



The S.S. Flossy and the Sugar Bug Pirates

A Storybook Reef original from Pediatric Dentistry of Florida



At the edge of the reef bobs a bright little ship, the S.S. Flossy, with Captain Shades at the wheel.
Her sails are white. Her ropes are minty. Her mission is very important.



Every evening the lookout hollers:

“Sugar bugs, ho!”

Off the starboard bow: sticky sails! Tiny flags! The Sugar Bug Pirates!



Sugar bugs love one thing: a smile to land on.
They ride in on cookie crumbs. They sail on juice-drop seas.
And they are always looking for white cliffs to stick to.



“Not on MY watch,” says Captain Shades.

“Crew! To the decks!”



Swish go the mops. Scrub go the brushes.
Round and round the white cliffs, two whole minutes, stem to stern.



The sugar bugs slip. The sugar bugs slide.
“No fair!” they grumble. “These cliffs are too CLEAN!”



Then the captain calls for the secret weapon:
the floss line!

Zip, zip, between every cliff, where mops cannot reach.



The sugar bugs pile back into their sticky ship
and sail off to sulk behind the seaweed.



“They will be back tomorrow,” says the lookout.

“Aye,” smiles Captain Shades.

“And so will we. Morning and night. That is the Flossy way.”



So when you hear a hollering at brushing time, that is the S.S. Flossy setting out.

Climb aboard, sailor.

The cliffs are counting on you.



The Storybook Reef

Written and illustrated for the families of Southwest Florida by Pediatric Dentistry of Florida, Dr. Tim Verwest, DMD and Associates. Read all five books, and print the coloring pages too, any time you like.

drverwest.com/storybooks • (239) 482-2722