

The Wedding





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BEFORE READING

Talk together

- Look at the cover and read the title together. Talk about what the characters are wearing.
- Talk about a wedding you have been to with your child.
- Look through the book and talk about the pictures.

About the words in this book

- Your child should be able to sound out and blend some words, which may include:
**it's been dress glad
groom sister took**
- Some words may be more challenging. Encourage or model blending, then read the words below to your child if necessary.

**said like there
what helped
came bridesmaid
journey pageboy
measurements suit**



DURING READING

Enjoy the story together.
If your child needs support to read the story:

- Remind your child to sound out and blend unfamiliar words from left to right.
- Look for compound words, where two words create a bigger word, e.g. *moonlight*.
- If a word is still too tricky, simply say the whole word for your child.
- Re-read sentences to focus on their meaning where necessary.



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for more ideas.



Jo was Mum's sister. She was getting married.



Wilma was happy. She wanted to be a bridesmaid.



Wilf was unhappy. He didn't want to be a pageboy.



The grandparents came. They came for the wedding.



“What a journey!” they said.



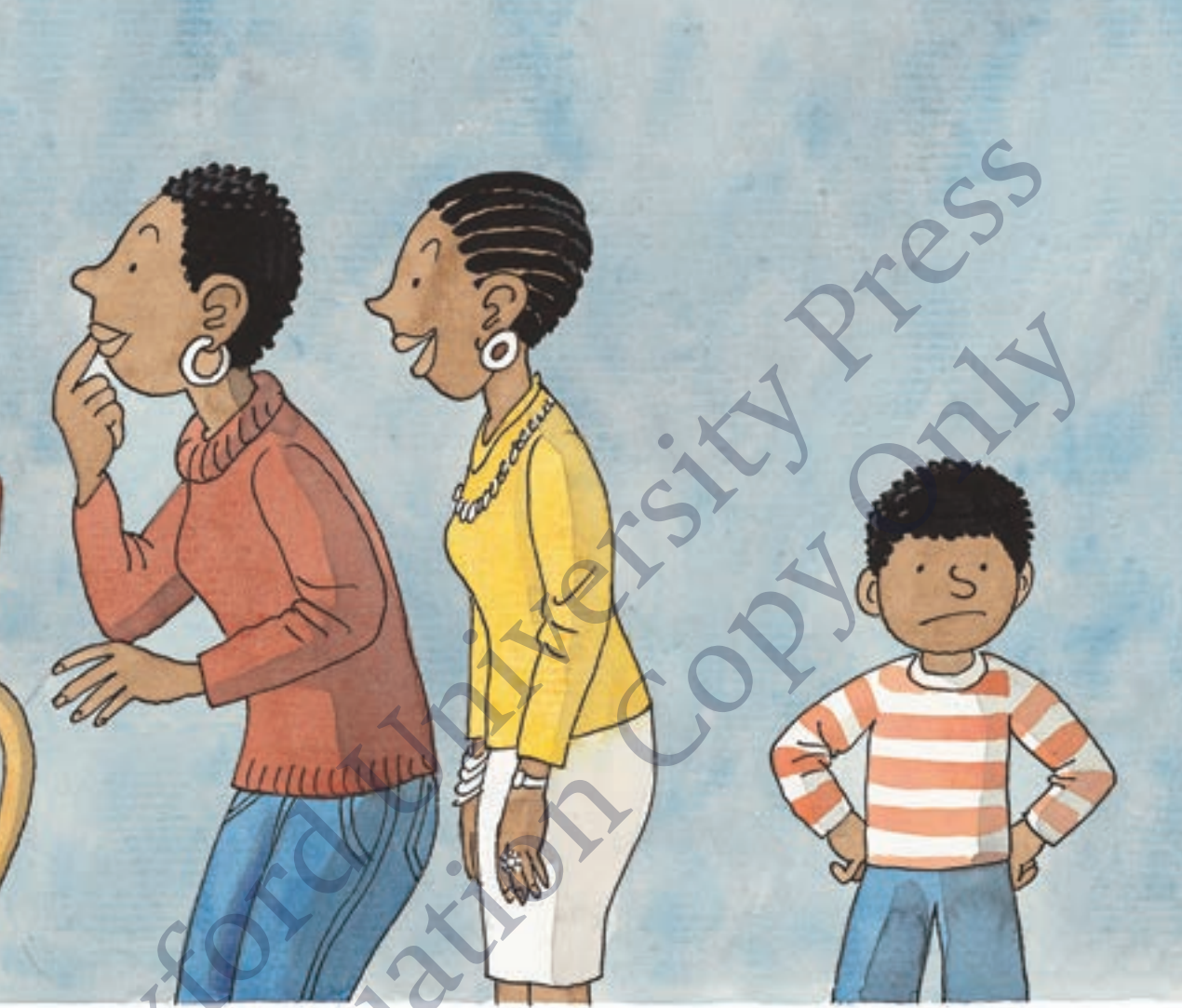
Mum made Wilma's dress.
Grandmother helped.



Wilf looked at the material.
“Oh no!” he thought.



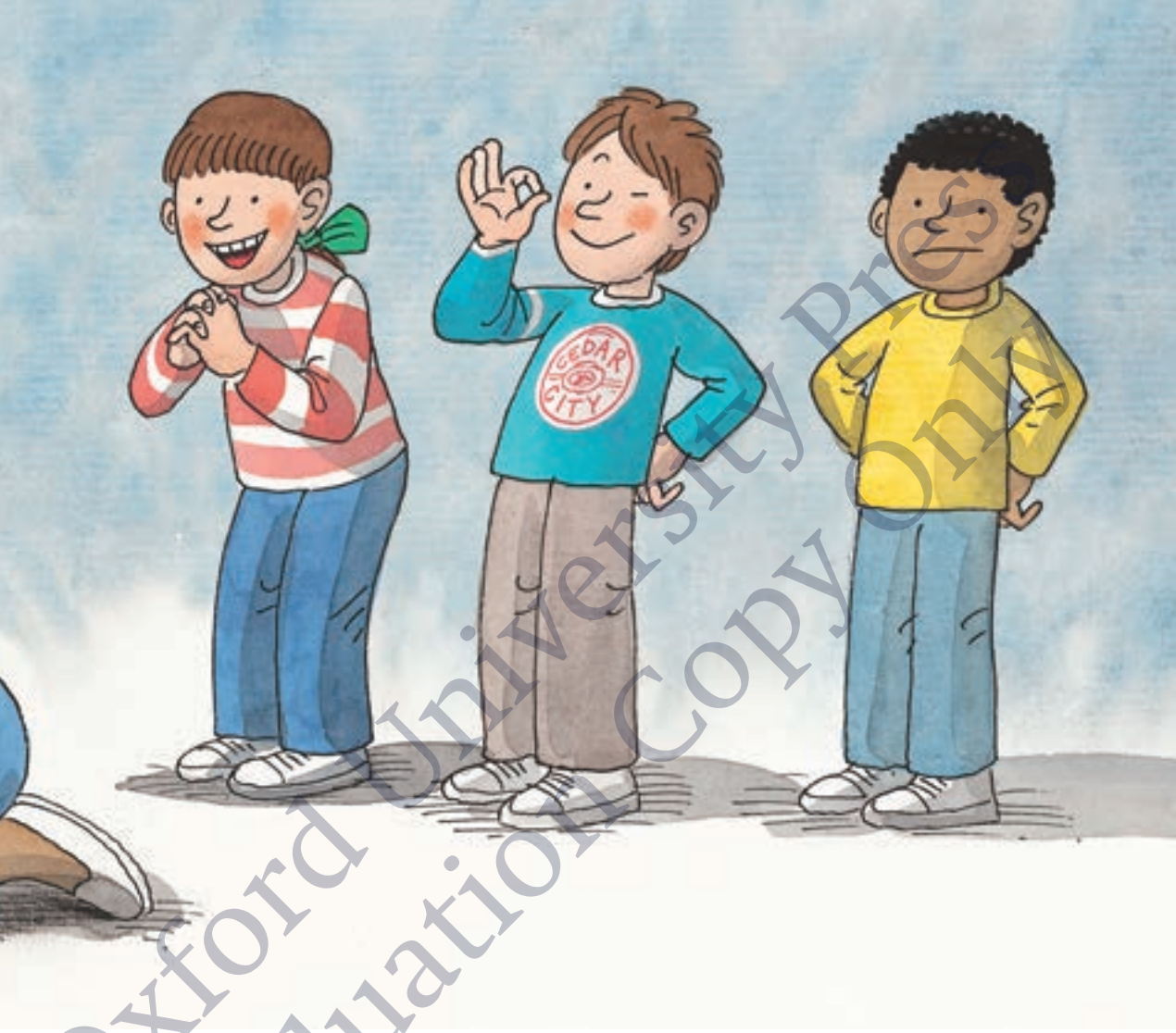
Grandmother made the cake.
Wilma put a bride and groom on it.



“It’s wonderful,” said Jo.



Wilma's dress was finished. Biff and Chip came to see it.



“I like weddings,” said Chip.

“I don’t,” said Wilf.



Jo took Wilf's measurements. She gave them to Mum.



Wilf was unhappy. He didn't want to be a pageboy.



Mum had been shopping.



She had a surprise for Wilf.
“What is it?” asked Wilf.



“It’s a suit,” said Mum.

“You’re not a pageboy,” said Jo.



“It was a joke,” said Grandmother.



It was the day of the wedding.



Dad made a video. Biff took a photograph.



Wilf liked his suit. He was glad he wasn't a pageboy.



He was happy. Everyone was happy.



There was a big party. Everyone danced.



“I like weddings,” said Wilf.



“Will you get married?” asked Wilf.
“I don’t know,” said Wilma.

AFTER READING

- Ask: *Why didn't Wilf want to be a pageboy?*
- Ask: *Why did Wilf like the wedding in the end?*
- Talk about what your child would have liked about the wedding.
- Encourage your child to find the two words in *pageboy* and *Grandmother*.

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