Come and Sit Close / Come and Sit Close

Source: Inspired by Matthew 19:14 • Ages 5–8

Cast lock: CHARACTER LOCK — keep these three IDENTICAL across all pages: Deb: ~8-10yr girl, long wavy blonde hair, turquoise-blue eyes, magenta/pink long-sleeve shirt, dark-brown collar. Weebster: ~9-11yr boy, dark brown quiff hair, round thick black-rimmed glasses, royal-blue polo, white chest logo. Mocha: small-medium chocolate-brown scruffy dog, tan muzzle/chest, safari pith helmet, dark collar + silver bone-tag. Art style: modern children cartoon, bold black outlines, cel-shading, saturated palette, ages 6-12.

English

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