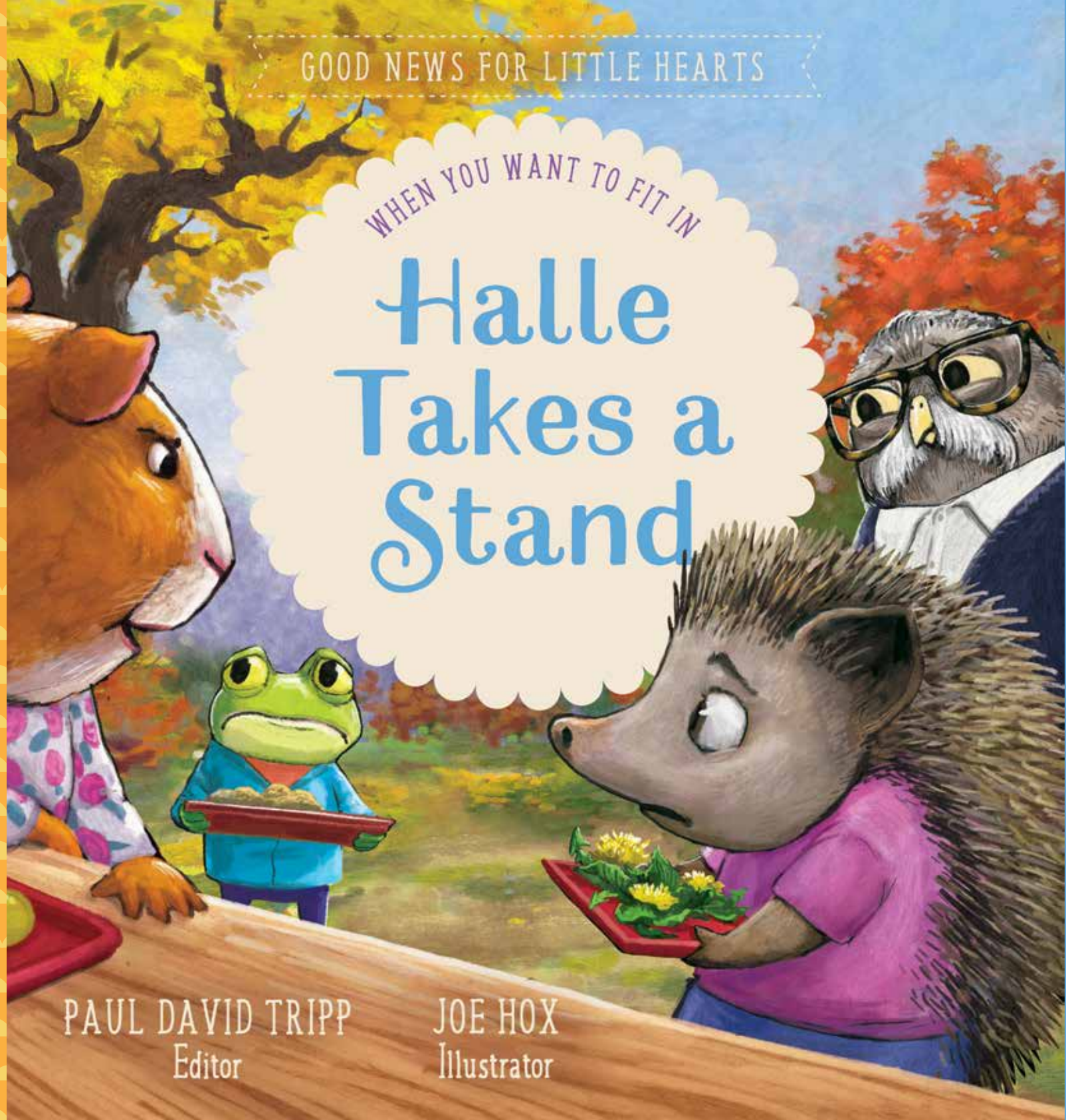


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**“If you are afraid
of people, it will trap you.
But if you trust in the LORD,
he will keep you safe.”**


Proverbs 29:25

A young hedgehog named Halle is looking out of a window. She has brown spines and is wearing a purple long-sleeved shirt. The window has a red frame and is set into a wall of green foliage. The background is a soft, hazy landscape with a large tree of bright yellow leaves on the right side.

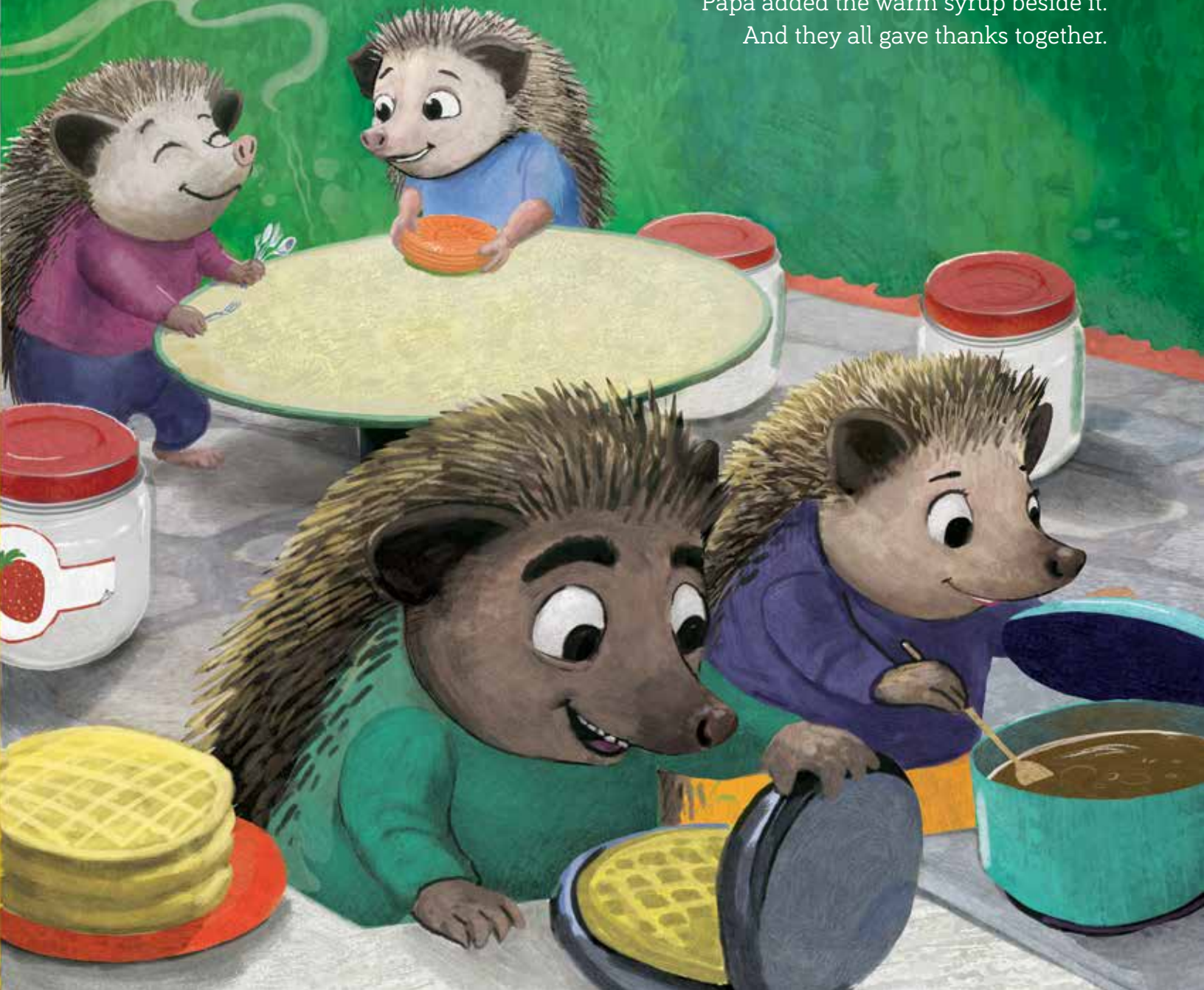
Halle Hedgehog's silver quills sparkled in the morning light. She peeked outside to the glistening golden maple.

She loved maples—
for their color, their leaves,
and most of all, their syrup!

It just so happened that today was Friday, and Friday was waffle day in the Hedgehog House! Halle rushed downstairs to find Mama warming syrup in her teal tin pot. The kitchen smelled sweet and luscious—like a bustling bakery.

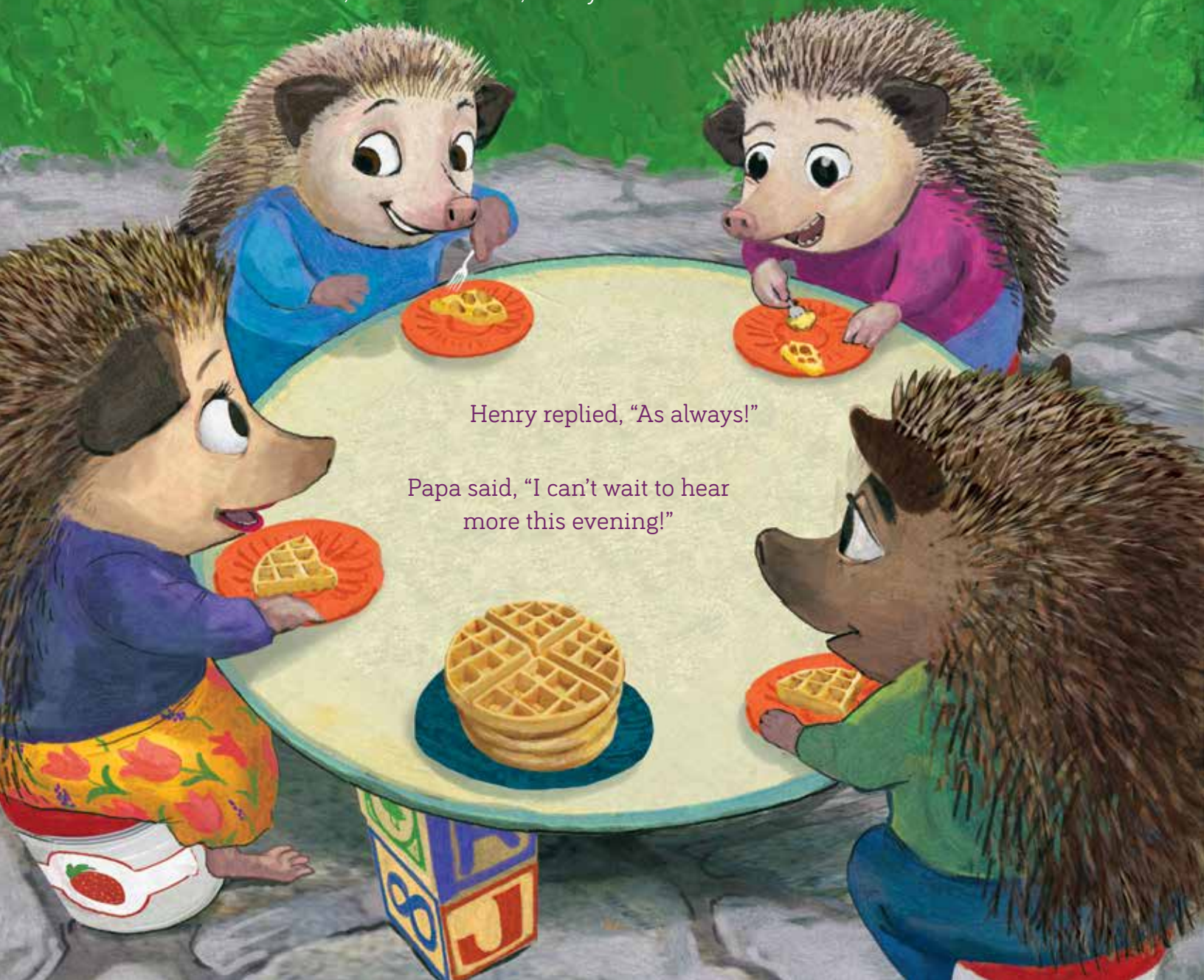
Two small blue birds are perched on a dark branch. The bird on the left is wearing a white shirt and a red tie. The bird on the right is wearing a red and white striped shirt. They appear to be in conversation. The background is a soft, hazy landscape with a large tree of bright yellow leaves on the right side.

Halle and her brother, Henry, set the table and then waited.
Mama put a tall stack of waffles on the table.
Papa added the warm syrup beside it.
And they all gave thanks together.



As they started to eat the waffles,
Mama asked, "What's on the schedule for the day? Anything special?"

Henry replied, "Today we're studying pet habitats, and we get to make our very own!"
Halle said, "You'll love that, Henry! I'm excited for lunch and recess."



Henry replied, "As always!"

Papa said, "I can't wait to hear
more this evening!"

Soon, Henry and Halle were on their way to school, tromping down the leafy path, wearing smiles and smelling like syrup.

When Halle arrived at school, her teacher, Mr. Owl, was welcoming the class. He kept them so busy that Halle didn't even think about lunch until the bell rang.

