

Chapter 8

At the lake that afternoon, the kids ran up and down the forest path testing flashlights and whistles. After many tests, they finally found a whistle and flashlight that worked on their invention. They cheered.

Kai and Grace handed Ron a small green flashlight.

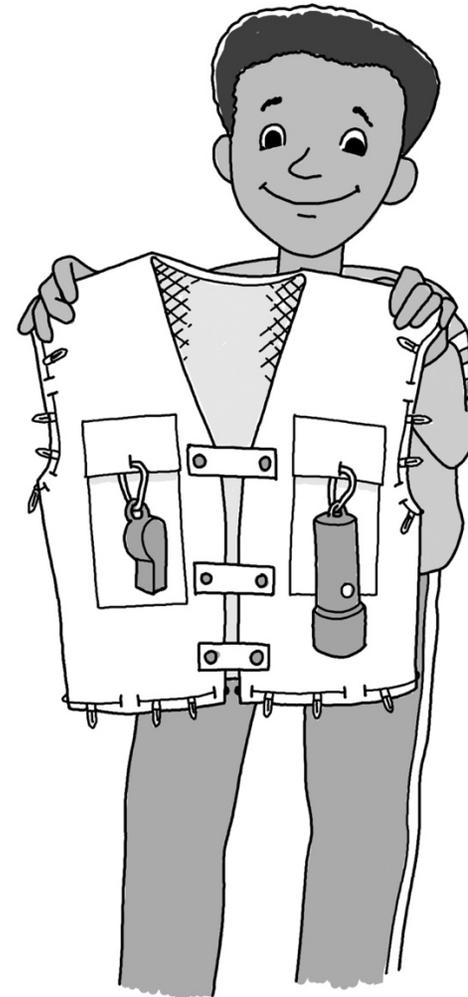
"This flashlight is bright enough, but not too heavy. It is easy to turn on and off," said Kai.

"And this whistle is loud enough to be heard from deep inside the forest path," said Niko.

"Great! Now we just have to find a way to clip them to the vest," said Ron. "I think we can use the big rings at the end of the flashlight and whistle to hook them to the vest."

Ron placed big clips on the two pockets at the bottom of the vest. He then attached the flashlight and whistle to the pocket clips.

"That works! And it looks great. We did it!" cheered the friends.



Odie buzzed the lake and wrote,

To keep kids safe, you made a vest,
Persistence led to your success.

"We're almost done!" said Viv. "We have to see if the HikeSafe vest works. We have to answer two important questions. Will the vest help us to find little kids when they are lost on the forest path? Will the vest help little kids to find their way out of the path?"

"We're in luck! Look who's coming," said Ron.

The kids looked up to see Ranger Randi walking toward them with Ron's mom and Daisy.

"Hi Mom, what are you doing here?" asked Ron.

"Daisy and I ran into Ranger Randi and she told us that she was coming here today to help you kids with your invention," she said. "Daisy and I came to see if we can help."

"We have to test our invention to see if it works. Do you want to help us Daisy?" asked Ron.

"Sure, but I'm a little afraid to go into the forest by myself," Daisy said.

"Don't worry, Daisy. Mom will be with you the whole time," said Ron.

"Can I watch you test your vest?" asked Ranger Randi.

"Sure," said the kids.

Viv led Ranger Randi and the group to the edge of the forest path. Ron put the vest on his sister, Daisy. "How does that feel?" he asked her.

"Great! This is so cool," giggled Daisy.

Ron looked at Daisy and said, "Walk all the way to the end of the forest path with Mom and pretend that you are lost. We'll pretend that we are looking for you."