

MICHAEL

and the

Magic Popcorn



One fine day there was a little boy named Michael who was just waking up out of bed. His mother called from the kitchen "Can I make you some oatmeal and strawberries?" "No!" said Michael "I only want popcorn!" you see Michael loved popcorn so much he refused to eat anything else.



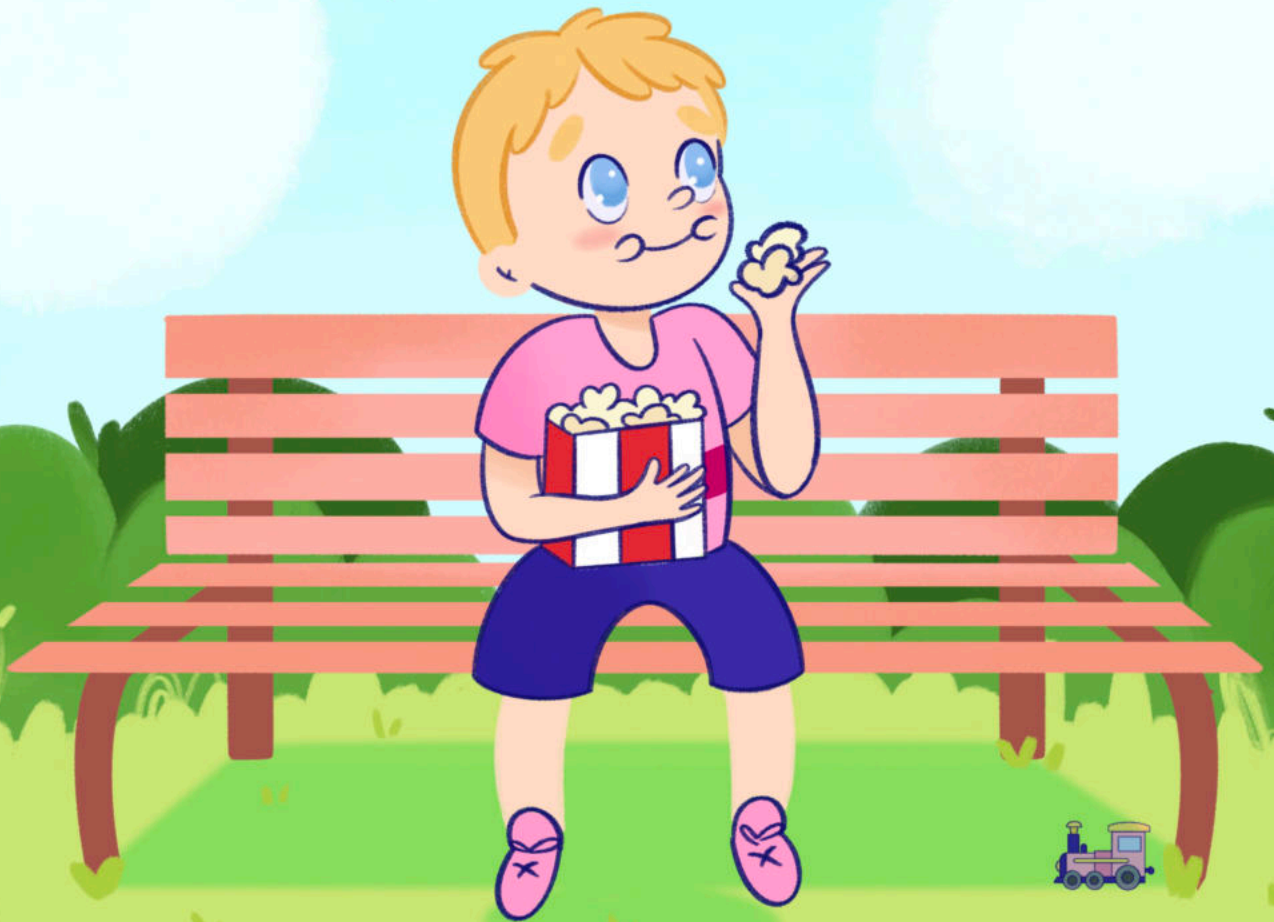
At lunchtime his mother would say "how about some soup and sandwiches Michael." then he would say, "No! I only want popcorn!" it was the same story at dinner his mom would offer him spaghetti and steaks and pizza but Michael always said "No! I only want popcorn!"



His mom would say "popcorn is yummy but you cannot eat it for every meal it's not good for your body. This made Michael very upset. so he decided to go for a walk to calm down. He walked all the way to a nearby park.



Worn out he decided to rest on a bench when he found it a big bag of popcorn was sitting on the bench with no one around to claim it. Michael knew it was not his and he should never eat food lying around but he couldn't resist so he opened the bag and took a bite.



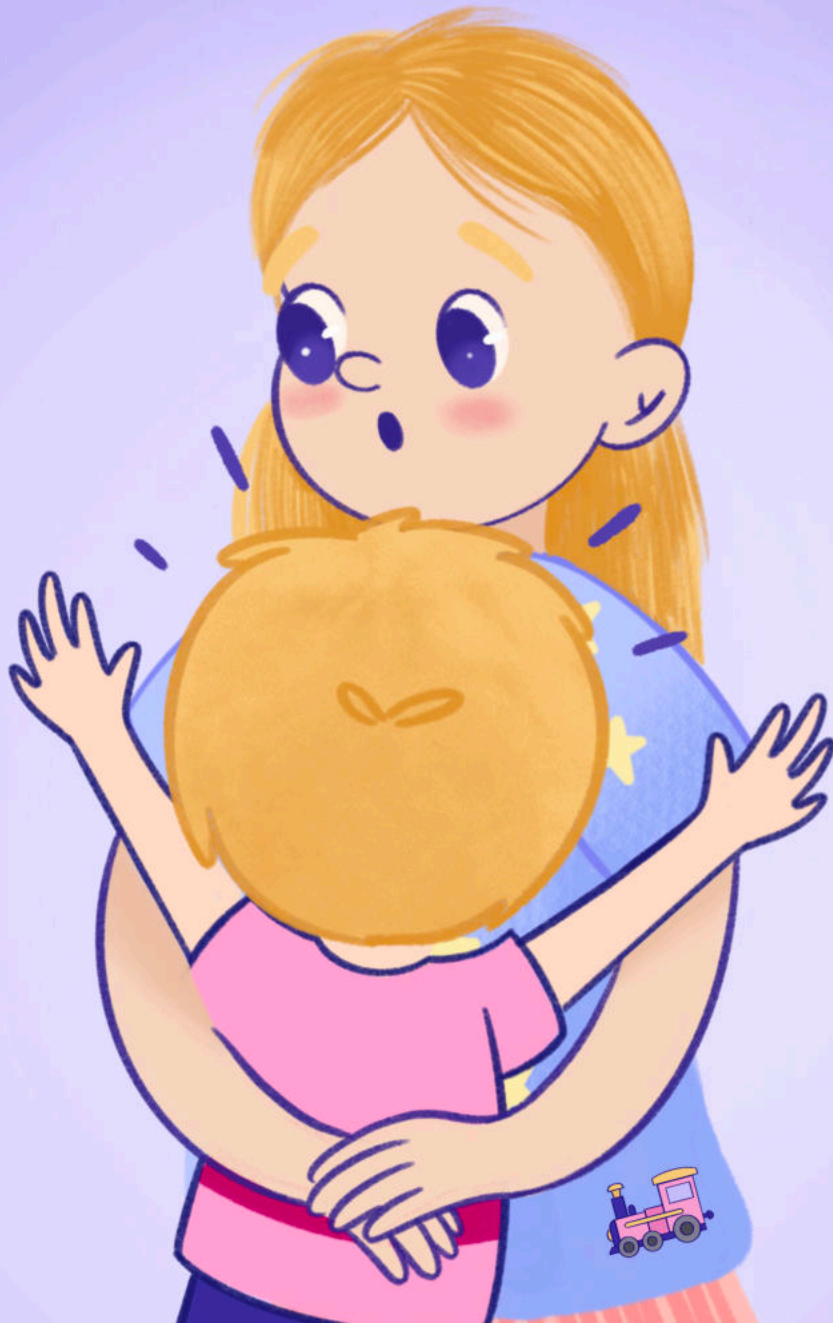
It was the yummiest popcorn Michael had ever tasted! He kept eating and eating and eating until he'd eaten the whole bag of popcorn. Now Michael's tummy was starting to hurt he set up to walk it off when all of a sudden... pop. pop. pop. pop. pop. pop. pop. pop. pop. pop!



Michael started popping and couldn't stop! He popped by the slide, and popped by the swings, and he popped by the merry go round, and he popped all the way out of the park and down a long dirt road. Michael popped all the way into a farm where he saw a cat and a cow sitting by the barn, and horses out in the field. He popped right by a big tractor with huge tractor wheels and then he started to get very scared and tired.



So, Michael decided to pop home. He popped back through the farm, and back through the park, and popped right through the front door. His mother gave him a huge hug and said "Michael what have you been doing!"



Michael said. "I went to the park. and I know I shouldn't have but I ate a bag of popcorn. and I think it was magical because now I can't stop popping! Mom what do I do?" His mother thought for a while and said. "Michael. I told you popcorn is not good for your body maybe if you ate some healthy food. it would help you stop popping."



So, Michael began to eat the healthy food and slowly began to stop popping. He was so tired from his popcorn adventure that he fell right asleep for a nap.



When he woke up, he said, "mom I'm hungry can I have some celery and carrots?" His mom exclaimed, "Celery and carrots I thought you only ate popcorn!" "No way!" said Michael. "I learned my lesson. From now on I am only going to eat things that are good for my body."

