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*To our future leaders...  
who are learning how to  
make great compromises!  
~Love, Julia*

Illustrated by **Kyle Merriman**    Written by **Julia Cook**

## The Great Compromise

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My name is  
**Cora June.**





My favorite food is spaghetti.  
My favorite color is **BLUE**.  
My favorite game is dodge ball.  
And I **love** to go to the

**ZOO!**   






*I'm a pretty happy person  
when things are going my way.  
But today, I'm super grumpy,  
because I'm having a  
**VERY bad day.***

On Friday, our class is having a **FANTASTIC FLAVOR FEAST!**

We get to work in pairs and make our favorite food at home, and then bring it to class and give everyone a taste.

I got paired up with Wilson.

An illustration of a young girl with brown hair in a ponytail, wearing a blue dress, and a young boy with dark skin and short hair, wearing a pink long-sleeved shirt and blue pants. They are standing on a blue carpeted floor in a room with a white wall and a window. The girl is leaning forward slightly, and the boy is pointing his right index finger towards her. There are colorful items hanging on the wall behind them, including a penguin-shaped bag.

**“Let’s do spaghetti!”**

**“No, I want tacos!”**

**“But spaghetti is my favorite food!”**

**“Well, tacos are my favorite food.”**

**“Spaghetti!!!”**

**“Tacos!!!”**

**“Spaghetti!!!”**

**“Tacos!!!!”**



“Cora June and Wilson, you are just going to have to learn how to compromise!”



At recess, I wanted to play  
dodge ball, but Wilson  
tried to talk everybody  
into playing soccer.

***“Dodge ball is  
better... It’s FAST, and  
it’s so much more fun!”***

***“No it’s not! If you get  
hit by the ball, you’re out...  
and then you’re DONE!”***

**“Dodge BALL!”**

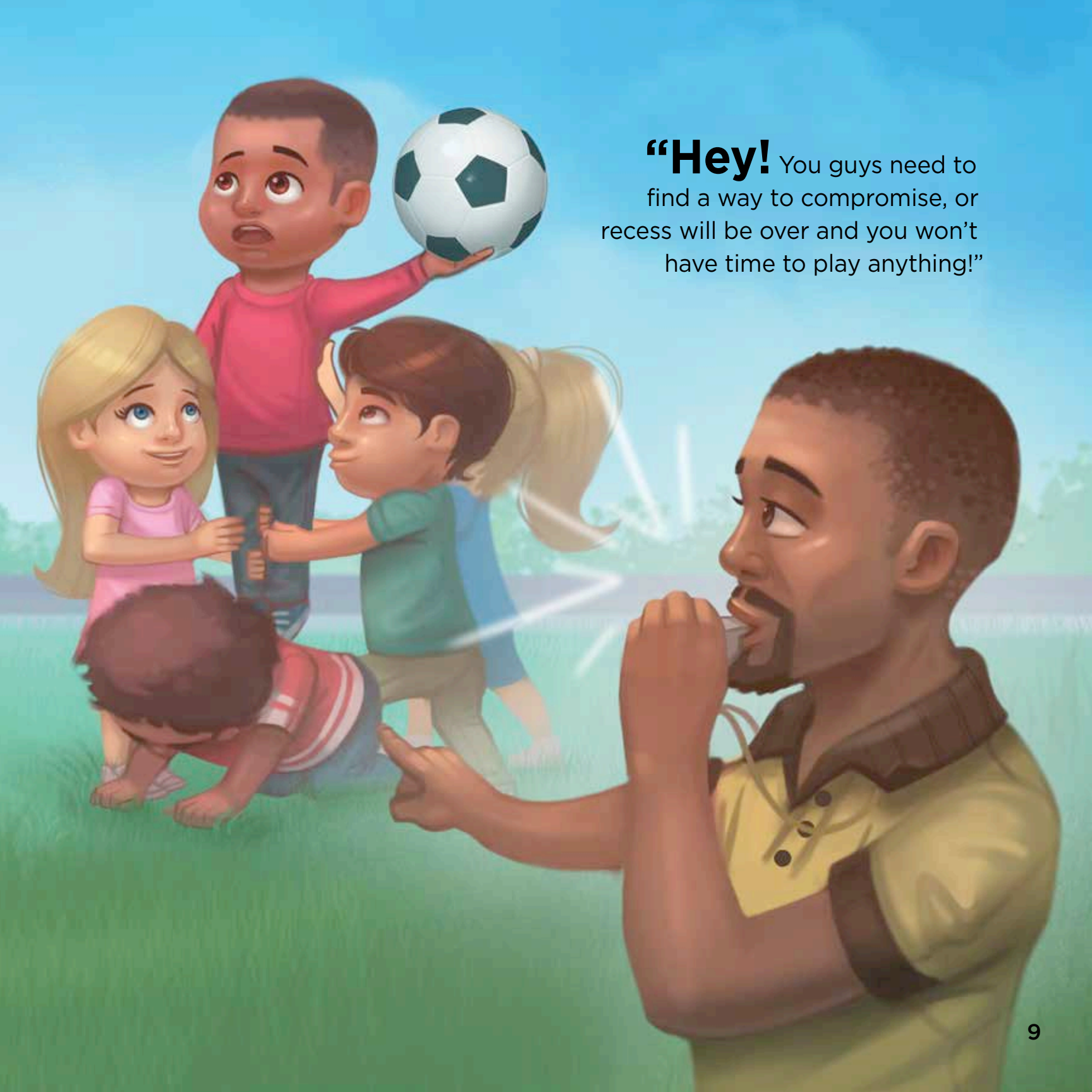
**“Soccer!”**

**“Dodge BALL!”**

**“Soccer!”**





An illustration of a man with a beard and a yellow polo shirt talking to a group of children on a grassy field. The man is on the right, gesturing with his hands. The children are on the left, looking towards him. One boy is holding a soccer ball. The background shows a clear blue sky and a green field.

**“Hey!** You guys need to find a way to compromise, or recess will be over and you won’t have time to play anything!”

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## When it comes to knowing what she wants, Cora June is on top of it! Cora June knows.

Where to go on the class trip? Cora June has an idea! But when classmate Wilson challenges Cora June's insistence on certain things, the two butt heads and create chaos in the classroom.

**It's time they learn how to COMPROMISE.**

With help from their teacher, Cora June and Wilson are introduced to different ways to compromise - and are even encouraged to come up with some on their own! Will these two leaders-in-the-making learn this very important skill? Find out in the next hilarious - and relatable - story in *The Leader I'll Be!* book series by award-winning education and parenting expert Julia Cook.



“Mrs. Cook has once again tapped into a vital skill our future leaders must possess with a story that appeals to students! *The Great Compromise* teaches the art (and importance) of compromise to children. The tips for parents and educators are sure to encourage the development of students who can successfully compromise!”

– Kimberly Hall, Elementary School Librarian



JULIA COOK, a former educator and school counselor, has written many books for children and teachers, including the popular page-turners *I Just Don't Like the Sound of No!*, *Making Friends Is an Art!*, and *The Worst Day of My Life EVER!* Her activity guides for teachers offer classroom-ready fun to reinforce the life lessons shared in her storybooks. Among her many awards, Julia has received the *Association for Educational Publishers Distinguished Achievement Award*, and her books have been honored by The National Parenting Center, Mom's Choice Awards, and Teachers' Choice Awards.

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