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and for Ammi – Y.H.

For Olivier, who is
always there – S.B.

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Abdullah's Bear Needs a Name!

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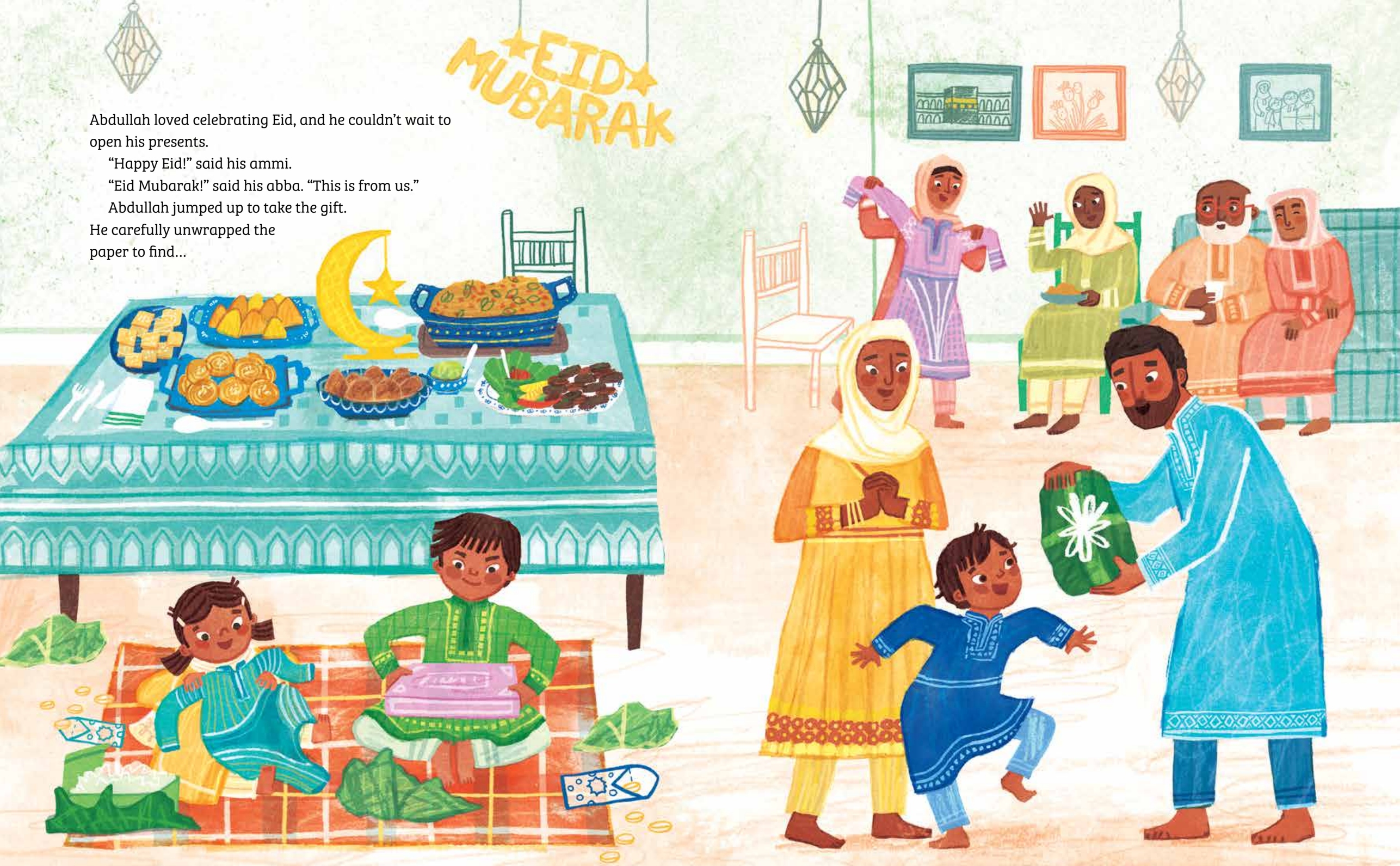
Abdullah loved celebrating Eid, and he couldn't wait to open his presents.

"Happy Eid!" said his ammi.

"Eid Mubarak!" said his abba. "This is from us."

Abdullah jumped up to take the gift.

He carefully unwrapped the paper to find...



...a brown bear that looked like it had been hugged many times.

"It was *my* bear growing up," said Abba, "and now it's yours."

"I love him!" Abdullah smiled. "What's his name?"

"Why don't you guess?" said Abba. "You'll know in your heart when you've found the right one."

"I think its name is Roger!" said Abdullah's older sister, Khadija.

"Maybe it's Humpty Dumpty," said his younger sister, Aisha.

"What about Hercules?" said his older brother, Ismail.

Abdullah shook his head. "Maybe it's a bear name, like Bertie."

But he knew in his heart that they hadn't found the right name yet.