

"Good morning boys and girls. I have something very exciting to show you today." said Ms. Martin All of the kids sat down on their spot on the carpet.

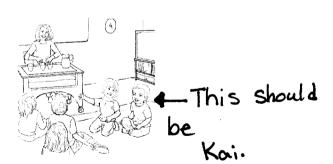


In front of Ms. Martin the kids saw three white cups and a pitcher of water.

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Ms. Martin said, "I am going to pour some water into one cup. Then I will move the cups around. Keep your eye on the cup with the water."



Ms. Martin poured some water into the middle cup. "This is going to be easy. I'm good at stuff like this." said Kai.

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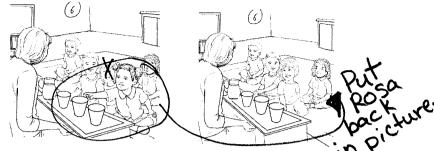
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Ms. Martin carefully moved the cups around. At first she moved them slowly, then she moved them faster. She put all the cups down.

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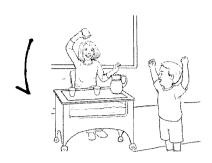
"You're both wrong." said Jose
"It's cup number two."
"I don't know where it is. I lost track of it." said Olivia sadly.



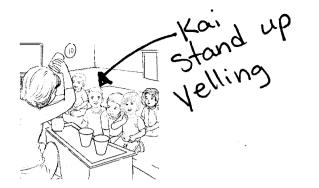
"Okay, who was paying attention? Do you know which cup has the water?" Rosa said, "I think it's the first cup." "No, it's the last cup." said Kai



"Okay let's find out." Ms. Martin reached for the first cup. She picked it up and turned the cup upside down over her head. Rosa's mouth dropped open.



Ms. Martin reached for the second cup. Jose was ready. "Do it!" he yelled
She turned the cup upside down over her head and nothing came out.



"I knew it!" yelled Kai

"I told you the water is in the third cup."

Ms. Martin turned the third cup upside down over her head and again nothing came out.

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"Wait, what? Where's the water?" asked Kai



"Oh the water is still in here. It just took on a different form. It is now a *solid*" said Ms. Martin Ms. Martin carefully shook the cup and something that looked like clear Jello fell out into her hand.



"This cup had some powder in it before I poured in the water. It's a super **absorbent polymer** powder that can hold 500-800 times its weight in water."



"So it absorbed the water almost immediately when I poured it in."

"Wow that's cool!" said Kai

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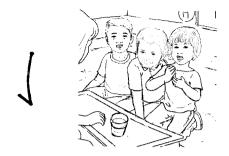


"And do you want to know something else? They put this water gel inside baby diapers too!" Ms. Martin held up a clean baby diaper "Ew!" said Jose



"It is a brand new diaper Jose, but if we cut into it, we can see the powder inside."

Ms. Martin took her scissors and cut open the diaper carefully, shaking the powder into a cup.



"No way!" said Jose
"That's amazing!" exclaimed Olivia
"Can we try it?" asked Kai
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"Yes I will put this powder in the discovery area. You can add water to it to make the slush. Then we can spread the slush on this tray and spread it out. In a few weeks, it will be back to powder."

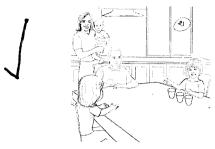


After school Olivia ran into her house and grabbed some of her brother Danny's diapers. Her older sister Felicity asked, "What are you doing Liv?"

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"I am going to show you a science experiment." said Olivia excitedly "Everybody come here." Olivia set up her three cups on the kitchen table.



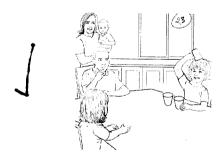
Mom was holding Danny in the kitchen. Olivia sat at the table across from Felicity and her dad.

She put out the three cups.



"Now I am going to put water in one cup. Keep your eyes on that cup." said Olivia
She poured water in one cup and moved the cups around.

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"Okay which cup has the water?" asked Olivia Everyone pointed to the second cup. Olivia grabbed the cup and turned it upside down over her head.

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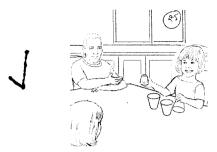
Her mom yelped, "No Olivia!"

But the water didn't spill out.

"How did you do that Liv?" asked dad

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"It's just a science experiment I learned about today."

She dumped the cup with the polymer slush into her dad's hand.

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"Maybe you will be a scientist when you grow up Olivia." said dad "I do want to be a scientist!" said Olivia 27

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"Where did you ge (it) from?" asked mom "Oh, I cut up Danny's diaper. Sorry." said Olivia "What?" said mom "Don't do that again without asking Olivia."

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