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This is the story of Emily Sue,

Who was never quite sure
what she should do.





Though Emily Sue
was good
and was kind...

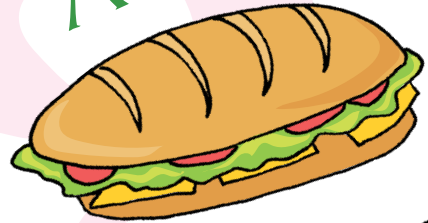


She never could seem to make up her mind.

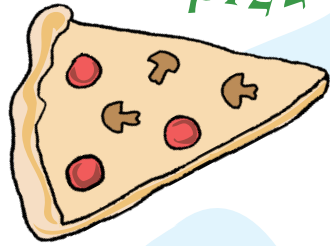


When they went to lunch, her Mom would say,
“What would you like to have today?”

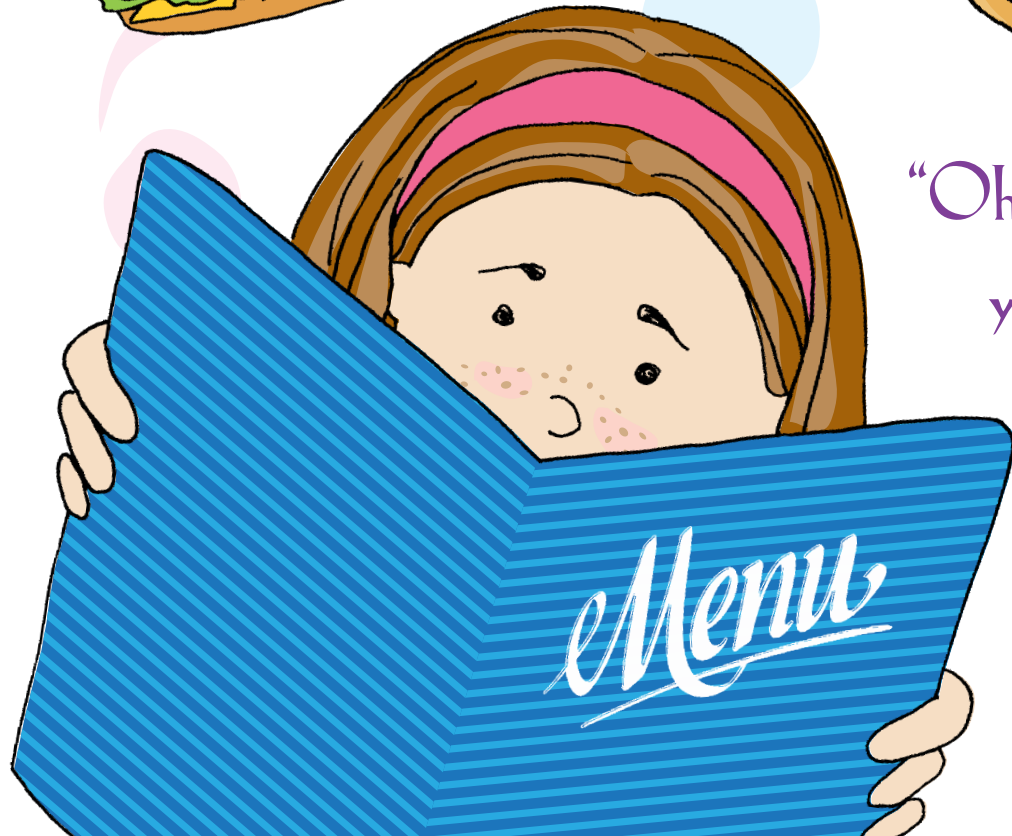
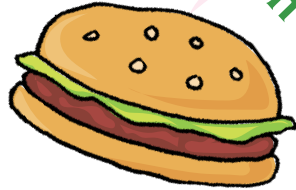
“A hoagie...”



some pizza...



a burger for me?”



“Oh Mom,
you choose!
I can't, don't
you see?”

When shopping for clothes or a new pair of shoes,
Poor Emily Sue simply never could choose.

Pink? Purple? Orange? Green? Red - maybe blue?



“Oh, somebody pick. I don't know what to do!”

Emily Sue and her friends had a lemonade stand.
They worked together and planned and planned.

The lemonade was made
by Anna and Kerrie



And the cookies were
baked by Emily Sue
and Sherry.



There were still more things for the girls to do.
Choosing a charity was up to Emily Sue.



Help homeless dogs and cats,
puppies and kittens?



Supplies for school...



...or the local soup kitchen?



So many charities could use a donation.

She could not decide and this led to frustration.



Emily Sue's indecision felt like
a **CURSE!**

It was not getting better,
it was just getting **WORSE!!**



One Halloween night after Trick or Treat
Emily Sue could not decide
what to eat.

Candy corn, gummies,
or a big popcorn ball?

Not sure what to pick,
so she just ate it all.

Later that night, Emily Sue felt sick.

“Oh, Mommy! Oh, Daddy!
Please come here quick!”



“My tummy is full and I have an ache.
Is there some medicine that I can take?”



“Oh dear.....”
Mom said as she
felt Emily Sue’s head.
She gave her some medicine
and put her to bed.

Mom blew a kiss as
she stood by the door.
Then she saw wrappers
all over the floor.

“Did you eat your whole
Halloween
stash?”

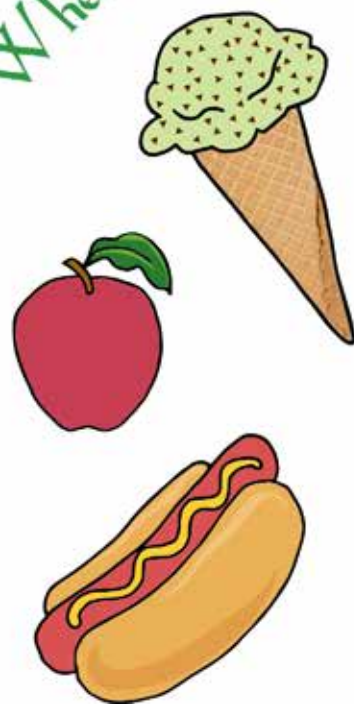
Mom asked, as she knelt down
to pick up the trash.



“Yes, I’m sorry, but I couldn’t decide,”
moaned Emily Sue as she lay on her side.

“Sweetie, you need to learn how to choose...”

Whether it’s food,



a dress or



even some shoes.”



“I wish that I could but I don’t know why
it’s so hard to doI promise I’ll try.”



I wish....I wish....I wish....



A good fairy came the very next day.
Who was this new friend? Was she here to play?

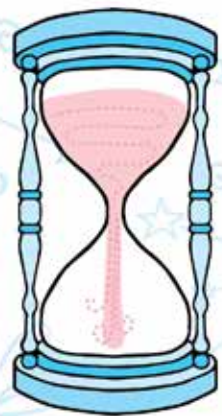
The fairy fluttered her wings
and told Emily Sue,

“You’ve been a
good girl so I have
something for you.”



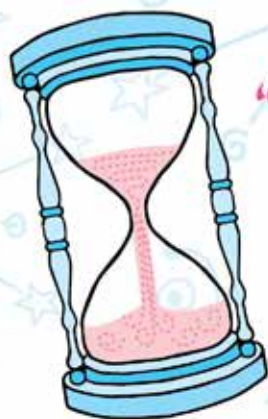
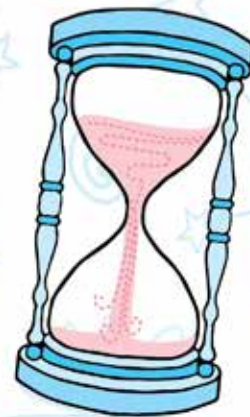
*“You may have three wishes,
but there is a trick.*

*You have only three minutes,
so right away, quick!”*



*“A new game, an art set?
I don’t have a clue.*

*What should I ask for?”
And the fairy said, “Two.”*



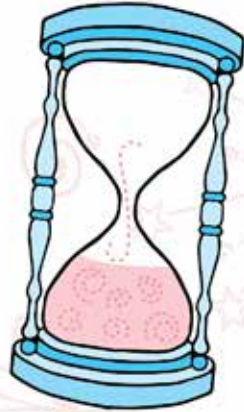
*“Some ice skates, a new
bike or something else fun?*

*I don’t know what to do...”
and the fairy said, “One.”*

"It's been two minutes? The time's almost done?
I still can't decide!"

None.

And the fairy
said, "None."



Oh, Emily Sue, how she cried and cried. 
She stood up straight and swallowed her pride.

"Please give me a wish." she tearfully pled.
The fairy smiled and nodded her head.



Emily Sue took a deep breath and said, "I find
that I want to know how to make up my mind."

Impressed as she was by this lofty request,
The fairy smiled and once again nodded yes.



"Thank you so much!"
Emily Sue squealed with delight.

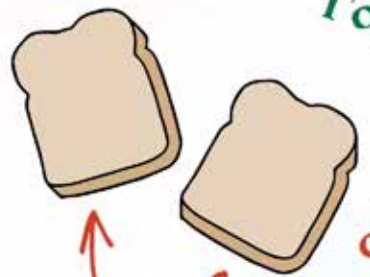


Oh my!

She jumped around and
hugged the fairy tight.



The next morning, Emily Sue
jumped out of bed.
She ran to the closet
and picked out the red.



For breakfast, what she wanted the most
was orange juice and
cherry jelly on toast.



The days became shorter as the weeks went by.

When faced with a choice,

Emily Sue was less shy.

Autumn became winter and down came the snow.

Spring arrived and the

flowers started to grow.



Making choices had been hard for Emily Sue,
but as the seasons changed, her confidence grew.

Summer time came and
the weather was **HOT!!**

Emily Sue had
a wonderful thought.....



"Hey! Let's have another lemonade stand!"

The girls all agreed and each lent a hand.

DONATIONS
FOR THE
PET
SHELTER



They baked the cookies
and mixed the lemonade.

The pet shelter would
get the money they made.

A whole year had passed since the Halloween ache.

Eating all her candy was
a **BIG** mistake.



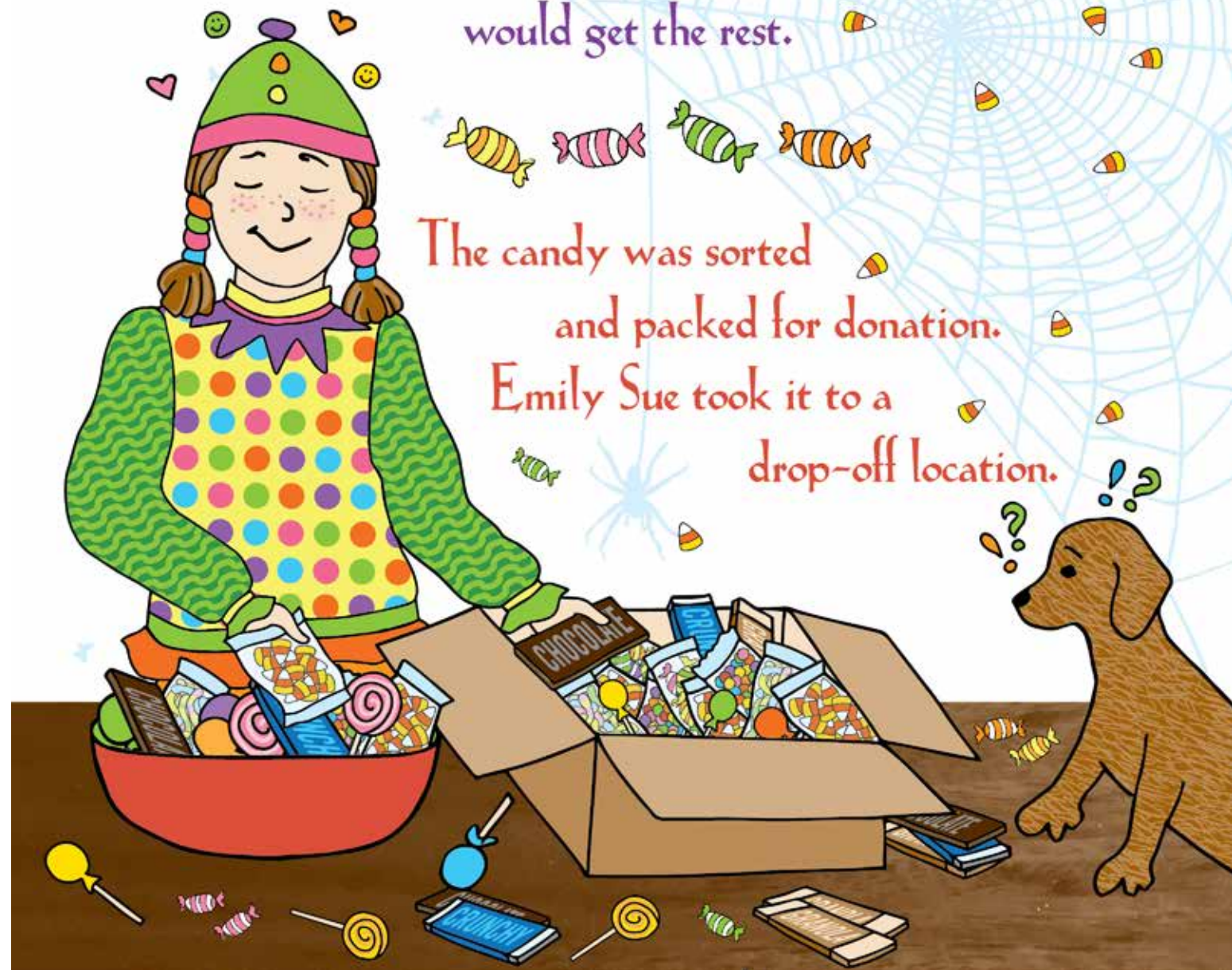
So, this year, Emily Sue had decided
that all of her candy would be divided.



She kept some candy that she liked the best.

First responders and troops
would get the rest.

The candy was sorted
and packed for donation.
Emily Sue took it to a
drop-off location.



After Halloween the good fairy returned.
She asked Emily Sue what lesson she learned.



"I guess that I learned how
to make up my mind.

The extra wish that
you gave was
very kind."

"Oh, I did not help you, Emily Sue.
You did not need me,
you just needed **YOU!**"



"**ME?** You mean
this whole time
all I needed was
ME?"

But you granted my wish,
so how can that be?"



She thought for a moment and then it made sense.

“What I need to have is more confidence!”

The good fairy agreed with Emily Sue.

“Remember to believe in what **YOU** can do.”

She looked at the fairy and nodded her head.

“Thank you for everything,”

Emily Sue said.

“You are welcome, my dear...
and now I must fly.”

She blew lots of kisses as
she waved good-bye.



The End.

It can be hard to decide what to do....
...and this was a problem for Emily Sue.



A craft, a puzzle, or play outside?
Sometimes she simply could not decide.

Then one day, from out of the blue,
A new friend came to see Emily Sue.

There must be a reason for this surprise visit.

Emily Sue pondered...

"I wonder...what is it?!"

