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Gracie was ready for a fun-filled day.  
She was so excited to celebrate - HER BIRTHDAY!



All of a sudden, she wrinkled her nose,  
She saw a bow sat beside her birthday clothes!





“Oh no!” she cried. “That can’t be for me!”  
“But, uh-oh, it matches my dress- PERFECTLY!”



Then she remembered Mommy’s “golden rules”.  
They were always used as her special tools.





Eat healthy, be polite, and so and so ~  
But her **LEAST** favorite one- “No bow? No GO.”



Gracie stomped her feet, shook her fists in the air.  
“Whoever invented these bows for my **HAIR?! ”**





After Gracie's mommy dressed her birthday girl,  
She held out her finger and gave her a twirl.



With tears in her eyes and a smile on her face  
She whispered, "I have you only because of God's sweet Grace"





Quickly, the guests began to arrive  
Gracie became so excited - you could see it in her eyes.



As the snacks were eaten and everyone began to chat,  
Mommy pulled Gracie up, to sit on her lap.





“Do you see that table, all full of your gifts?”



Mommy spoke slowly, and gave Gracie a kiss.





“All of the gifts have been wrapped with such care-  
Imagine if there were no bows on top - wouldn't they be bare?”



“Atop every gift is a matching bow,  
Sitting proudly on each one- like a jewel that glows.”





Gracie listened to her Mommy's precious words  
The reason for these bows- Gracie had never heard.



"You see," Mommy said, "Each day I place a bow in your hair"  
"I thank God above for his blessing and care"





“He gave you to me- my precious gift,  
This beautiful child He has trusted me with”



“Each day I place a bow on your head,  
It reminds me of all the prayers of thanks that I’ve said”



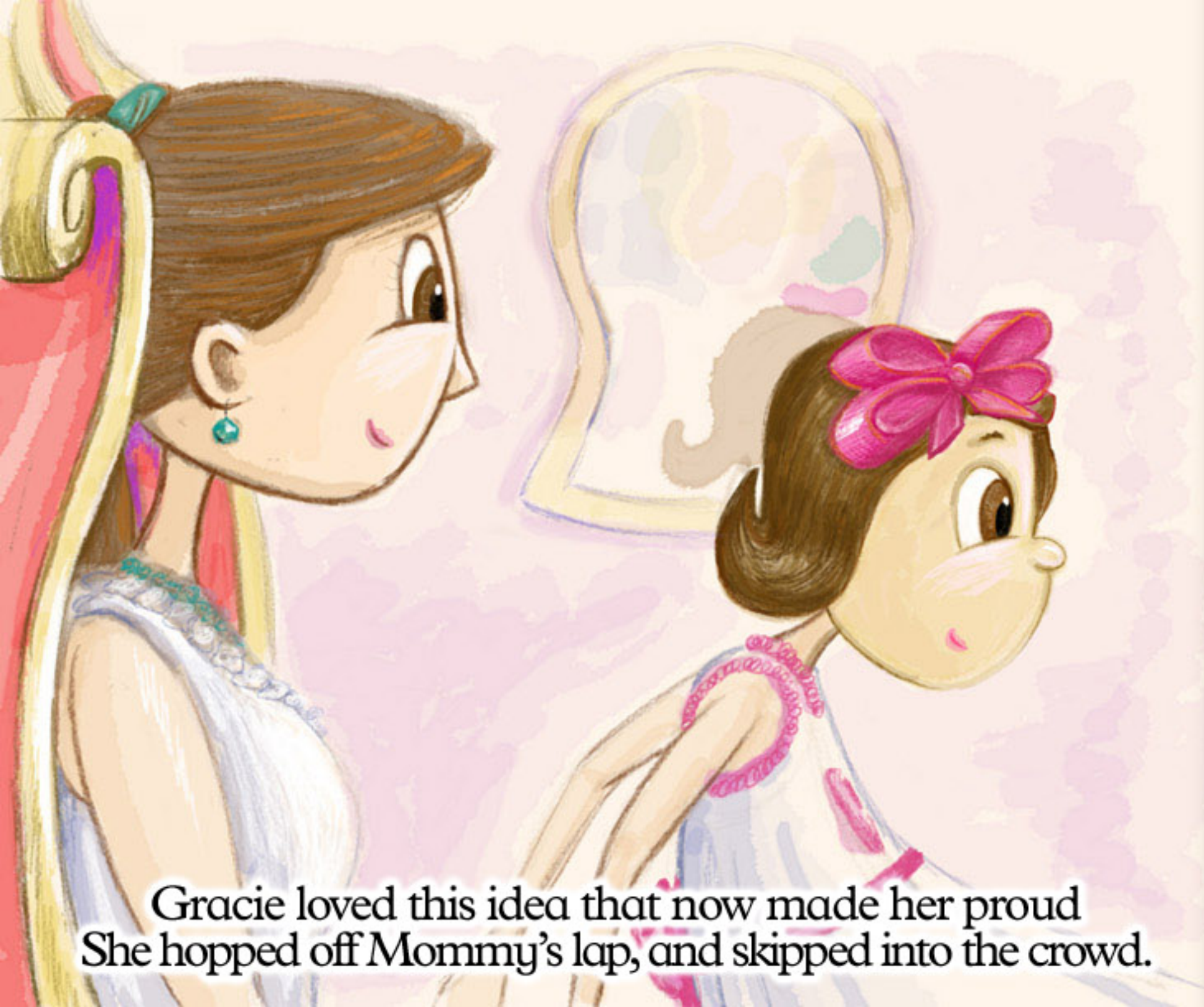


"A beautiful bow on your sweet head it sits,  
That's how I celebrate my amazing gift"

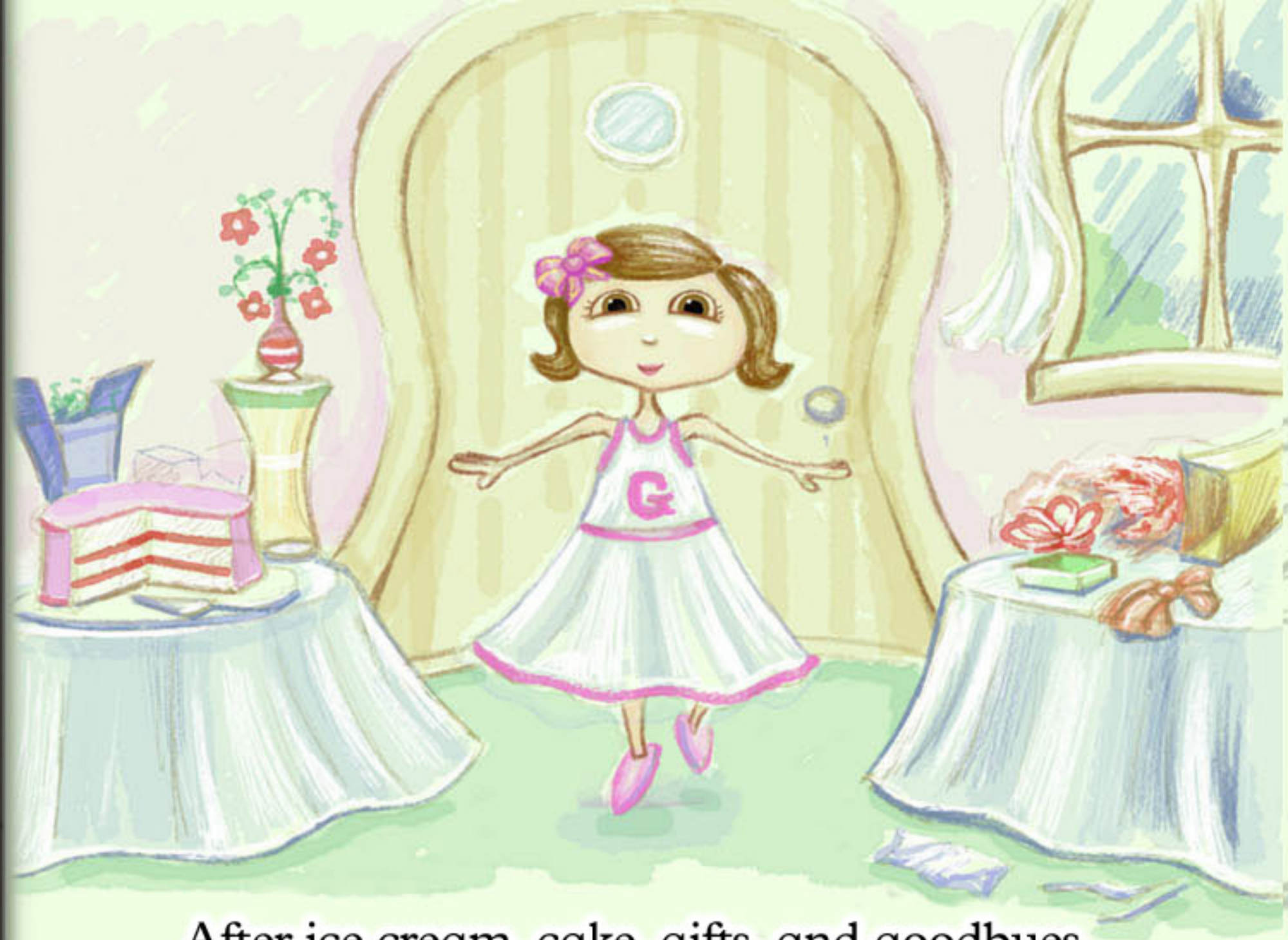


"But, Mommy," Gracie cried, "I'm starting to see...  
My bows are to celebrate little ole me?"





Gracie loved this idea that now made her proud  
She hopped off Mommy's lap, and skipped into the crowd.



After ice cream, cake, gifts, and goodbyes,  
She went to her Mommy with her OWN surprise.





“Mommy”, she said, “I had such a great day”  
“Thanks for my party and time to play.”



“Now I have something so special for you,  
“It’s something small - the least I can do.”





"For your love- I have a gift in return,



I'll proudly wear my bows - I won't fuss or squirm!"





"I'll wear them proudly for all to see-



For I'm so happy that God gave you to ME!"



