



TRILOGY STORY I

# Oscar's party is canceled



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## Foreword by Serge Tisseron

In the crisis we are going through, there are frightening words that we have become accustomed to uttering without even realizing it: catastrophe, death, shortages... Not to mention the frightening images that appear on our screens, such as those of employees fully protected by suits that make them look like deep-sea divers, or those of supermarkets whose shelves are desperately empty. Our children see them, and they also hear us talking about our concerns.

So let's reach out to our children and reassure them. Let us highlight the heroism of hospital staff and the dedication of employees who brave danger to meet our basic needs, and let us remember to appreciate gestures of mutual aid, solidarity and empathy as much as possible.

And then, let's ask them how they understand what is happening, let's invite them to imagine what could happen, to draw a picture of how they perceive the situation. By inviting our children to tell us about their experiences, their fears and their hopes, we are not only inviting them to become sensitive to these experiences, we are also developing their imagination, their narrative and social skills.

In short, we want to encourage them to tune in to themselves, as Oscar's mother says, and also to us.

Happy family reading!



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They are best friends. Very best friends.  
Oscar and Zoe's families are also friends.  
They see each other every Wednesday afternoon  
and sometimes on Saturdays.  
This is when Oscar and Zoe play together.



They play board games, draw with chalk, and play pirates outside. They almost never fight.  
Oscar and Zoe are the same age.  
Well - Zoe is two days older.  
She never lets him forget that.



Oscar and Zoe were playing treasure hunt in the park. Oscar loved treasure hunts and was even having a pirate birthday party soon. Zoe scratched her head trying to understand Oscar's map. "Good luck Zoe, the treasure is really good!"

"A pirate sword?"

"Not telling you!"

"Gummy bears?"

"Not telling you!"

"I've got it! A football?"

"Not telling you!"

"Zoe, stop guessing and start looking!" He said, pointing.

Zoe zigged and zagged through the park using the map while Oscar shouted. "Hot, hotter! Colder - no, hotter, red hot!"

Suddenly Zoe saw something in the bushes.

"Found it!" She opened the bag and found two cookies.

The two of them plunked down in the grass to eat.

"I can't wait for your birthday party, Oscar!"



Just then two boys ran by them shouting, "School is out, school is out!" Oscar and Zoe jumped up and went to find out if the news was true. "Dad, is it true?" Oscar asked.

All the parents sitting on the bench were checking their phones. "I can't find any official information. I want to go home and talk to your mom. Let's go, kiddos."

"Is it because of the virus that is making people sick?" Oscar asked.

"I think so, I want to figure this out," his Dad said.

Oscar and Zoe were curious to see if school was canceled. They started skipping towards Oscar's home together.

On the way, Oscar looked at Zoe: "I think a cake that looks like a worm would be gooey goodness." He made a slurping sound as he pretended to eat the worm.

"Super idea, Oscar. A worm cake!" Zoe swirled.

When they got inside, they ran to Oscar's secret fort to talk more about the party.

"We need more treasure maps," Oscar noted.

"Oh and music. Pirate music," Zoe said.

"Can we have gummy bears the size of a teddy bear?"  
They both laughed.

"Maybe too much, Oscar." Zoe giggled again. "But I can make cookies for everyone?"



Just then Oscar's mom and dad came into the room.

"Can we join you in the fort?"

"Permission granted." Zoe bowed forward, inviting them in.

Oscar's big sister Lucy came running.

"Don't leave me out of this meeting."

Zoe's mom and dad calmly told them they had just checked the news and school had been canceled for a few weeks.

↗ "Look here. There is a website from the government that explains everything and we also had an email from the school director."

"Whaaaat?" Zoe and Oscar leaned over to look at the screen.

Oscar's mom continued to tell them that they all needed to stay home with family. "Oscar, we need to cancel your party."

"But mom, you promised!" Oscar burst into tears.





Oscar's mom and dad explained that they were sorry but that everyone needed to think of others and stay home because a lot of people were getting sick. Oscar's mom continued that **if everyone stayed home**, it would help keep people safe. !!!

"If we are home we can't pass the virus to others," she said. "Zoe, your mom is coming to get you."

"I don't get it. We have been planning and working so hard. It isn't fair!" Zoe cried out.

Oscar's dad gave Oscar a big cuddly bear hug and told him they could have the party later.

Oscar sniffled. "I guess my friends can come to my super pirate party when this virus is gone."

Lucy also put her arm around Oscar. "I can share my tablet with you so you can see your friends. Don't worry. We will find something special for your birthday."

"Really, Lucy, you will share with me?" Oscar looked up at his big sister.

"You bet ya, little bro! I will help you and Zoe play even though you can't be together."

"Can we send secret messages?" Zoe asked. "That could be fun!"

Oscar wiped his last tear away. "We will send messages to each other, talk on the phone and do treasure hunts anyway."

"We could even make cards and send them to each other!" Zoe exclaimed.







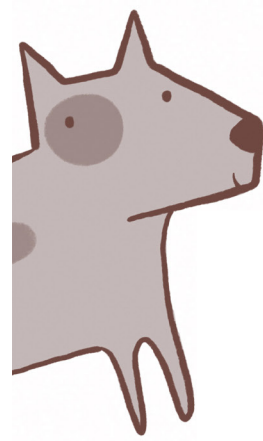
“We have lots of tools to help us over the next few weeks. We will figure this out.” Oscar’s dad smiled at them.

“How about one more cookie before your mom comes, Zoe?”

“Yummy!! Cookies are always a good idea!” Zoe and Oscar smiled.

“Oscar, let’s plan your party anyway. I like planning. I really want to have gummy bears as big as teddy bears.” The two of them giggled and ran to the kitchen to eat their cookies before their big goodbye.

- ✓ Oscar’s dad wants to check to see if a rumor is true. What is a rumor?
- ✓ How does Oscar’s Dad know that school is really being canceled?
- ✓ Oscar and Zoe are upset at first. What kind of things make you upset?
- ✓ What have you and your family canceled?
- ✓ Oscar and Zoe are very understanding when Oscar’s parents explain the party is being canceled. How are you being understanding and brave like Oscar and Zoe?
- ✓ Lucy said she would help with the tablet. What tools are you using to talk to family and friends?



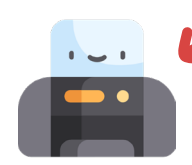
# Activities





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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday



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Make your own cookies...



## Chocolate Chip Cookies



- ♥ 1 cup of butter
- ♥ 3/4 cup sugar
- ♥ 3/4 cups brown sugar
- ♥ 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- ♥ 2 eggs

Mix these ingredients until creamy.

Add

- ♥ 2 1/4 cups flour
- ♥ 1 tsp. baking soda
- ♥ 1/2 tsp. salt

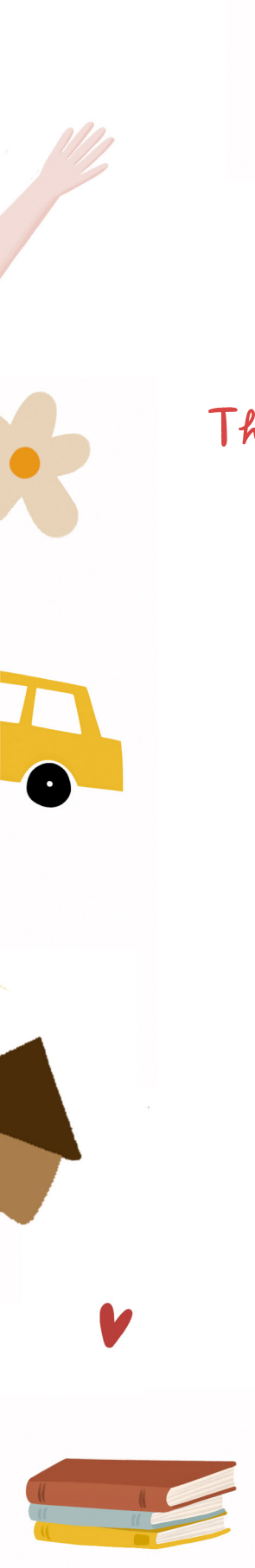
Add the flour mixture to the creamy butter mixture slowly.

Add 2 cups of chocolate chips. They can be milk or dark chocolate or a mix.

Use a spoon and drop little balls onto an ungreased cookie sheet and bake for 9-10 minutes at 375 °F / 190 °C.

Enjoy!





Oscar and Zoe will need to find activities to keep themselves busy. They already have some fun activities.

To have fun you can:

- \* build a fort,
- \* play "hot and cold",
- \* play "the floor is lava",
- \* play "Simon says",
- \* play guessing games like "touch and feel",
- \* draw or paint pictures,
- \* or make collages...

