

HEY COVID!

I'M READY TO
CHEAT YOU!

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Today, Chimi is very happy because his parents told him he could go outside, at last! He was really tired of always playing in the living room or on the balcony and missed his grand-parents and friends a lot. Above all, Chimi missed playing in the park the most.

Mum and Dad said that in order to go outside he needed to wear a mask, but Chimi didn't understand why, it wasn't Carnival anymore, yet he was happy to wear a disguise because that is always fun. He was already imagining himself in his dinosaur outfit with a long and funny tail, scaring people with strange noises.

However, his parents told him that the mask he needed was not that kind of disguise. Instead, he should only cover his mouth and nose like the many people he watched on TV over the past few weeks.



At first he was a bit scared, imagining he would go to a strange place or not be allowed to speak, but his parents explained the mask was only to cheat Covid, the tiny virus you can't even see, but it can cause a serious illness. This is why we have been hiding at home for such a long time. Chimi was not too afraid of the virus because he knew it usually doesn't make children very sick.

Chimi's parents then explained that the virus likes to enter our bodies through the mouth or nose but if these are covered by masks, it does not see them and thinks the person has no mouth or nose, therefore it goes away.

It was a good idea to cover both mouth and nose because by doing so we can trick Covid.

When he finally was out on the street, Chimi noticed that almost everyone was wearing a face mask as a disguise to cheat Covid. Once again, he felt a little frightened because he couldn't see their faces or recognise them. But his mother explained that we have to listen to their voices and look at their eyes because people we know haven't changed and they continue to be our friends. They are wearing disguises only to cheat Covid.



Chimi also saw other people looking very strange; instead of a mask, they were wearing a plastic sheet in front of their faces. They looked like robots with a ring around their forehead. This is another way of cheating Covid, his parents told him, because if it tries to enter the mouth or nose it will smash itself against the plastic and will not be able to get through. Chimi laughed imagining Covid's disappointment for not being able to enter the nose, hitting the plastic sheet and flying away with a bump on his head and with no energy to try its luck with another person's nose.

Chimi is no longer afraid of other people when they have a mask or a plastic cover in front of their faces as he knows they are all cheating Covid. This way nobody else will be sick again.

Now, Chimi even enjoys wearing a mask and when he puts it on he always says:

Hey Covid! I'm ready to cheat you!