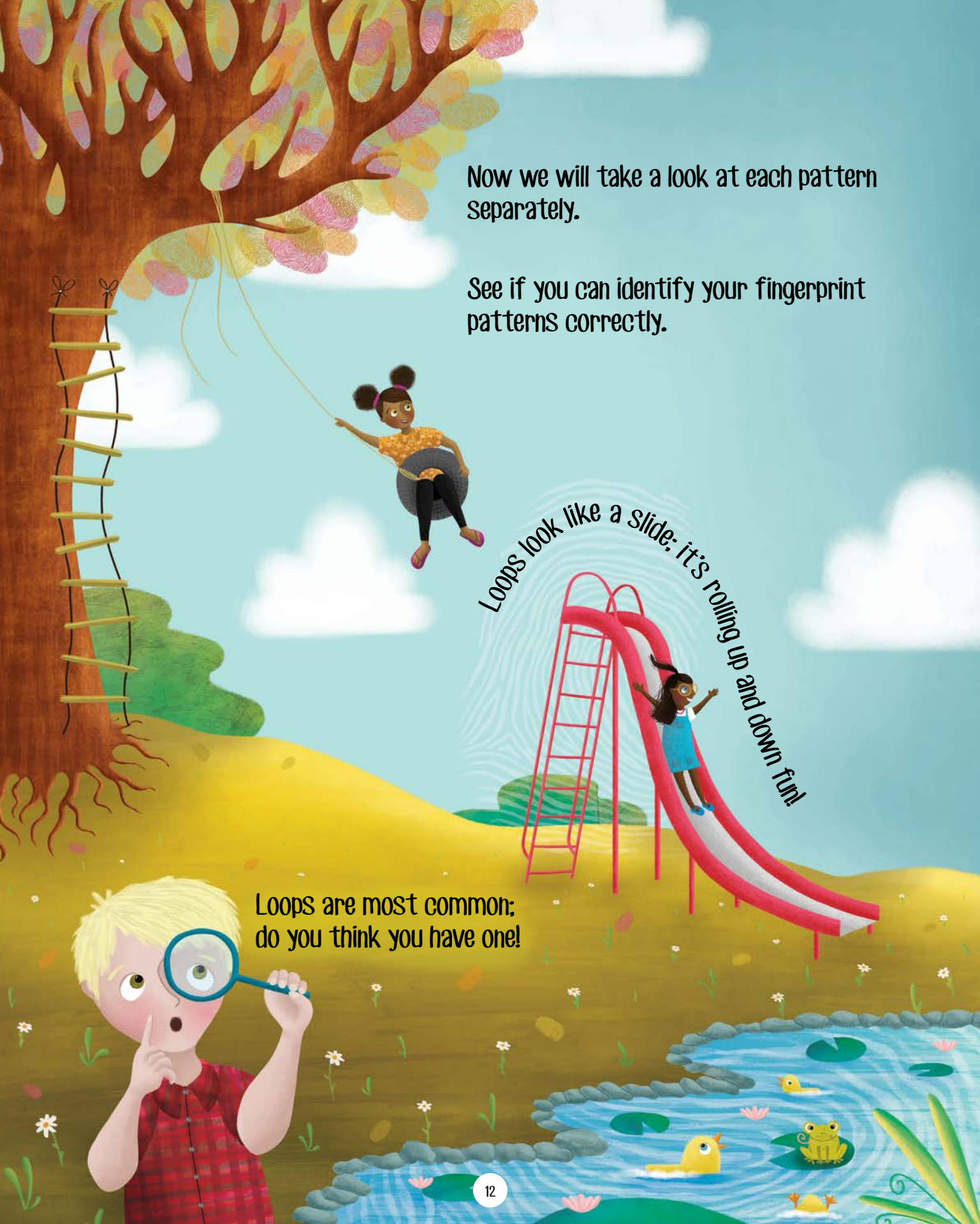
1. **Ridge Ending:** Where the ridge ends
2. **Enclosure:** Looks like a thin circle
3. **Bifurcation:** Where a ridge becomes two or more
4. **Island:** Looks like a little island

These little details found in each fingerprint



Are special features that make you different.





Now we will take a look at each pattern separately.

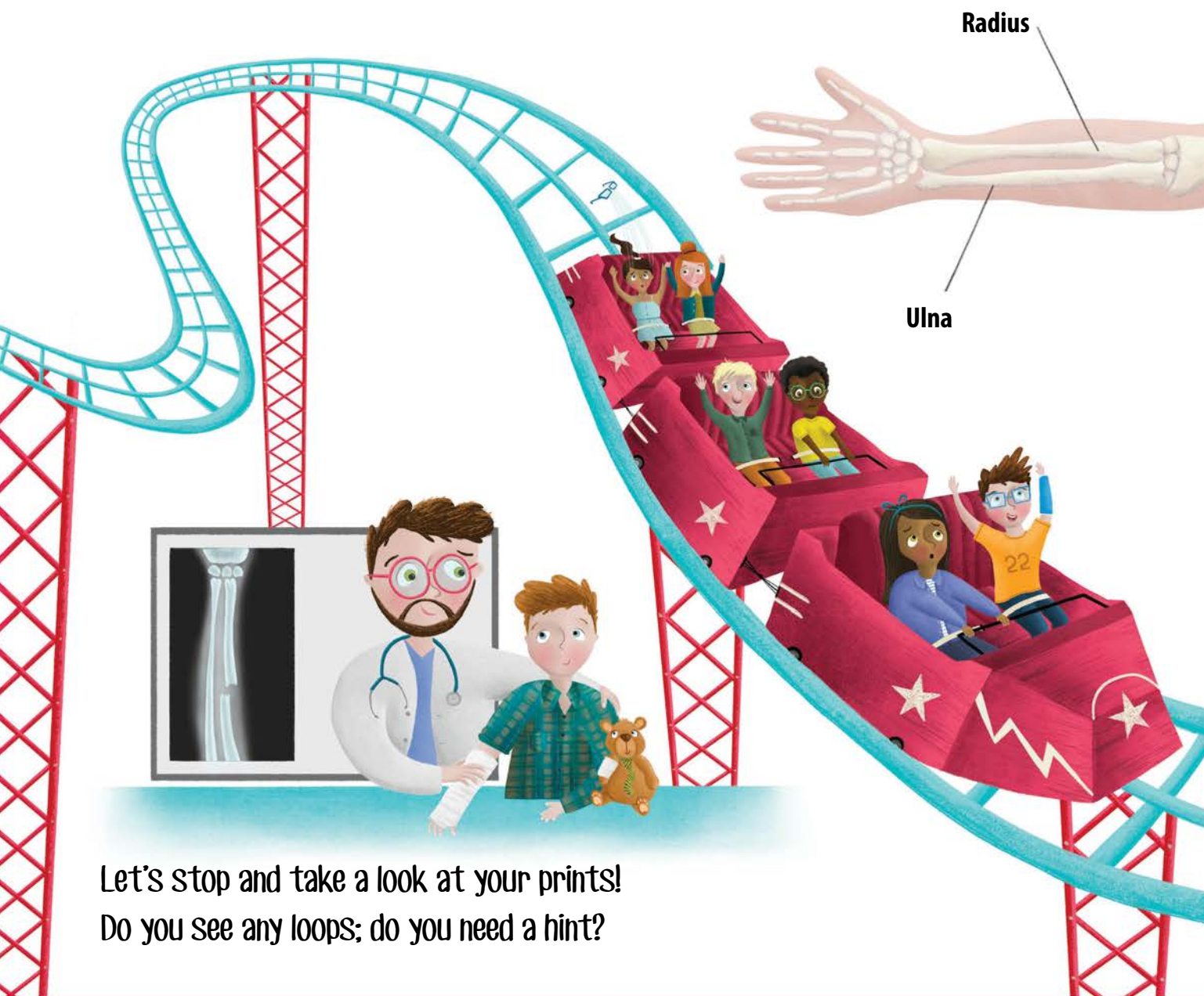
See if you can identify your fingerprint patterns correctly.

Loops look like a Slide: it's rolling up and down fun!

Loops are most common; do you think you have one!



Radial and Ulnar are the two types of loops.  
Named for bones in your arm, what a unique group!



Let's stop and take a look at your prints!  
Do you see any loops; do you need a hint?



**Radial**



**Ulnar**

**65 percent of all  
fingerprints are a  
loop pattern.**



**Test yours here**