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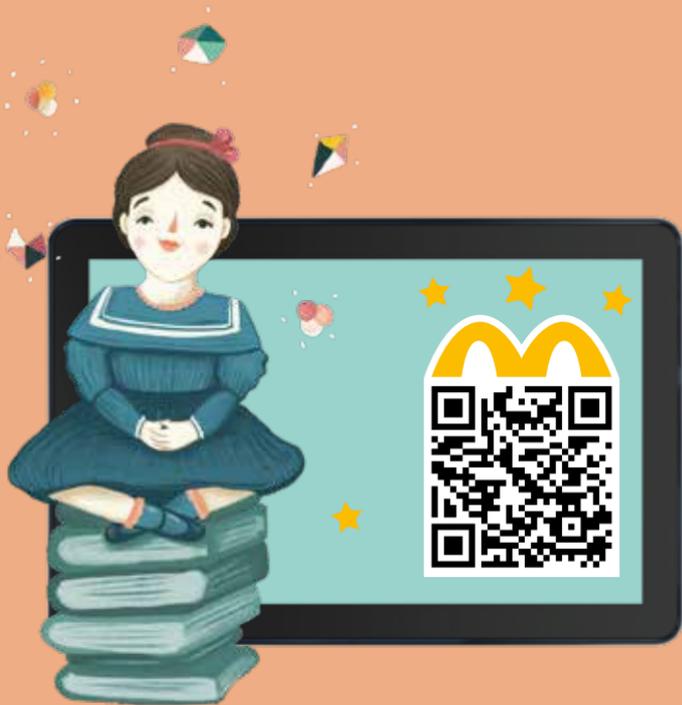
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Curie

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Einstein



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**ROSALIND FRANKLIN**



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Rosalind was a little girl who was top of the class at almost everything.



She was eager to go to university and study chemistry – the science that reveals what everything is made of.





She joined a team working on DNA, the tiny molecules that contain all the information about our bodies: from the size of our nose to the colour of our hair.



Rosalind and her assistant photographed the structure of DNA. Thanks to her, we know that it looks like two staircases twisted into a spiral. It was a major moment for science!





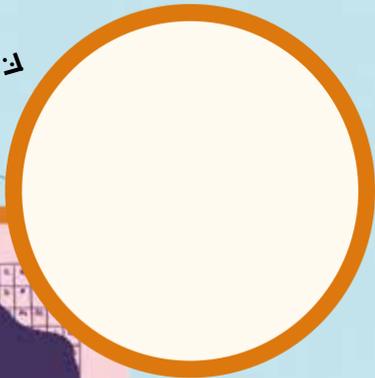
Unfortunately, her colleagues used the photo without crediting her, and won a Nobel Prize that Rosalind deserved, too. It took a long time until her achievements were recognised.



Still, today little Rosalind is remembered as one of the most important chemists of all time.

A scientist who knew knowledge is not a race, but a process of learning and an opportunity to help humankind.

What could Rosalind be looking at through this microscope? Draw it here.



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**MARIE CURIE**



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Once lived a girl called Marie who wanted to understand the world. She didn't have much but she dreamt of being a scientist, something not expected of girls then.



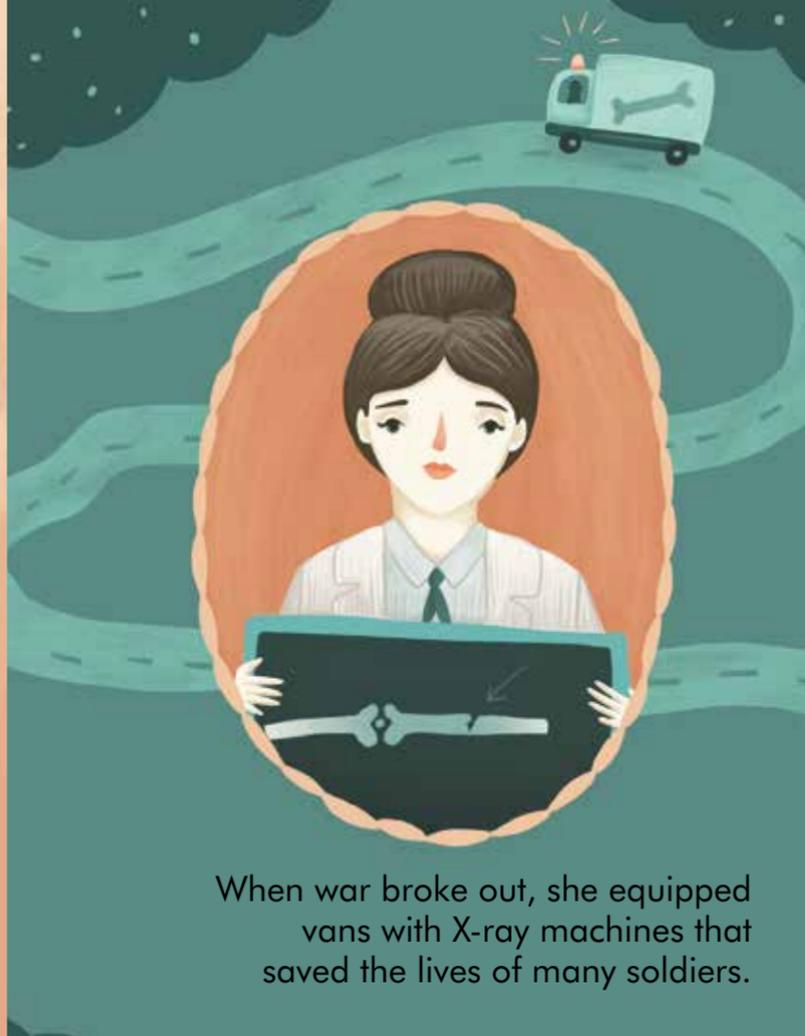
In her country, only men were allowed to go to university. So, Marie moved to France. Studying in a new language was not easy, but she worked to become the best maths and science student in Paris!





One day, Marie met Pierre Curie, who loved science just like her. They married and worked side-by-side, discovering two incredible things: radium and polonium.

Marie's research won her two Nobel Prizes.  
She was the first person ever to achieve this!



When war broke out, she equipped  
vans with X-ray machines that  
saved the lives of many soldiers.

Since then, many girls have become scientists and followed little Marie's motto:

"Nothing in life is to be feared,  
it is only to be understood."

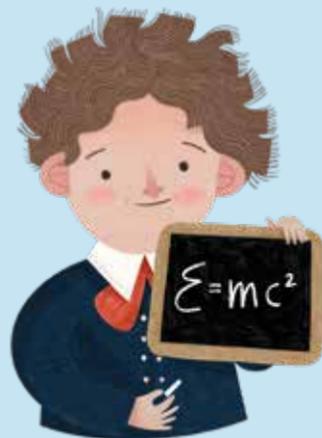


Can you make discoveries like Marie?  
Follow the right path to find the Nobel Prize!



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**ALBERT EINSTEIN**

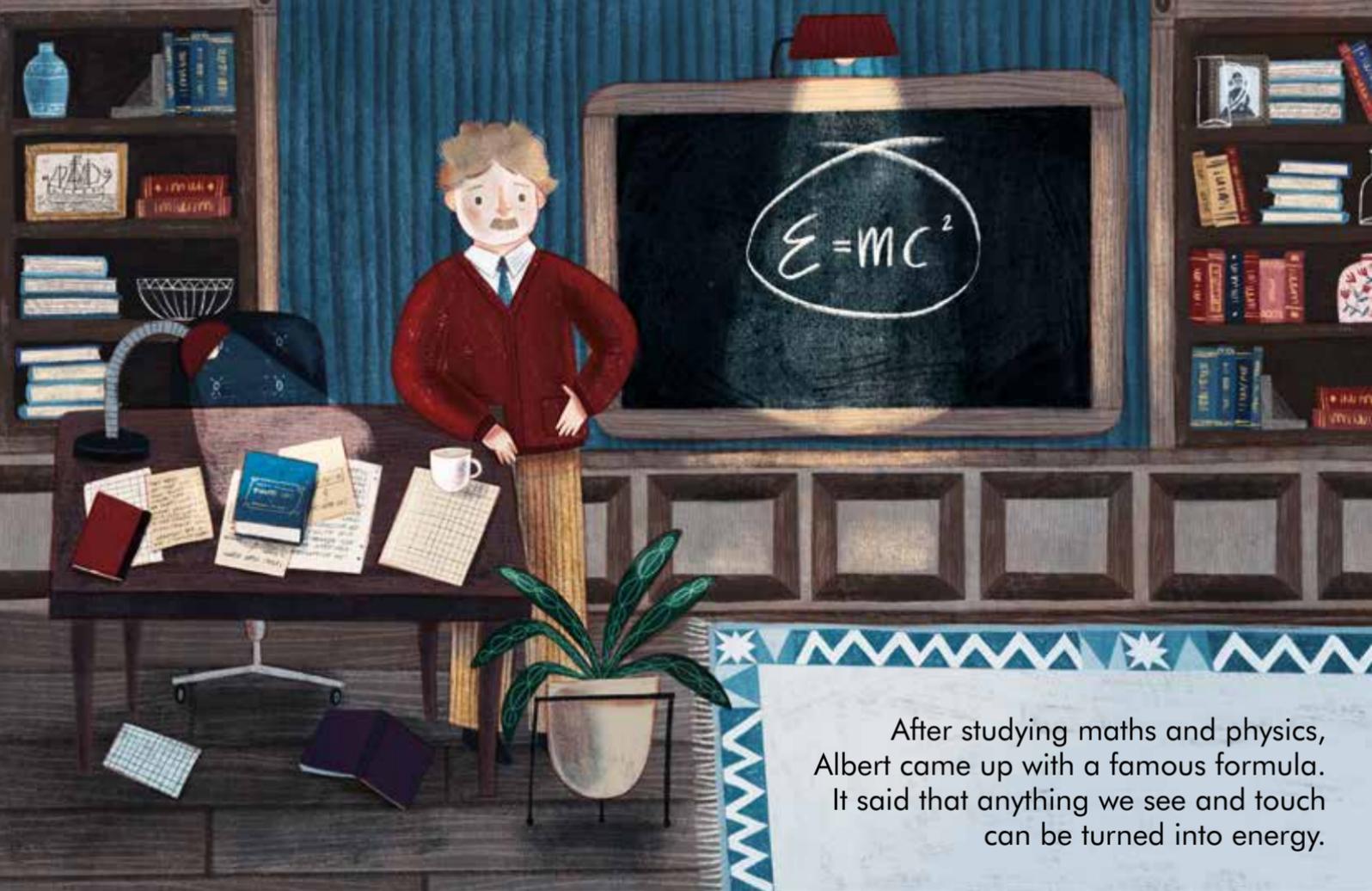


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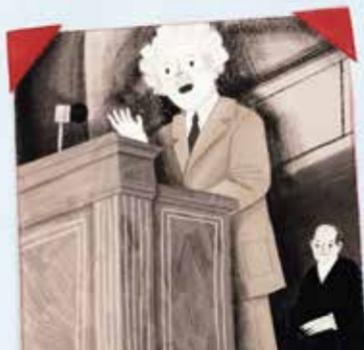
Little Albert was a Jewish boy born in Germany. It took him a long time to say his first word, but he wrote his first scientific paper when he was just a teenager.



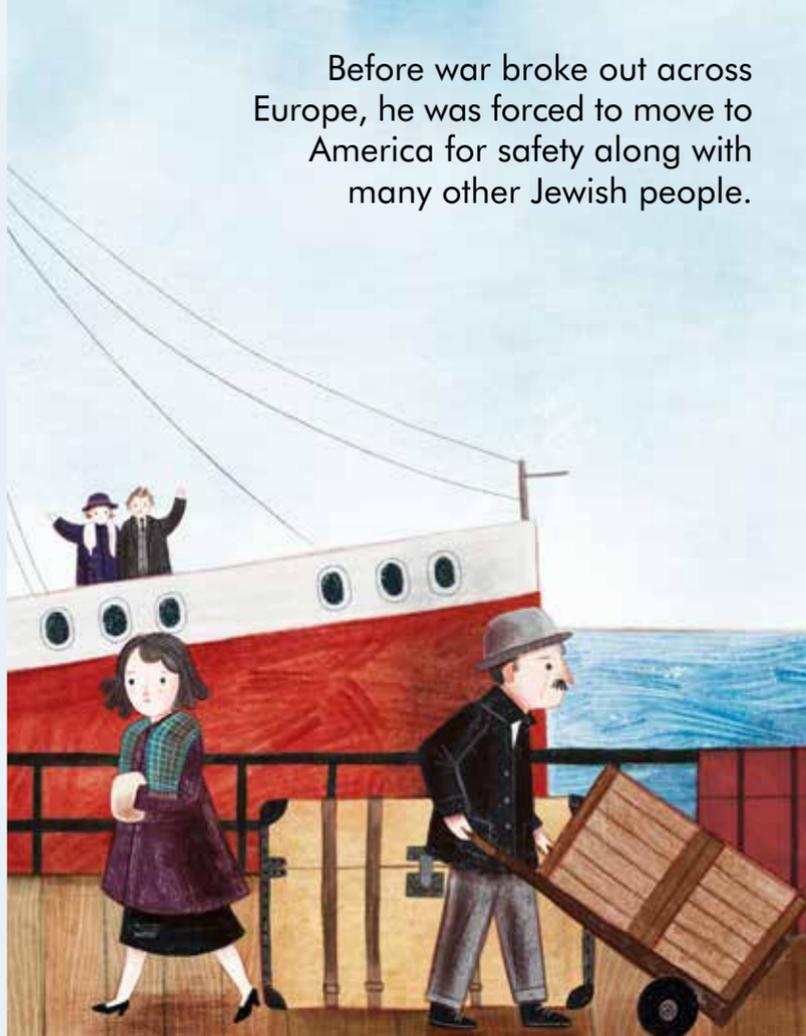
$$E=mc^2$$

After studying maths and physics, Albert came up with a famous formula. It said that anything we see and touch can be turned into energy.

Next, Albert turned physics upside down with his Theory of Relativity. Hoping his work would be used to do good, he met many other scientists.



Before war broke out across Europe, he was forced to move to America for safety along with many other Jewish people.



Albert stood for world peace  
and thought science should  
only be used for good.



And by always choosing his own path,  
little Albert became one of the most  
original minds of the 20th century –  
a genius who knew imagination is  
more important than knowledge.



Try these outdoor activities to feel Earth's natural forces.

1. Jump in the air. Can you feel gravity pulling you down?
2. Lift your arms and spin around like a planet. How does it feel?
3. Run in a straight line. Notice how the air rushes past your face.



## Glossary

**Nobel Prize** – a special award given to people who have done something good for humankind

**Radium and Polonium** – these are two chemical elements. Elements can't be broken down and are the building blocks for everything in the universe

**Energy** – how things change and move

**Theory of Relativity** – an explanation of how space relates to time and how gravity works

## Reading Tips

### Top tips to help families discover the magic of reading

Books are magical. You can learn interesting things about incredible and inspiring people who have achieved their dreams. When families read stories together, the possibilities are endless.

### Here are some top tips from the National Literacy Trust to help families bring stories to life at home:

- Make story time fun by using different voices for characters and acting out your favourite parts.
- When it comes to selecting books for your child, follow their interests. If they want to find out more about the world, then there are lots of books packed full of facts.
- Pick books about things your child is interested in. Whether they love dinosaurs, ballet or football, there's a story for every child to enjoy.
- Stories come in all shapes and sizes, from books and comics to magazines and newspapers. All reading counts so get exploring.
- Why not give audiobooks and storytelling videos a try? They can be really fun and are also great for children who aren't keen on reading.
- Make time to share stories as a family as often as you can. You could try reading a bedtime story together or listening to an audiobook on a car journey.

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