Jelly

A Cake for Dad

LITTLE READERS



Mia and Mom are in the kitchen.
The sun shines through the window.
Mia has an idea.



"Let us make a cake for Dad!"
Mia says. "It can be
a surprise."



Mom gives Mia a smile.
"That is a lovely idea,"
she says.




Max watches from the floor.
His tail goes swish, swish.
He likes surprises, too.

Mia and Mom wash their hands.
They use soap and water.
Now they are ready.



Mom gets a big bowl.
She puts it on the table.
Mia looks inside.



Mia brings a spoon.
It is long and wooden.
"I can help stir!" she says.



Mom prepares the ingredients.
She puts them on the table.
Everything is ready.



Mom puts ingredients in the bowl.
She measures them carefully.
Mia watches her.



Mia stirs the batter gently.
She moves the spoon around.
The mixture begins to come together.



Max rests away from the table.

He watches Mia and Mom.

His tail moves a little.



Mom smiles at Mia.
"You are a good helper,"
she says.



Mom pours batter into a pan.
She tips the bowl carefully.
Mia watches from nearby.



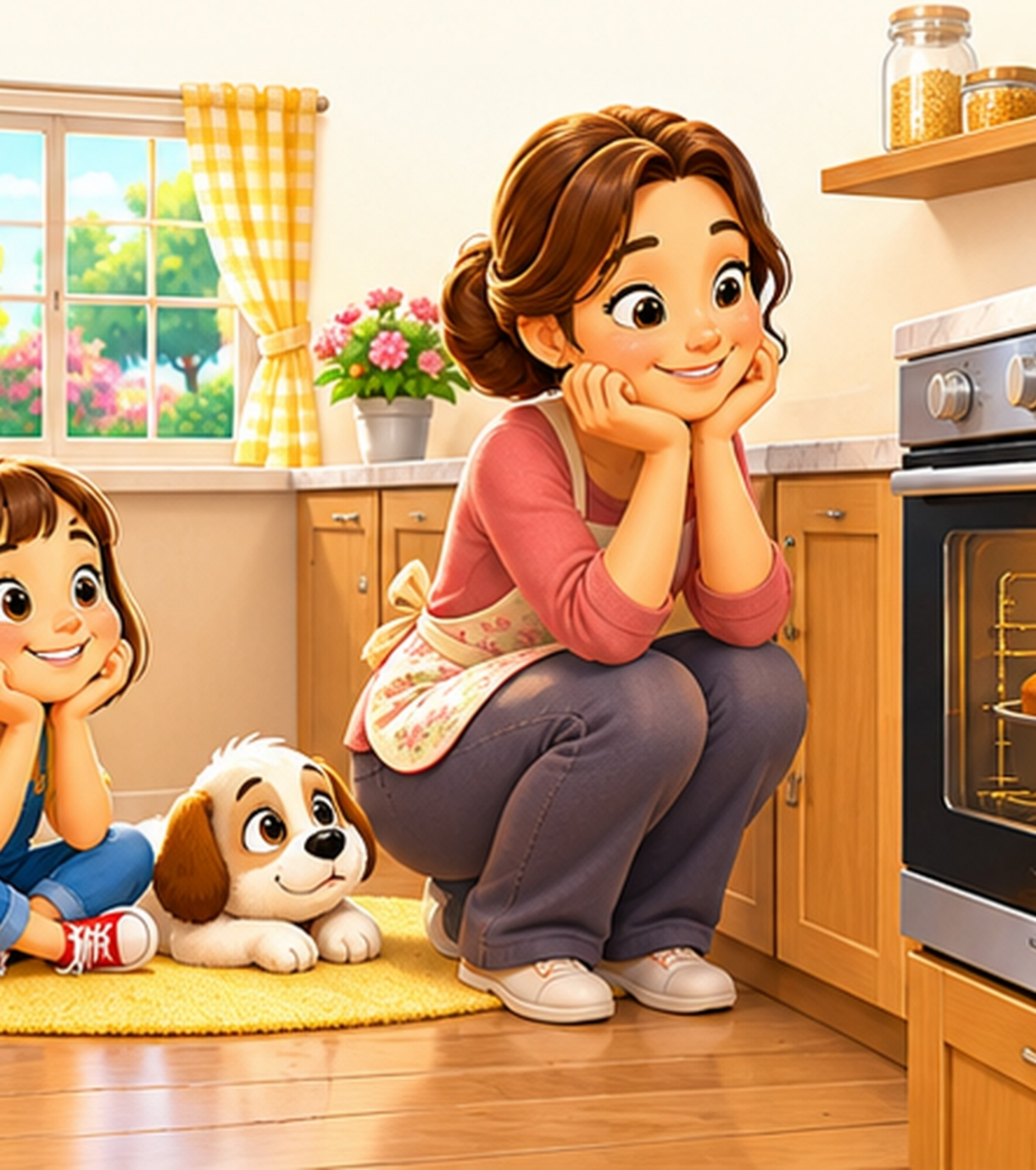
Mom puts the pan in the oven.

The oven is hot.

Mia stays a safe distance away.



Mia watches from her spot.
"How long will it take?"
she asks Mom.



"We will wait," says Mom.

Max waits with Mia.

The kitchen smells sweet.



Mia has another idea.
"I can make Dad a card!"
she says.



Mia folds a sheet of paper.
She draws a big red heart.
"Dad will like this," she says.



Max watches Mia draw.
He sits beside the table.
Mia gives him a smile.



Mom checks the cake.

She looks through the oven door.

"It is almost ready."



Mom takes out the cake.

She uses oven mitts.

The pan is very hot.



The cake cools on the table.
Mia does not touch the hot pan.
She waits with Max.




Mia looks at the cake.
"It smells so good!"
she says.


Mom smiles at Mia.
"Soon we can decorate it,"
she says.

Mom spreads the frosting.

She makes it smooth.

Mia chooses some fruit.



Mia adds fruit on top.

She places each piece gently.

"One here and one here."



Mia adds one last berry.

It goes in the middle.

"All done!" she says.



The cake looks ready.
It has bright fruit on top.
Max looks up at Mia.



Dad comes into the house.

"Hello!" he calls.

Mia hears the door.



Mia hides the card behind her.
"We have a surprise!"
she tells Dad.



Mom brings the cake.
She sets it on the table.
Dad looks at it.



Dad looks surprised.

"A cake for me?" he asks.

Mia gives a big smile.



Mia gives Dad the card.
"I made this for you,"
she says.



Dad opens the card.
He sees the big red heart.
"I love it," he says.



Dad gives Mia a hug.

"Thank you for the surprise."

Mia hugs him back.



Max wags his tail.

He stands near the family.

Everyone is happy.



The family sits at the table.

Mom cuts the cake.

Mia waits for a piece.



Dad takes a little bite.
"It tastes delicious!"
he tells Mia and Mom.



Mia smiles at Dad.
"We made it together,"
she says.



Max has water nearby.

The family enjoys the cake.

What a sweet surprise for Dad!



What does Mia want
to make for Dad?
Who helps her?



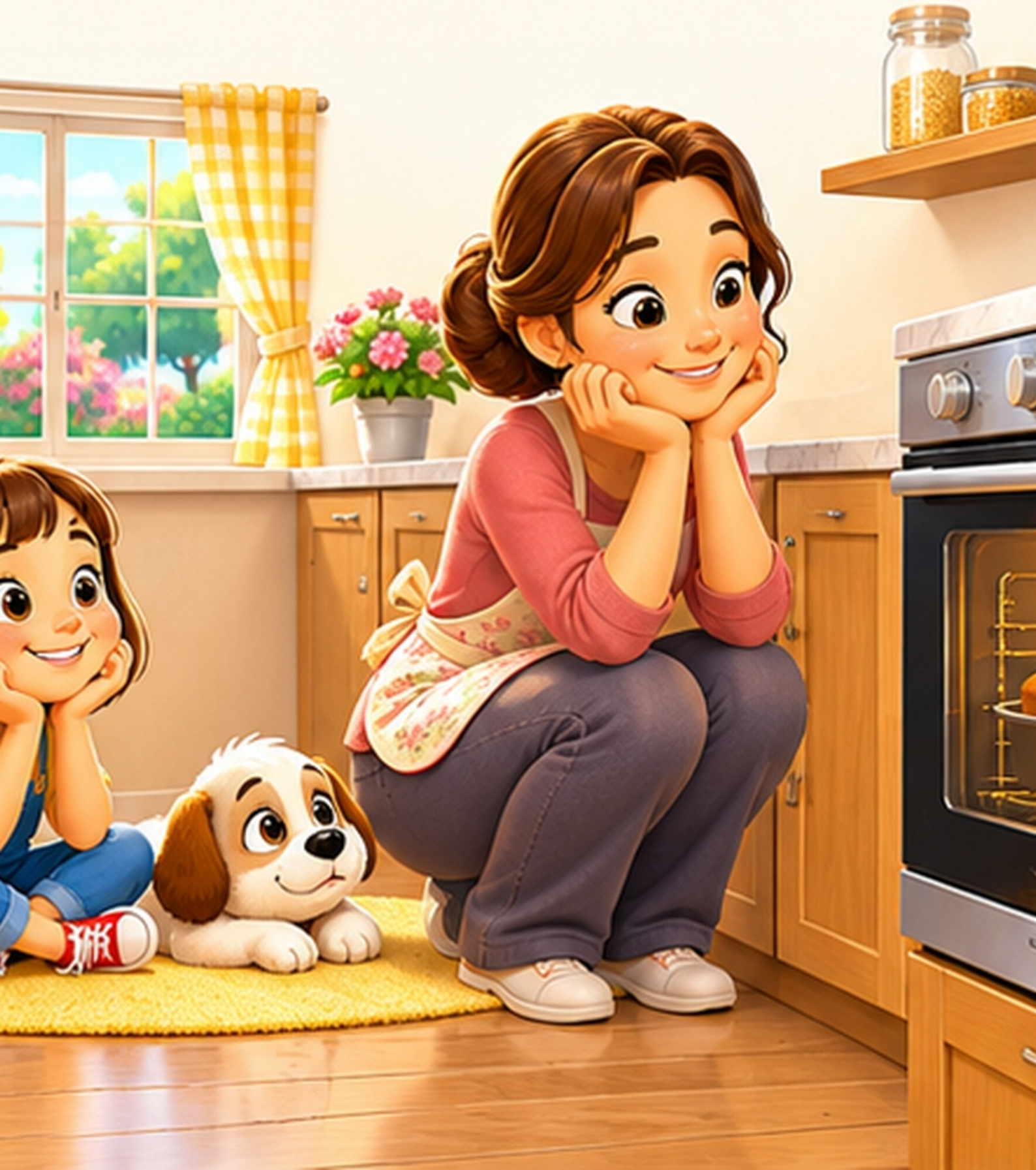
What do Mia and Mom do
before making the cake?
Tell a friend.



How does Mia help
with the batter?
Who uses the oven?



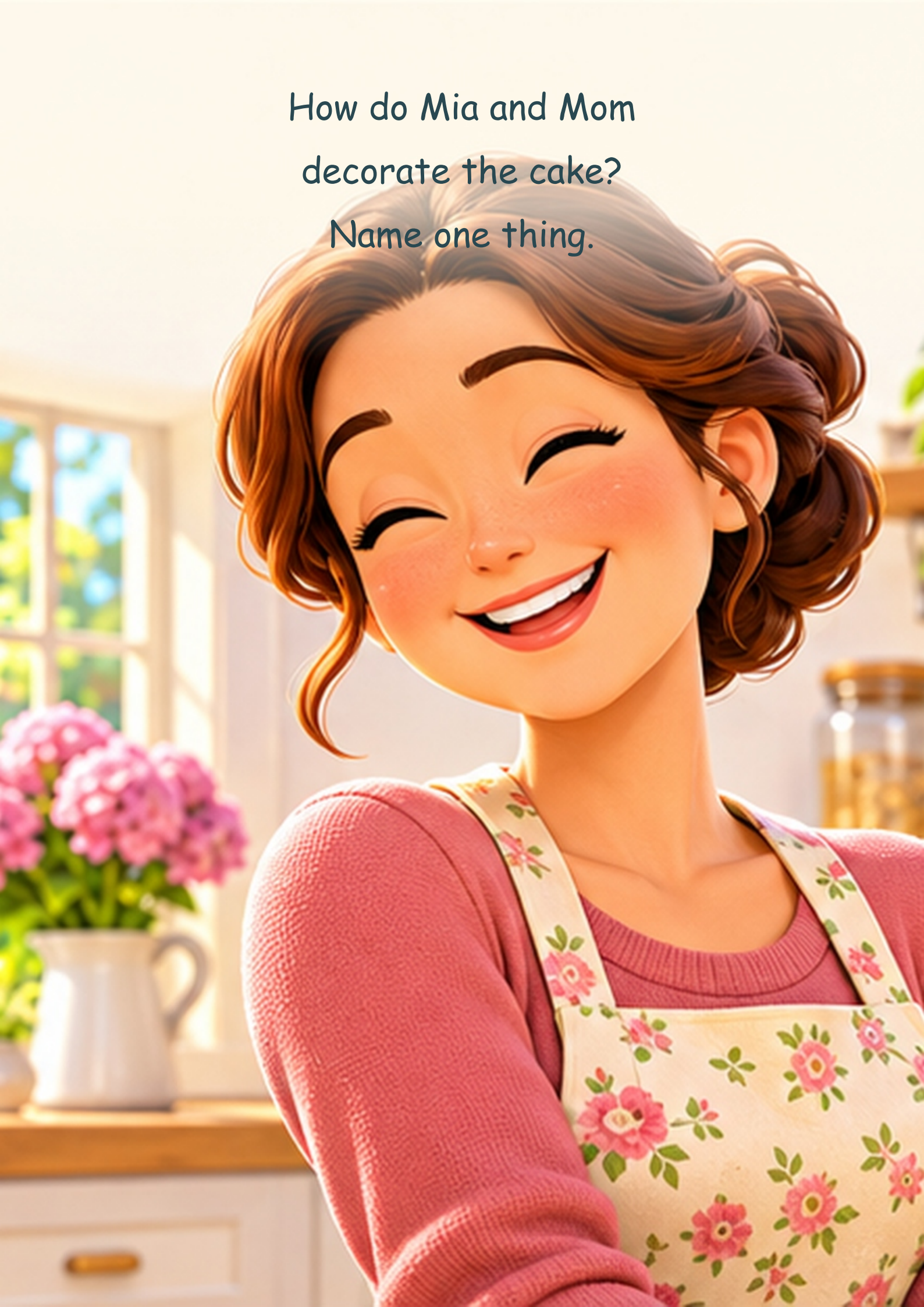
What does Mia make
while the cake bakes?
What does she draw?



Why do they wait
after taking out the cake?
Look at the picture.



How do Mia and Mom
decorate the cake?
Name one thing.



How does Dad feel
when he sees the cake?
What does Mia give him?



What happens first, next,

and at the end?

Tell the story in order.



The End

