

# What a Mess!





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## BEFORE READING

### Talk together

- Look at the cover and read the title together.
- Talk about what each person is carrying.
- 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:

**a Mum Dad mess**

- Some words may be more challenging. Encourage or model blending, then read the words below to your child if necessary.

**made dress some**

**scarf lorry**

**birthday card**

**everyone jam**



## DURING READING

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

- Ask your child to point from left to right under each word whilst reading.
- Model how to sound out and blend new words if necessary.
- If a word is still too tricky, simply say the whole word for your child.
- Use the pictures to talk about the story and learn the meaning of new words.



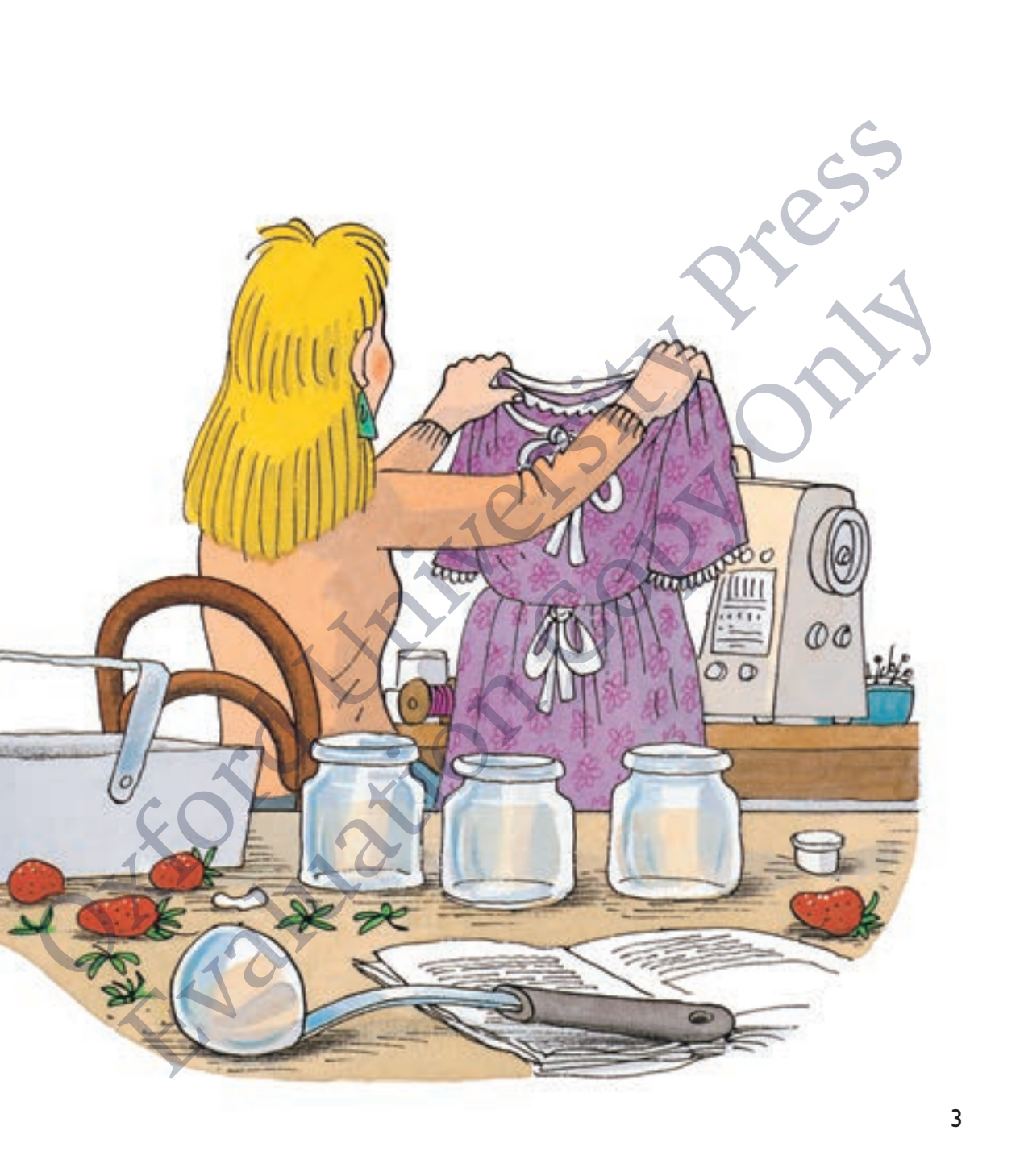
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for more ideas.



Mum made a dress.

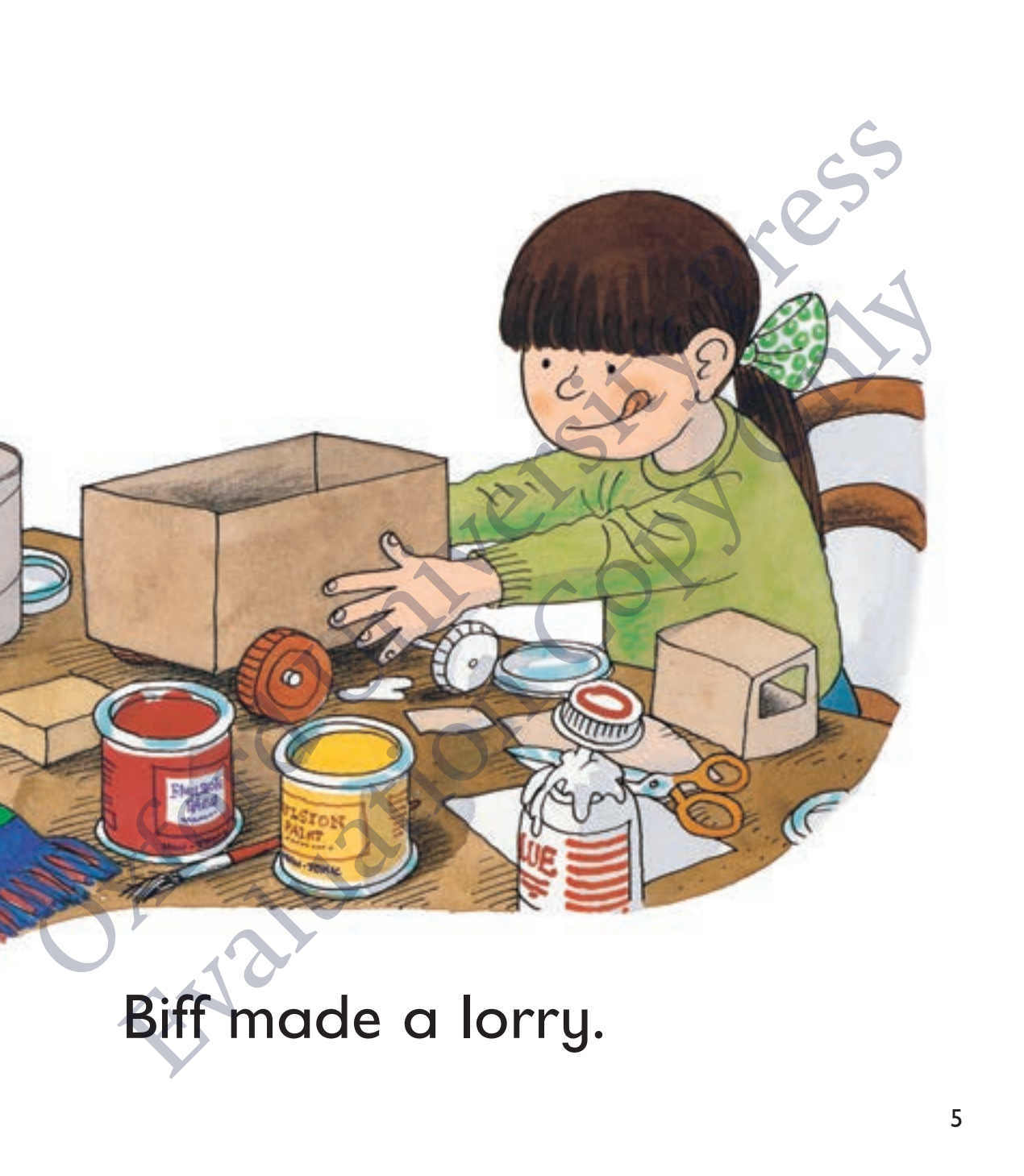


Dad made some jam.



Chip made a scarf.



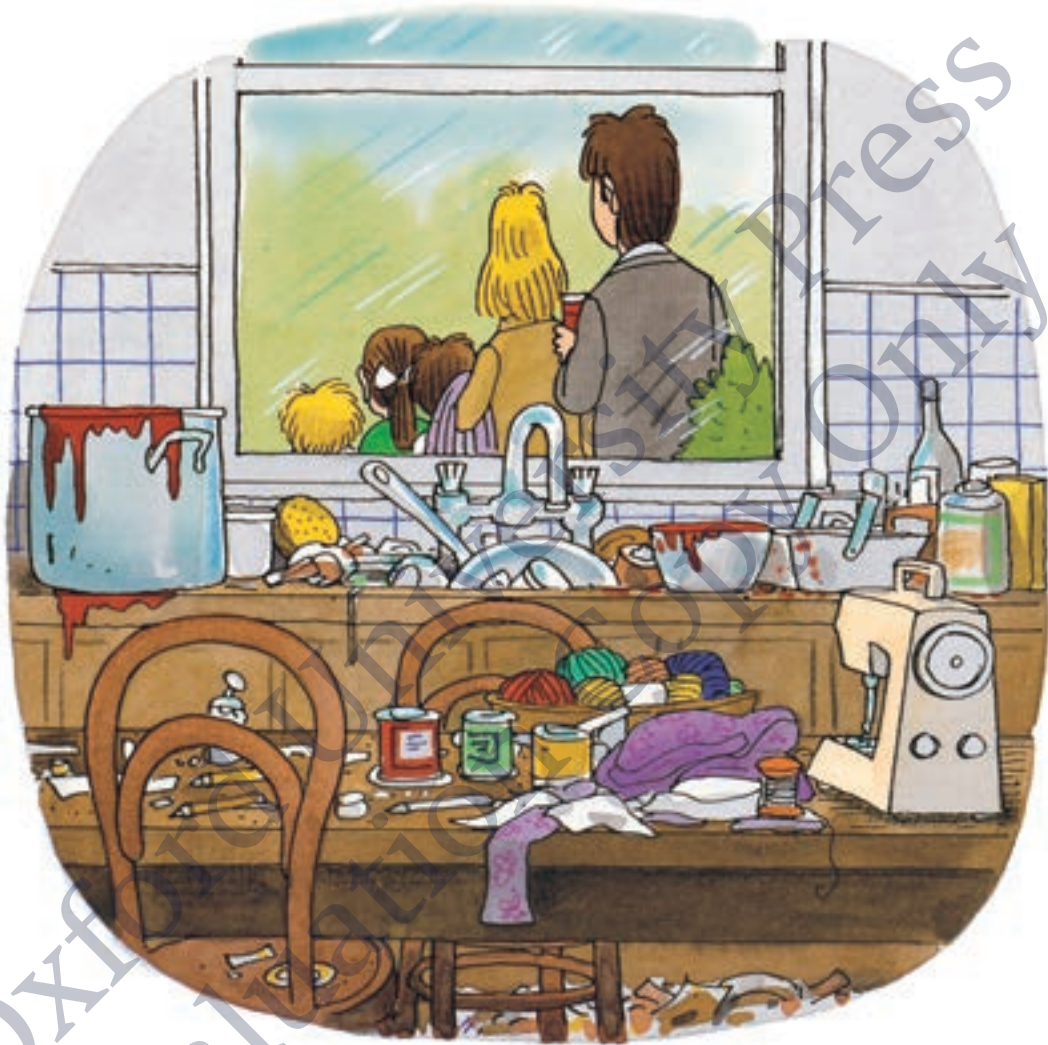


Biff made a lorry.



Kipper made a birthday card.





Everyone made a mess.

## AFTER READING

- Talk about what each person made. Ask: *Does it look difficult to make?*
- Ask your child what they would make for a show.
- Talk about why the family didn't tidy up before they left. Ask: *Who do you think was the messiest?*

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