

CHESWICK the CRAB AND THE SMART SUMMER



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**It was a wonderful, sunny day in
Ocean City, Maryland.**

**Children played in the warm sand and
splashed in the cool ocean.**

**Watching all the joy was
Cheswick, a young crab.**



**Suddenly, a wave swept over
Cheswick and knocked him over.
He was in BIG trouble!**

**The same wave hit Matthew, a
young man close to Cheswick's age.**

**The two landed next to
each another.**



**Matthew quickly turned
Cheswick over, saving his life!**

**Thankful for his kindness, the
two quickly
became the best of friends.**



While exploring Ocean City together, Matthew's kid brother Luke often tagged along.

One day, they were walking on Coastal Highway, a very busy road.

"Hold my hand when we cross and keep your eyes on the road!" said Matthew.



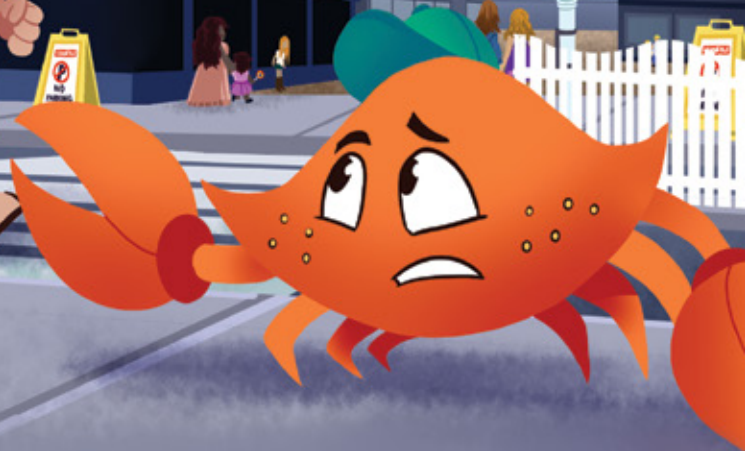
The three boys knew that being on vacation didn't mean a break from following the rules of the road. In fact, it is just as important on the beach as it is at home!

Cheswick often noticed that many walkers and drivers were not paying attention—and that spelled DANGER!



One day Luke was not paying attention.
He was so excited to show Cheswick
and Matthew the boardwalk,
he darted into the road.

He forgot to push the CROSS
button and wait for
the WALK signal.



**Seeing a large car coming their way,
Cheswick acted quickly.**

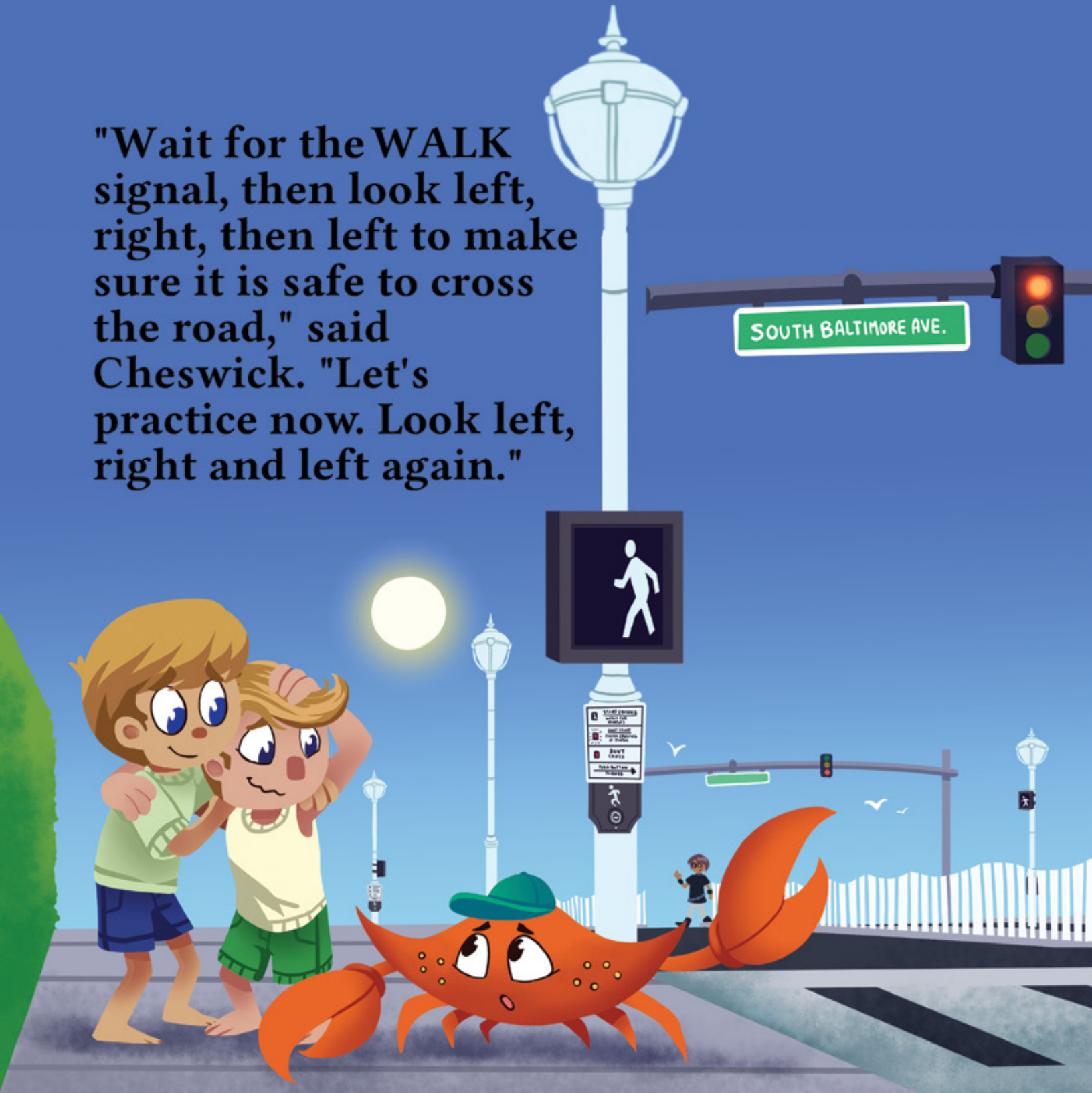
**As fast as he could, he clamped
his claw around Luke's leg
and dragged him back to the
sidewalk. The car had just
missed both of them!**



Cheswick reminded Luke to always press the WALK button and wait for the WALK signal to give the all clear.

"Never cross when there's a STOP pedestrian signal," said Matthew.

"Wait for the WALK signal, then look left, right, then left to make sure it is safe to cross the road," said Cheswick. "Let's practice now. Look left, right and left again."



Seeing this danger, Cheswick decided to spend more time on Coastal Highway informing walkers, drivers and bicyclists to...

**WALK SMART,
DRIVE SMART,
and
BIKE SMART!**



Sometimes, instead of walking on Coastal Highway, Cheswick, Matthew and Luke enjoyed biking around Ocean City.

From his basket on Matthew's bike, Cheswick realized that it was also important to **BIKE SMART.**



All three friends always wore helmets, and when they rode at night with their dad, they attached lights on their bikes.



"See and be seen," said Cheswick. "We need to make sure we are visible by wearing light or reflective clothes, and placing lights on our bikes."



One day a car came by—it was too close and nearly brushed Cheswick out of his basket!

"Hey! We need to tell drivers to remember to give bicyclists three feet of space."

They started telling parents to **DRIVE SMART!** Never use cell phones while driving, slow down and stay alert for people walking or biking.



The end of the summer was near, and that meant back to school for Matthew and Luke and back to the ocean for Cheswick.

The two best friends shared a tight hug before saying goodbye!




On his patrol, Captain Aaron, the head of the Ocean City Beach Patrol, saw Cheswick. Cheswick looked very sad.



"What's wrong?" asked Aaron.

"I miss my friends, Matthew and Luke," said Cheswick. "And I miss traveling with them both around Ocean City."



A cartoon illustration of a young man with dark skin and short black hair. He is smiling and looking towards the right. He is wearing a white tank top with red text and graphics. The text on the tank top reads "OCEAN CITY" at the top, "BEACH" on the left, "MARYLAND" at the bottom, and "PATRI" on the right. There is a graphic of a pair of crossed pencils in the center. He is holding a black stethoscope around his neck with his right hand. The background is a solid light blue color. In the bottom right corner, there is a green cap and an orange shape, possibly representing a beach or a hat.

Aaron smiled. "I think I have the perfect job for you! I need a special lifeguard to look over Coastal Highway and keep people safe walking and biking."

"Can you help?"

Cheswick nodded with happiness! "Yes!" he said.

**With his official lifeguard hat and whistle,
Cheswick took his new job teaching
everyone he met the rules of the road!**



Each summer, Cheswick and Matthew would meet up again as a team to resume their friendship and remind everyone in Ocean City to...

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