

BILLY AND BASMAH BRING A BUDDY ALONG



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“**Billy**” and “**Basmah**” are characters created by the Canadian Centre for Child Protection Inc. “**Billy and Basmah Bring a Buddy Along**” is one in a series of books that has been designed to complement the 7 Root Safety Strategies from the **Kids in the Know** program.

“Billy and Basmah Bring a Buddy Along” corresponds with the “buddy system” root safety strategy.

“**Kids in the Know**” (KIK) is a national safety education program designed to empower children and reduce their risk of victimization online and offline. It focuses on building self-esteem through teaching critical problem-solving skills. The program uses an inclusive, community-based approach to heighten safety awareness. The core premise of the program is based on the 7 Root Safety Strategies, which are reinforced and practiced throughout each grade level.

For more information on the “**Kids in the Know**” safety program, visit kidsintheknow.ca

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Meet Billy.

Billy is six years old.
He's got a fluffy dog named Dexter.
His full name is William.



Meet Basmah.

Basmah is Billy's friend.
We say her name this way (Bass Ma).
It means smile in Arabic.

Caregivers: How to use this book

Billy and Basmah Bring a Buddy Along helps young children learn about the buddy system, the concept that there is safety in numbers. This important safety strategy can be used every day both offline and online. As you go through the book consider the following:

WHO IS A BUDDY FOR THIS AGE GROUP?

A buddy is a person who can take care of a child under a caregiver role, such as a mom, dad, grandparent, older sibling, babysitter, teacher, etc.

WHAT IS THE BUDDY SYSTEM?

Children should always have another individual—a buddy—accompany them when they are going places. The buddy system is a safety strategy that can be incorporated into children's everyday lives. Opportunities for this can include when they are walking to and from school, going to the store, or having fun on the playground. Another consideration is when children go online and require caregiver supervision. As you go through the book, encourage your children to read along and repeat the phrase, **"When you are going any place, bring a buddy along!"**

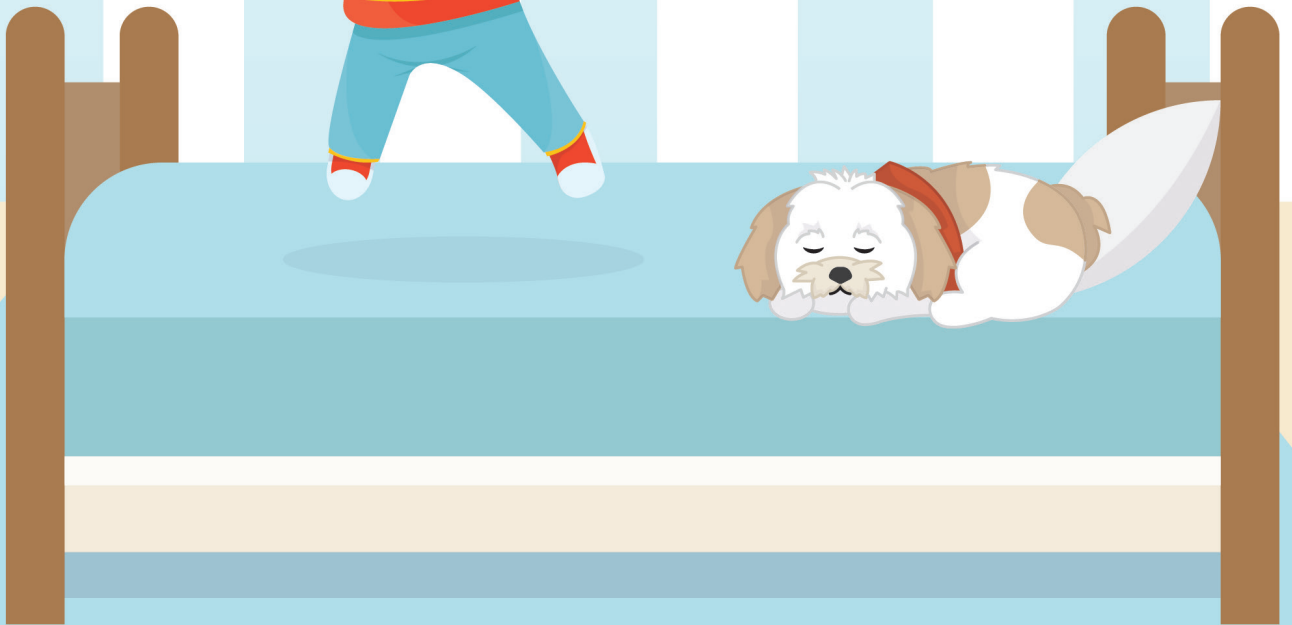
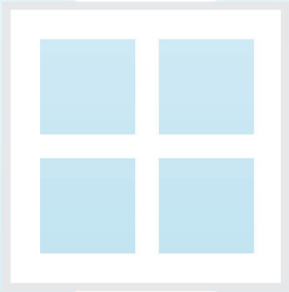


Billy is six years old.

He is a busy boy.

He always likes to run and play.

His life is filled with joy.



Basmah is Billy's friend.
She always sings fun songs.
She likes to find the silly ones,
And always sings along.



Their mommies want them to be safe.

They sing a safety song.

“When you are going any place,

BRING A BUDDY ALONG!”



Billy says, "I am a kid,
So who should my buddy be?
A person in my life
Who can help take care of me!"



BRING A BUDDY ALONG!



When Billy and Basmah
Both go somewhere,
They always remember to be aware.
They **BRING A BUDDY ALONG!**



When they want to play and run,
They remember to bring someone.

They **BRING A BUDDY ALONG!**



When they are walking to and from school,
They remember the best safety rule.

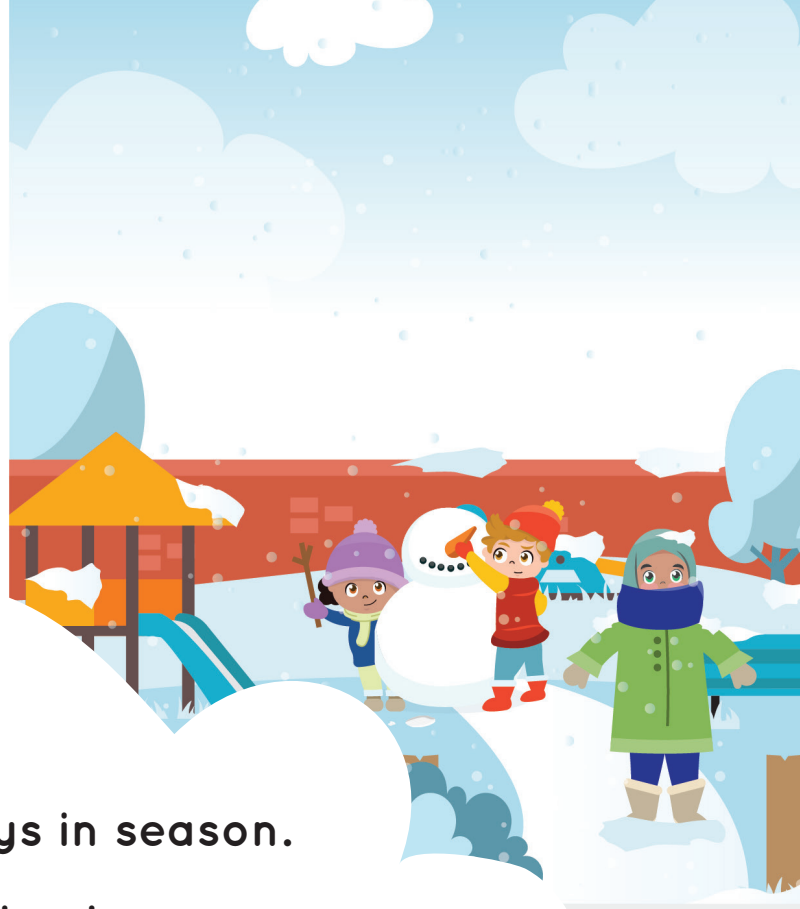
They **BRING A BUDDY ALONG!**



When they want to play online,
They check first that it is fine.

They **BRING A BUDDY ALONG!**





Safety's always in season.
So this is the best reason.
They **BRING A BUDDY ALONG!**





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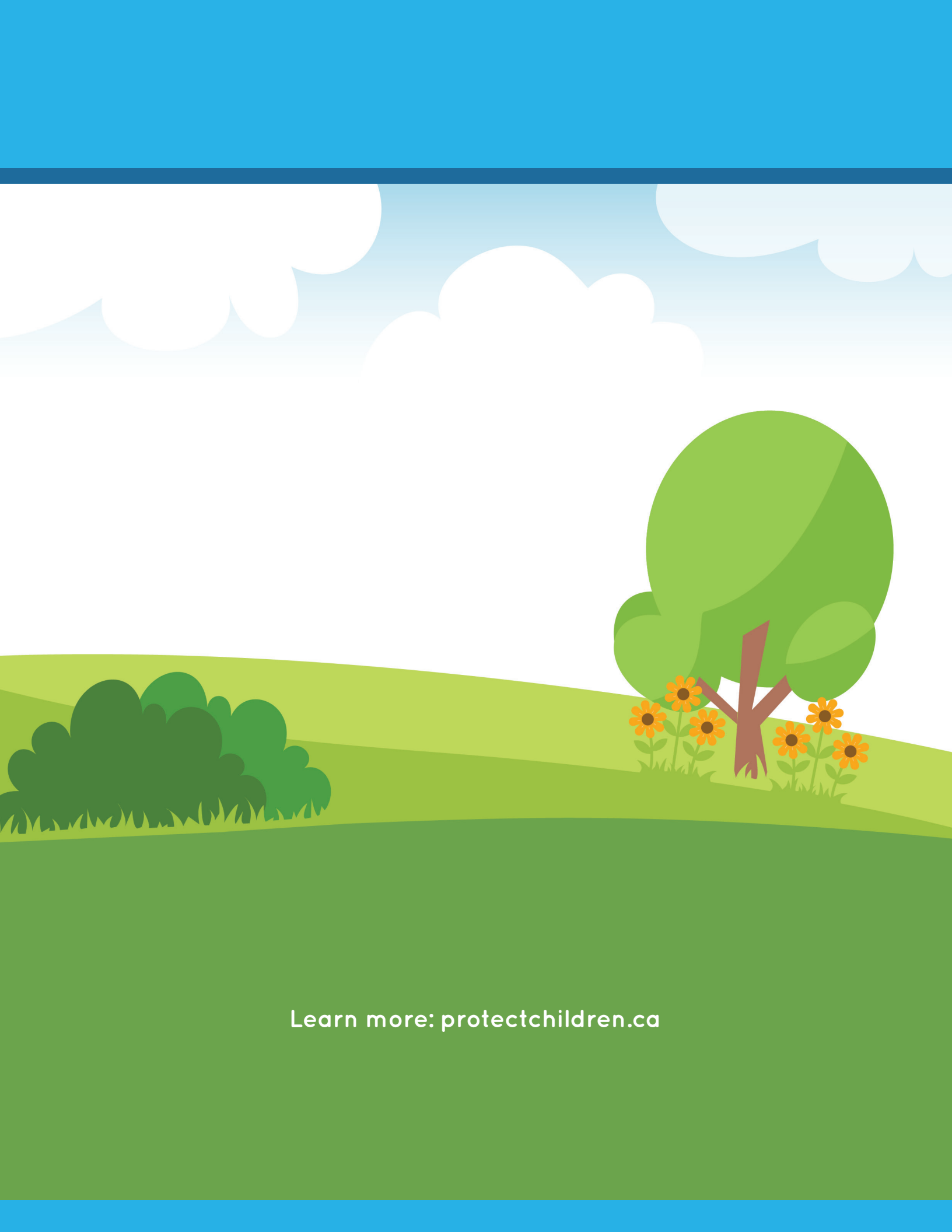
Brings his Buddies



Wherever you're going,

BRING A BUDDY ALONG!





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