

Down on Mollyfarm

Discover how Amy and Harry
have learned to live comfortably
with MoliMed and MoliCare Mobile



Mary and Alan have three children, Harry, Robert and Amy. Harry is the youngest and his brain was damaged when he was born 9 years ago. He is a happy boy but not in full control of his body or able to talk as well as some children. He uses crutches to help him walk but he still manages to get about very well.



Harry

Amy

Robert

Tiger

Mary

Harry is a very special boy and his family love him very much.



Robert is a year older and enjoys sports. Nan and Nell, the farm dogs often chase his football. Robert likes to be around the farm especially at milking time when his father brings the cows in. He says he would like to be a farmer too when he leaves school.

Amy, being the oldest at 11, injured her back in a car accident and has to use a wheelchair. She often helps her mother in the farmhouse kitchen and also reads stories to Harry because he finds it hard to read. Amy has her own pet, a cat called Tiger.

This is a happy and special family.

Harry
Alan

Nan

Nell

One day during the summer holidays, there was quite a storm with thunder and lightning. Robert decided they should go to their den in the barn, as mum was busy in the kitchen making jam from the last of the strawberries. Amy had helped to sort the fruit and place it in the large copper preserving pan, and now there was nothing else to do.

Harry was playing with one of his toy cars and was a bit fed up looking at the rain, so he was very pleased when Robert said, "Let's go to the den."



Across the farmyard they went, Amy leading the way in her wheelchair. Robert told Harry to take care as the ground was slippery for his crutches. Once they were all inside the barn the rain outside was soon forgotten. They looked amongst the toys and games in the den for something to play with.



“I know,” said Amy, “let’s play with Harry’s train set.” Robert suddenly decided he needed the loo. “Back in a tick,” he shouted as he ran back to the farmhouse. “I wish we knew when we needed the loo,” said Amy quietly. Harry nodded in agreement.

“When I was in hospital the doctor explained why I don’t know when I need to wee. It must be the same for you too, Harry. Would you like me to explain?”





Harry nodded.

He felt
comfortable in
his MoliCare Mobile pull-up briefs

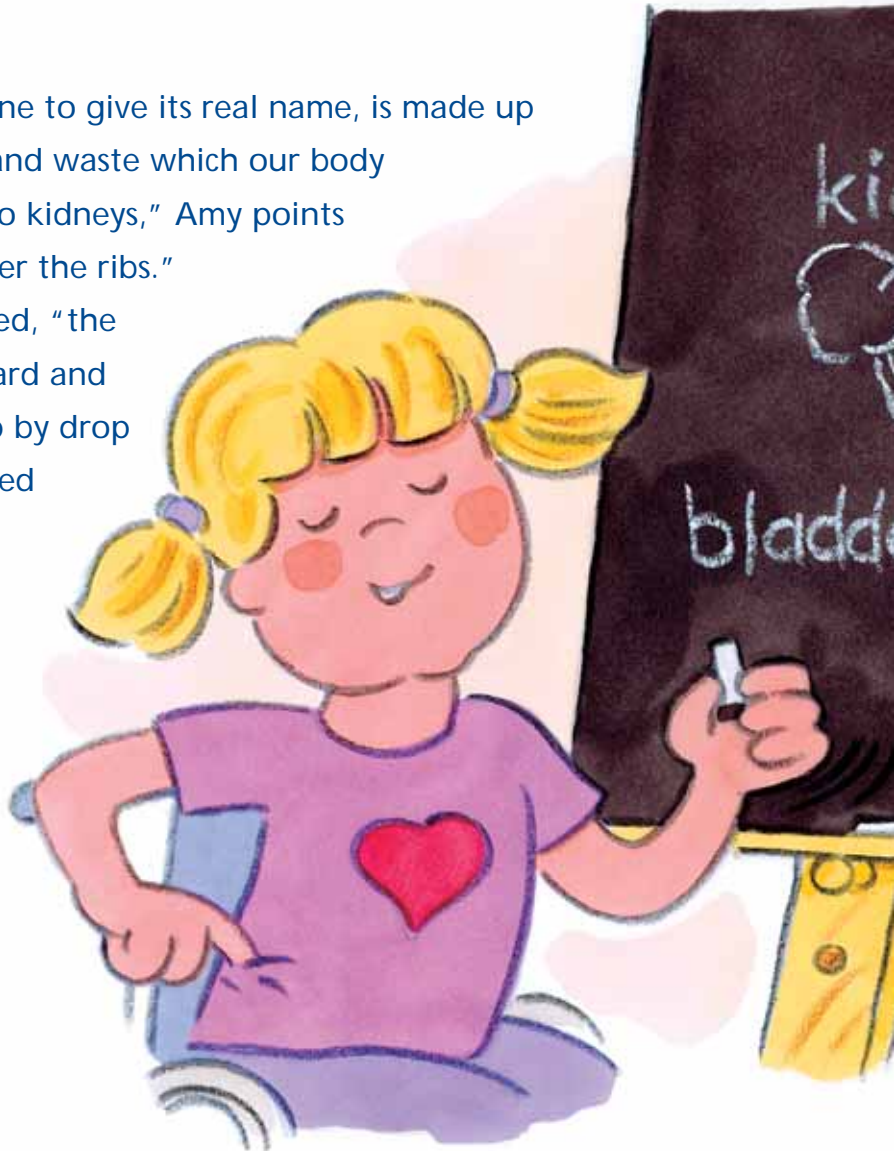
but why didn't he know when to go to the loo like Robert?

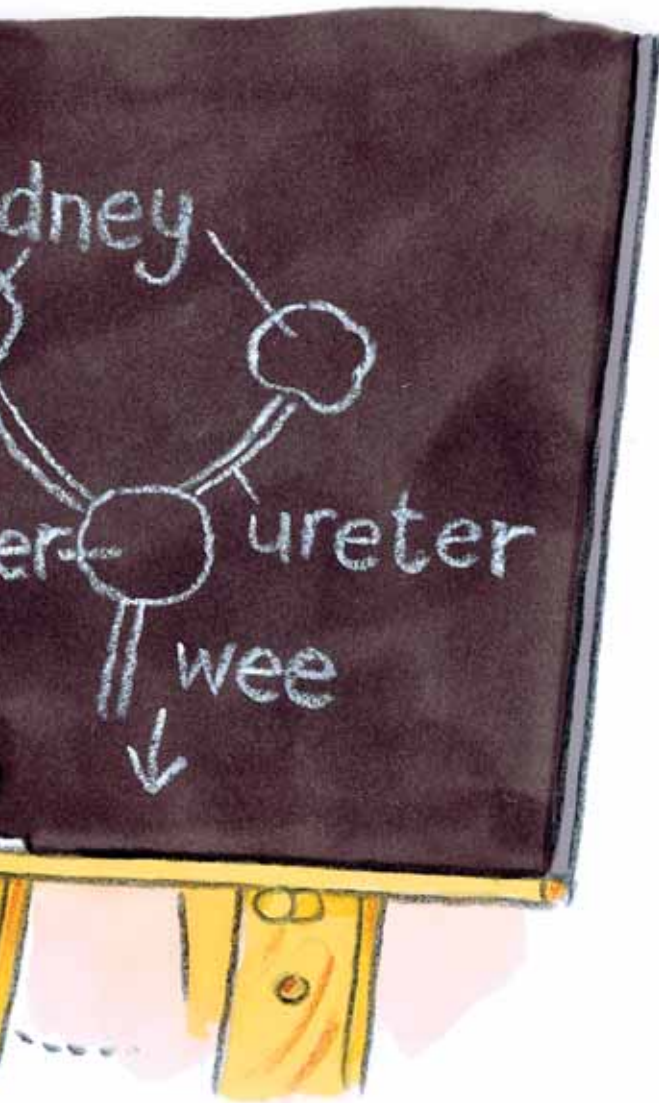
Amy wheeled herself to the blackboard. Just then Robert ran back in out of the rain. "I'm going to try and explain why Harry and I don't know when we need to wee like you do," said Amy. "Great," replied Robert, "I'd like to understand that too."

“Our wee, or urine to give its real name, is made up of water and waste which our body doesn’t need. The two kidneys,” Amy points to her sides, “are under the ribs.”

“Well,” Amy continued, “the kidneys work very hard and release the urine drop by drop down two tubes called ureters and into the bladder, where it stays until we need a wee.”

Look,
I’ll draw it for you
on the blackboard.”





“Ok,” said Robert, “so what happens next?” He rubbed the blackboard clean and stood near Amy to get a closer look at her next drawing.

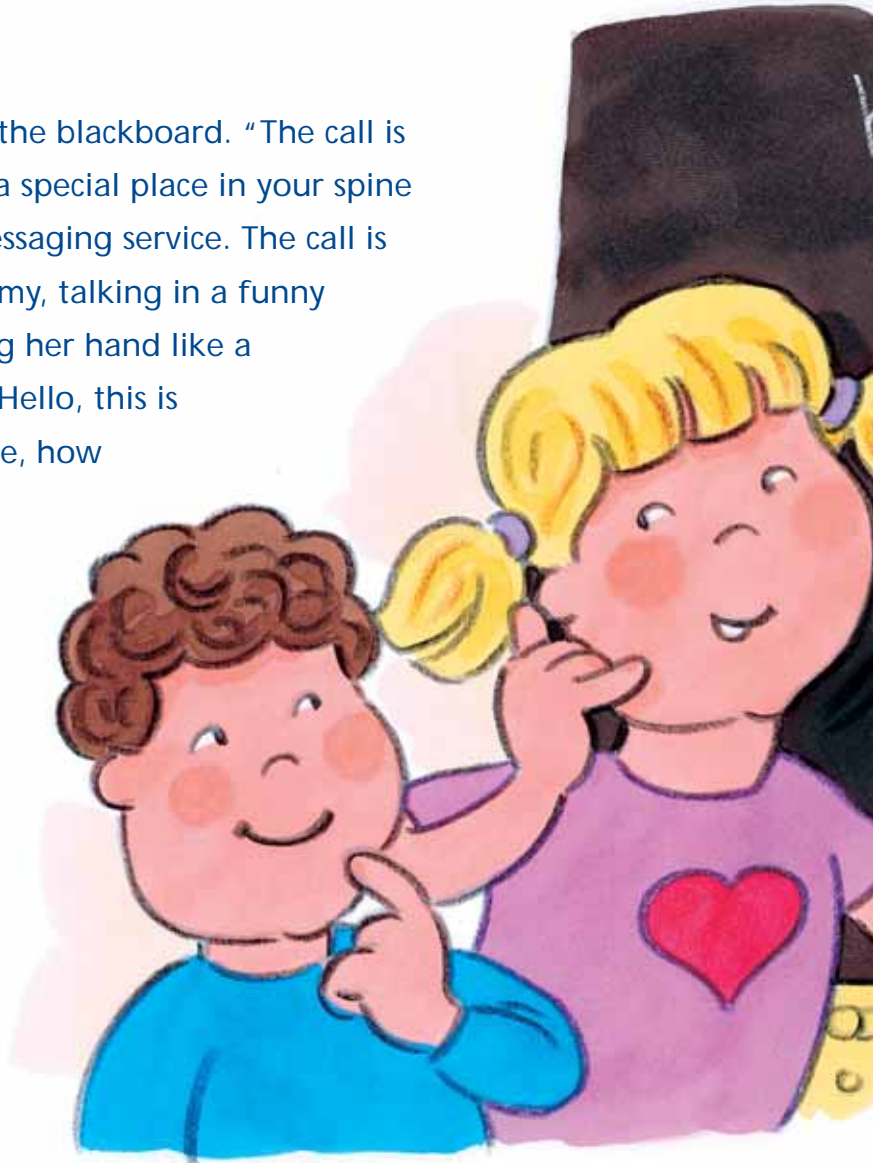
“Well,” began Amy, “what happens next, is like having a mobile phone.”

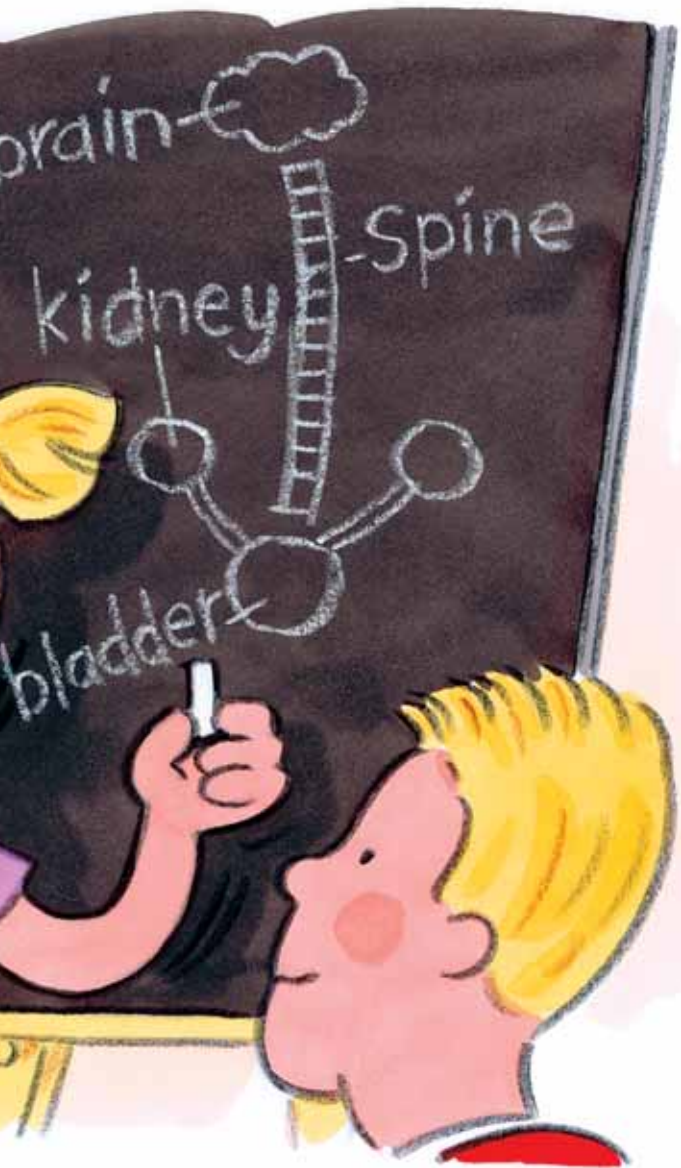
“The bladder feels it needs to empty but isn’t sure, so it asks the brain for advice. Pretend the bladder can pick up a mobile phone and dial the number for the brain.”

Amy draws on the blackboard. "The call is first sent to a special place in your spine which is like a messaging service. The call is answered," and Amy, talking in a funny voice, and holding her hand like a telephone, says, "Hello, this is the bladder helpline, how can I help you?"

Harry and Robert both giggle at Amy's voice.

"I'd like to know if I can empty," says Amy, using a different squeaky voice for the bladder.





“Just hold the line and I’ll ask head office,” replies the helpline lady, and quickly tells the bladder “You don’t need to find the loo just yet, so relax.”

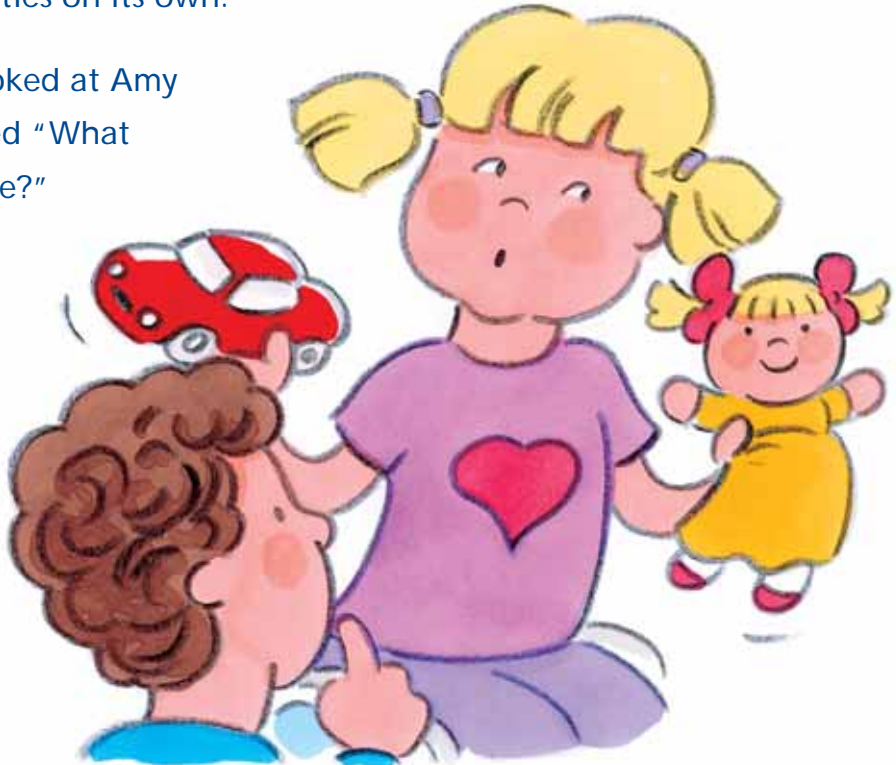
“Thanks for your help,” says the bladder and puts the mobile away.

“That was brilliant Amy,” said Robert.

“I guess when it’s time to go for a wee then the message from the helpline says, ‘go to the loo now’, like I had to before.”

“That’s right Robert,” Amy replied. “When I hurt my back, the messaging service in my spine was damaged and that’s why no messages can go from my bladder to my brain. The helpline lady would probably say, ‘I’m sorry, I’m unable to connect you,’ so my bladder just empties on its own.”

Harry looked at Amy and asked “What about me?”



“Your brain was hurt when you were born, Harry, and sometimes the messages get put through to the wrong place. Imagine your brain is like a big toyshop and you want to order a toy car, but the helpline lady keeps putting your call through to the doll’s house department by mistake. So you don’t get an answer about your toy car.”

“When your bladder wants to empty, it sends a message to the brain but doesn’t always get an answer, so it empties. That’s why mum always tries to take you to the toilet before your bladder wants to empty, to keep you dry.”

“Cool!” said Harry.



Just then they heard their mother calling, "Harry, it's time for the toilet and to check your MoliCare Mobile briefs."

Harry left the barn. He felt very pleased with himself now that he knew why he couldn't always use the loo like Robert.

"Is it time for your MoliCare Mobile to be checked too?"

Robert asked Amy.

"I use MoliMed shaped pads," replied Amy, "which work better for me, the way my bladder is managed, and are easier for mum to change in the wheelchair."



The children were soon all seated around the kitchen table tucking into scones, freshly made jam and lemonade.

“What have you all been up to in the barn?” asked mum.

“You have been very quiet in there.”

“Amy has been explaining about telephones and helpline ladies,” replied Robert. Harry giggled and took his toy mobile phone out of his pocket. “I’m calling my tummy to tell it there’s a scone on the way,” he laughed.



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