

# Ready, Steady, Rocket

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## Chapter 1

Jake was an energetic, happy kid who just celebrated his seventh birthday at home. Jake loved outer space and spent lots of time creating rocket ships and space stations out of lego.



Jake's whole family came to his birthday party. His sleepy nanny, grumpy granddad, happy aunty, and crazy cousins were excited to

celebrate with him. There were lots of space themed decorations in the dining room and the playroom.

Jake's mummy made yummy food. She prepared sandwiches, snacks and a colourful fruit platter.

And, there was the birthday cake.

Jake's Nanny had made a special tasty chocolate cake using her favourite family recipe. Everyone loved Nanny's cakes.

The party food was placed on the big dining room table, with sweeties and other fun treats.

Jake couldn't wait to eat that yummy chocolate birthday cake.



“Have you seen all of your presents Jake?”, asked daddy.

“No. I will take a look now”, replied Jake.

His presents were under the table. He spotted one that made him get excited. It was shaped like a rocket ship. Maybe it was the toy he had been asking for, for a very long time.

He opened the present and it was the shiny red rocket ship that he wanted.



## Chapter 2

That night, when Jake went to bed, he took his new toy rocket ship with him. As he was falling asleep, something strange happened...

There was a loud snapping sound and a blue flashing light. It was coming from the rocket.

“Wow,” Jake said excitedly. The toy rocket must have come to life.

There was now a huge real-life rocket in the middle of his bedroom.

He quietly tip-toed into the rocket, so his mummy and daddy wouldn't hear him.

As soon as he sat on the seat, it blasted off up through the roof.

Through the rocket window, he saw stars and all of the planets. Mars, Jupiter, Mercury, Uranus, Saturn and finally he arrived at his final destination, the Moon.



### Chapter 3

Jake was so excited to be on the moon. He ran out of the rocket. soon realising he couldn't breathe very well. Quickly, he rushed back to the rocket to find a space suit with some oxygen inside.

With his suit and space helmet on, he was ready to happily explore the moon.

After a while he started to feel hungry. He remembered his yummy birthday cake sitting on the dining room table.

He headed back to the rocket to look for something to eat. The rocket was gone!

"Maybe I parked it somewhere else?" he thought.

So, he searched.

And he searched...

And he searched...

But he couldn't find the rocket.

He saw a friendly alien, and asked, "Have you seen a shiny red and blue rocket around here?"

The alien replied "I have".

Jake was relieved.

But, the alien said "That rocket left hours ago."



Poor Jake was upset and started to worry. Crying, he sat down on a crater with his head in his hands.

Then, he saw another alien and was about to ask for help, when he noticed his evil stare, slimy skin and sharp claws.

Jake got scared. So, he ran as fast as he could, but he got caught by the alien's long, gangly arms. The evil alien dragged him to a prison.



The friendly alien heard Jake screaming and came to help. He unlocked the gate to the prison, without the evil alien noticing.

Jake was grateful.

He ran as fast as he could. Just as he realised the prison was in the far distance, he stepped into a hidden volcano.



## Chapter 4

Jake was very shocked. He didn't know there were volcanoes on the moon!!

The lava was hot. It was bright and Jake was scared he might get burnt. He was being shot through back to Earth by the lava.

"Aaarrrgh!" screamed Jake, as he fell through the open roof of his house and landed face down on his birthday cake which was sitting on the dining room table!

**BUMP!**

"Yummy, this cake tastes lovely," mumbled Jake.

He walked quietly to his bedroom.

Surprisingly, everything looked normal. His shiny red rocket was in his room on his bed and he had his normal clothes on.

Quickly, he put his pajamas on and got into bed. He was very sleepy after that journey.

## Chapter 5

“Jake, Jake, it’s time to get up,” called mummy softly.

Jake opened his eyes and was excited to tell his mummy and daddy what had happened.

He told them about the rocket, the moon, the aliens and the volcano.

Mummy and daddy listened carefully. When Jake finished speaking, they asked “Jake, are you making up stories?”

“No!”, exclaimed Jake.

They didn't believe him.

And then he started to wonder, was it actually all a dream?

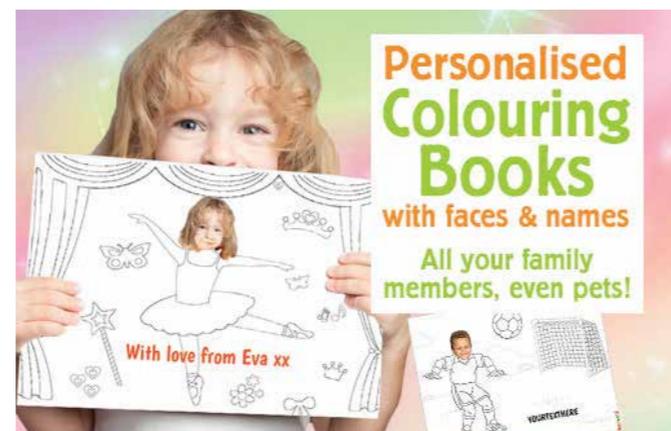
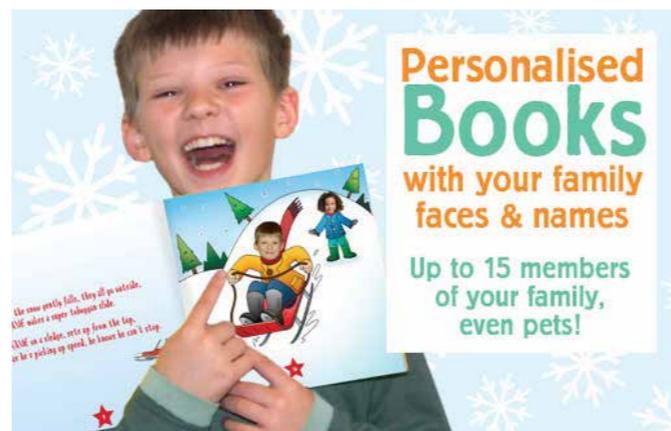
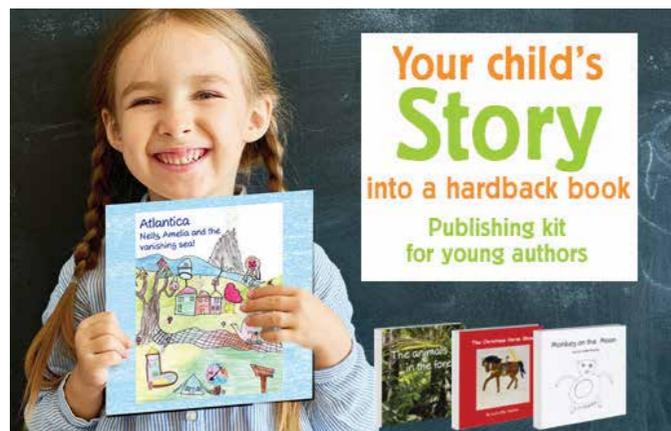
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