

Lying UP a STORM

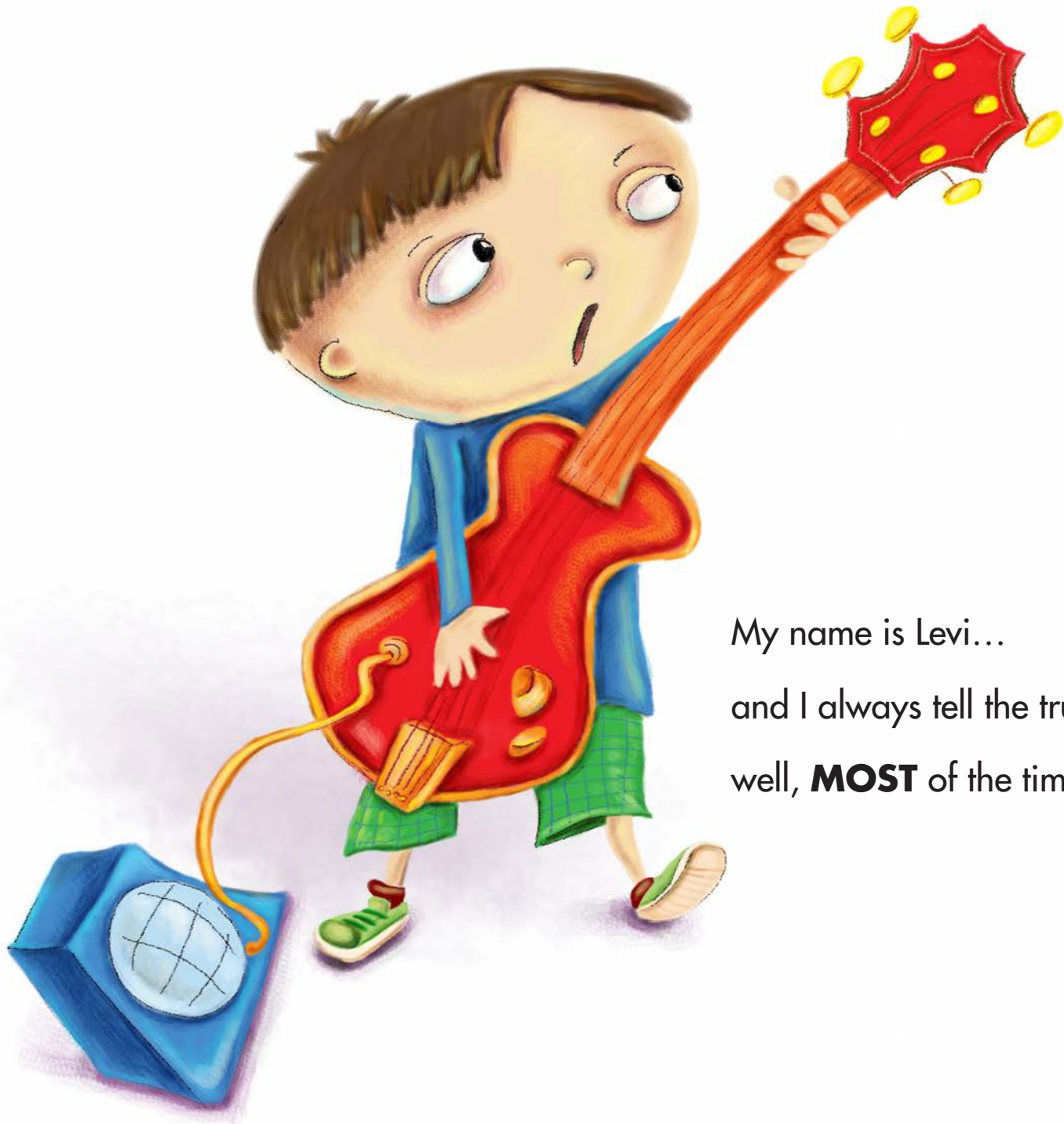
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My name is Levi...
and I always tell the truth...
well, **MOST** of the time.

... "But I did
wash my hands!"

"Are you sure?"

YEP!

... "But I did let
the dog out,
about 15 minutes
ago. She must not
have gone."

"Are you sure?"

YEP!

... "My room is clean!"
"Did you just shove stuff
under the bed like you did
last time?"

"Nope."

"Are you sure?"

YEP!



Telling one lie leads to telling another.



You've lied to
your teacher,



your friends, and your mother.



You've lied at school.



You've lied at home,



and right now son, you're lying up a **storm!!!**



*"Whenever you tell a lie, your inside sun goes away.
Then a lying cloud forms, and glooms up your day."*



*Each time you tell a lie, another cloud starts to form,
and before you can stop it from happening, your insides start to storm."*

“Mom, I lied to you about the note.
I threw it in the trash can so I
wouldn’t get in trouble.”

“Thank you Levi, for
telling me the truth!”

(Wow! She didn’t
freak out...not even
a little bit!)



What a powerful story! Julia has captured the essence of what every child experiences when lying becomes a choice. From the internal conflict to the "out of control" nature of one little fib leading to another, children experience the full circle of a lie. Every child will identify with Levi as he struggles to control what begins as an itty-bitty fib but grows into a whopper lie. Julia has once again created a child friendly text that teaches an incredibly important life lesson.

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Lying produces both internal and external consequences. Julia Cook uniquely teaches children the internal repercussions of their fibs in "Lying Up A Storm." As in all of Julia's books, her characters are easily relatable for children. The lessons she teaches build character and encourage prosocial skills that will enable children to live happier and healthier lives.

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A Storm is Brewing...

Whenever Levi doesn't like the truth, he kinda, sorta makes up other stuff to say. One day his mother explains to him that telling lies will damage the trust of his friends and make him very sad.

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This book is a great resource to help children understand not only the consequences of telling a lie, but also how one lie can often lead to telling several more. It will help parents and teachers understand that lying can be a normal and sometimes healthy response for a child and offers tools to guide children toward truthfulness.



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thousands of schools across the country and abroad, regularly speaks at national education and counseling conferences, and has published children's books on a wide range of character and social development topics. The goal behind Cook's work is to actively involve young people in fun, memorable stories and teach them to become lifelong problem solvers. Inspiration for her books comes from working with children and carefully listening to counselors, parents, and teachers, in order to stay on top of needs in the classroom and at home. Cook has the innate ability to enter the worldview of a child through storybooks, giving children both the "what to say" and "how to say it."



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