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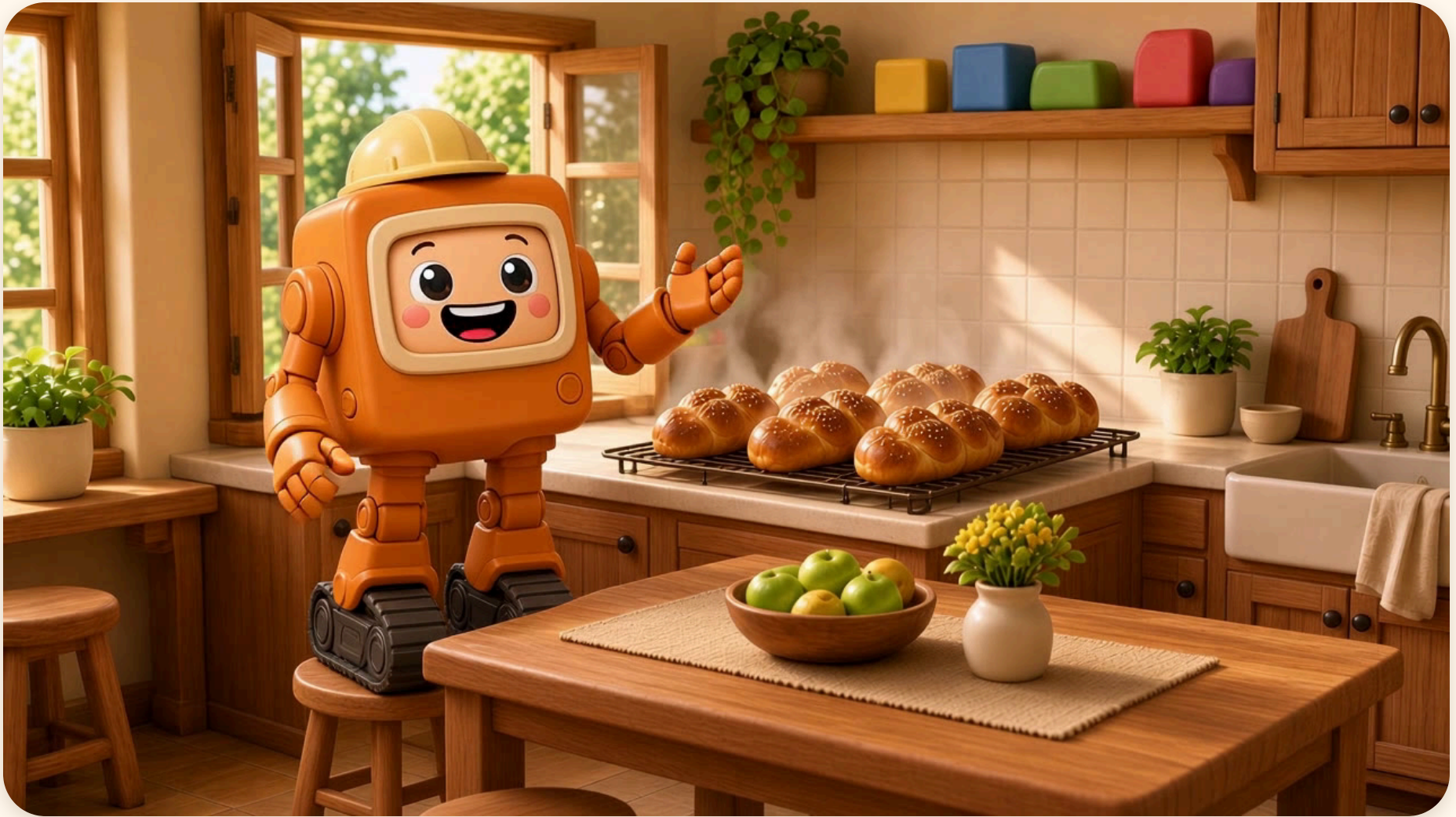
The Great Challah Comeback

A read-along picture book for ages 5–7

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Mrs. Chabot Shalom, friends! I'm Mrs. Chabot. Tonight is Shabbat, and the whole neighborhood is coming for Shabbat dinner.



Pebbit

Ooh! What's that? It smells so yummy!

Stack

That's the challah we baked this morning, cooling by the window.



Trilla

Noodle ate the challah!

Stack

Every last crumb!



Pebbit

Is Noodle in trouble?

Mrs. Chabot

No, sweetheart. Noodle just smelled something good. Nobody is in trouble.



Mrs. Chabot But bread isn't food for dogs, and raw dough is never okay for them.

Widgely And next time, we'll keep the food covered, and up high!



Mrs. Chabot That's all right. There's still time before Shabbat. We'll make it again, together!



Mrs. Chabot Step one: knead the dough. Push, fold, and turn.

Stack Push, fold, and turn. Brick by brick! I mean, bit by bit!



Mrs. Chabot Step two: before we shape the dough, we separate challah.

Reb Chabot Today, we take off a small piece, and we don't eat it. It reminds us that what we have isn't only for us.

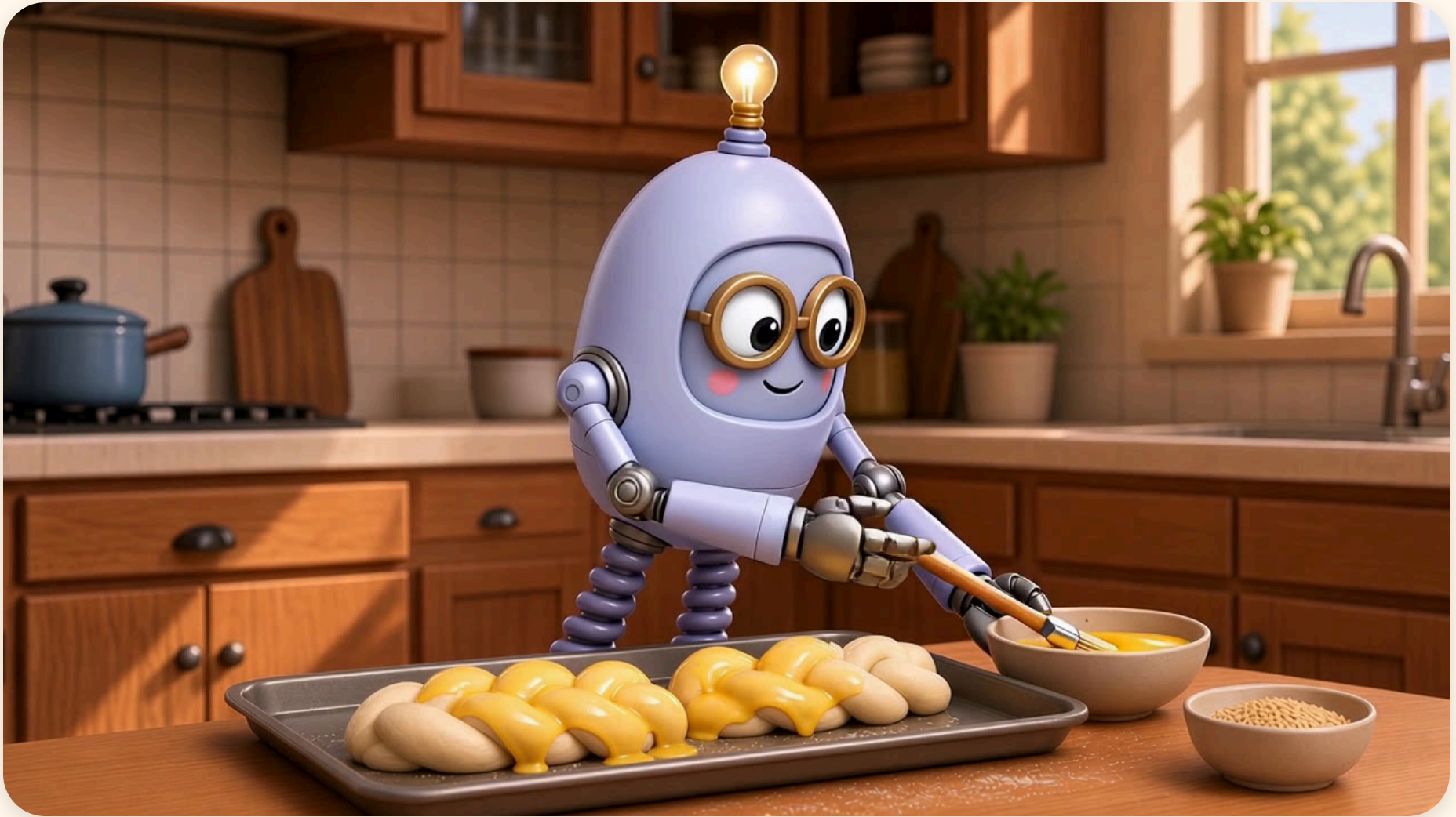


Mrs. Chabot This is challah. A grown-up wraps it in foil, and burns it in the oven. Nobody eats it, not even Noodle!



Mrs. Chabot Step three: the braid! Roll three long ropes, and pinch the tops together.

Trilla Right over the middle. Left over the middle. It's like a dance!



Mrs. Chabot

Step four: brush on egg, for a golden shine.

Widgely

And sesame seeds on top!

Stack

Remember: only grown-ups use the oven.



Pebbit Look! Noodle is waiting so nicely!

Mrs. Chabot Good boy, Noodle. And this time, the challah cools covered, and up high.



Pebbit

Ooh! What is Shabbat, anyway?

Reb Chabot

Hashem made the world in six days, and on the seventh day, He rested.

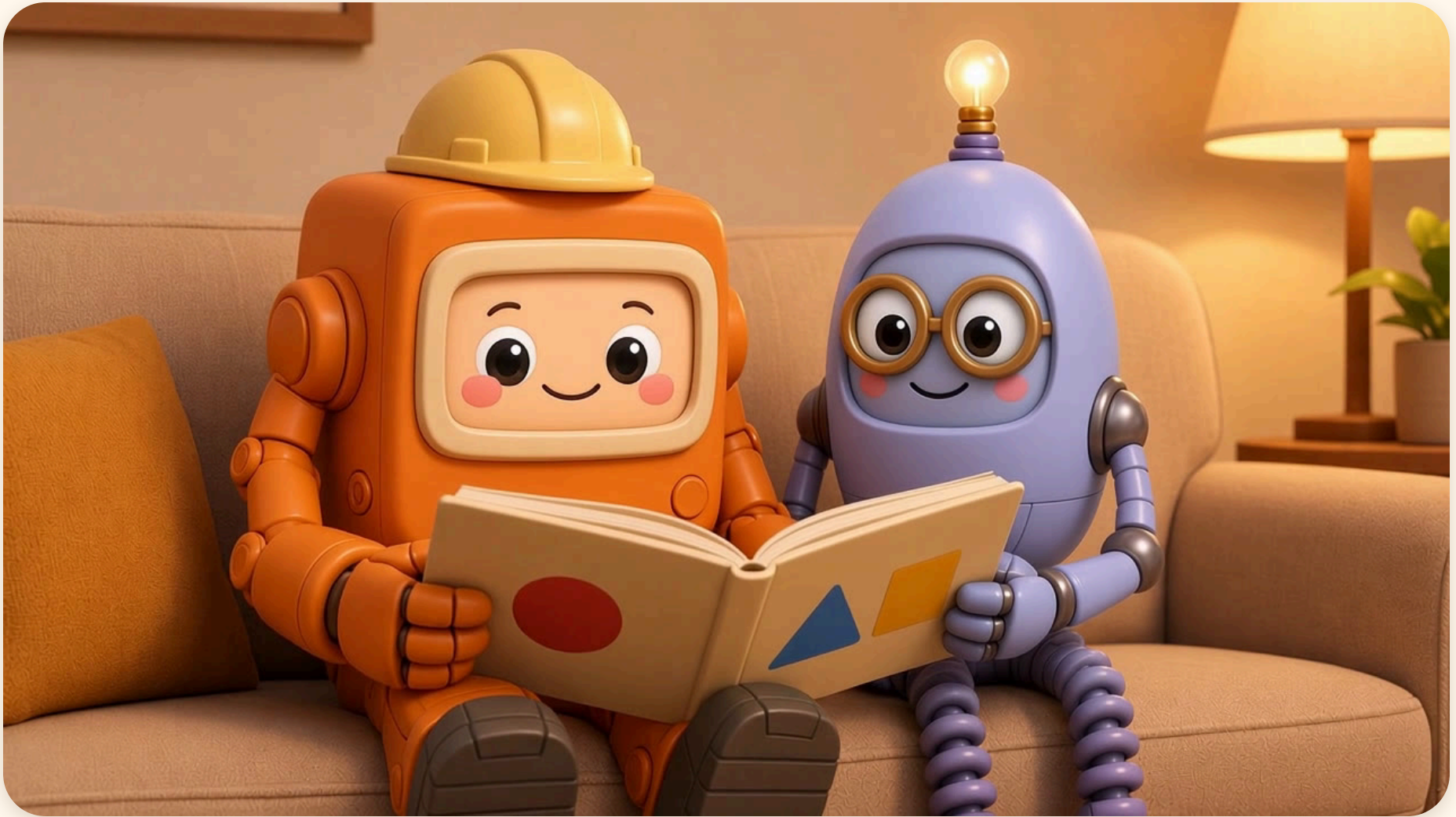


Reb Chabot So every week, Shabbat is a special day of rest. It starts on Friday, just before sundown, and ends on Saturday night, when the stars come out.



Mrs. Chabot Before sunset on Friday, women and girls light the Shabbat candles. Tonight, I lit two.

Reb Chabot On the table, we put two challahs, under a cover.



Mrs. Chabot On Shabbat, we take a break from work, and from phones and screens.

Widgely So there's more time for family, friends, and stories!



Mrs. Chabot Thank you for baking with me, my bakers.
Bye, Noodle!

Everyone Shabbat Shalom!

Can you remember?

Point to the answer, or circle it!

Who gobbled up the challah cooling by the window?



Noodle the puppy



A little bird

How many long ropes do we braid?



Three



Six

When does Shabbat start?



Friday, just before sundown



Monday morning

Answers: Noodle the puppy · Three · Friday, just before sundown



You did it!

Widgely Knead it, separate challah, braid it, and brush on egg.

Pebbit Next time you bake challah, ask a grown-up to help!

I am a Challah Baker!

Name: _____

For grown-ups: Next time you bake challah, ask a grown-up to help! Keep food covered and up high, and remember that only grown-ups use the oven. Bread and raw dough aren't food for dogs.

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