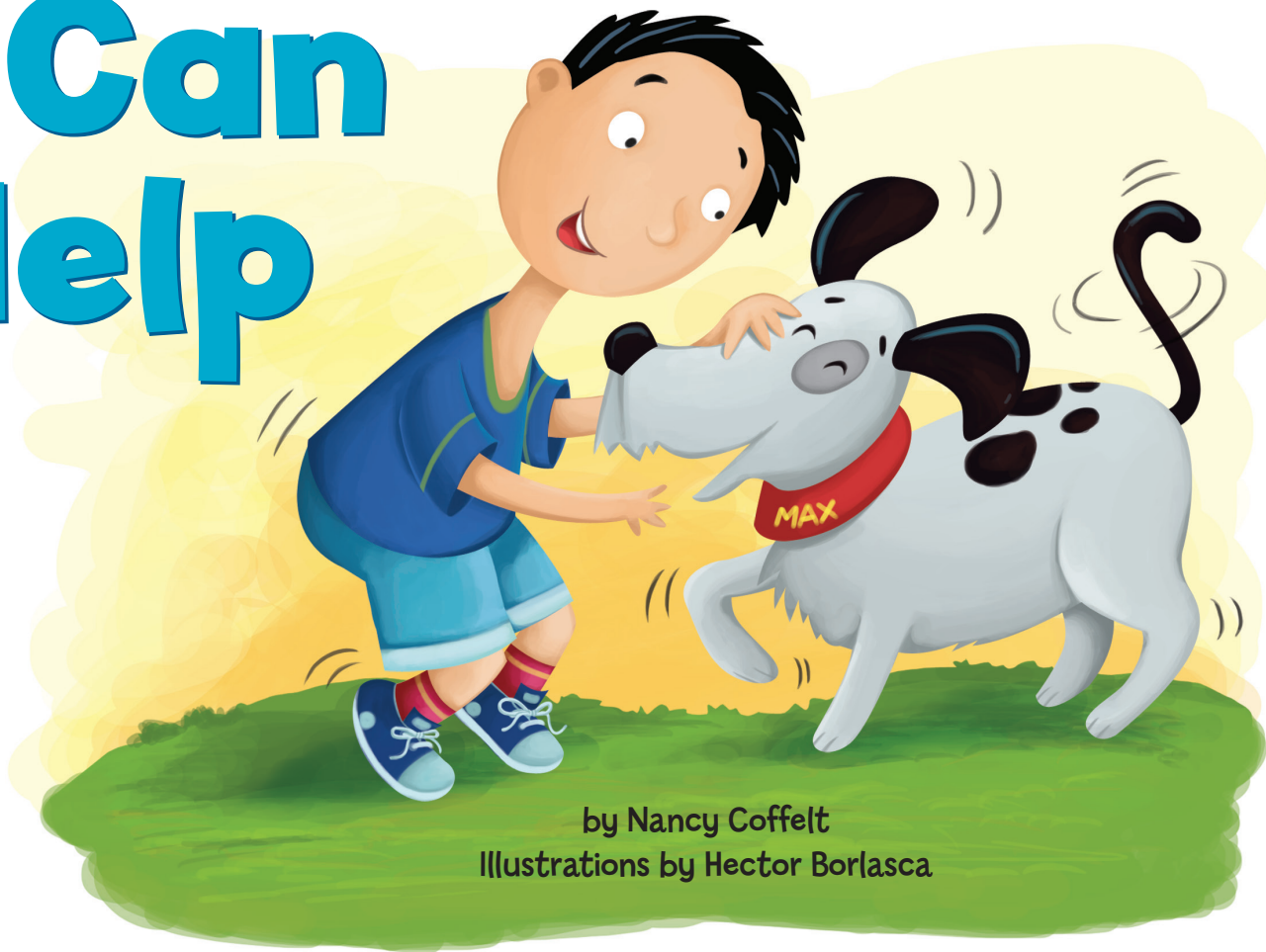


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Alex can't tie his sneakers.

"Can you help me?" he said to his sister.

"Yes," said Alma. Then she tied Alex's sneakers.

"Thanks! I can help you, too," said Alex.



Alma smiled. “That’s okay, Alex. You’re too small.”

Alex still wanted to help.





The next day, Alex wanted to walk Max.

“I can help,” said Alex.

“You’re too small,” said Alma.

The next day, Alex wanted to feed Max.

“I can help,” said Alex.

“You’re too small,” said Alma.



The next day, Alex and Alma walked Max again. Just then, Max grabbed Alma's keys. He ran to the house.





Alex and Alma chased Max. Alma said, “Max, drop the keys.”

Max dropped the keys. But they did not fall in Alma’s hands. They fell in a hole.

Alma said, “The hole is too small. My hand can’t fit in it.”



“I can help,” said Alex. His small hand fit in the hole. “I got them!”



“I’m small, but I can still help!” said Alex.



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