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AND THE UNFORTUNATE UPLOAD

DIGITAL ETHICS FOR KIDS

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Oh wow. This is going to be big . . .


MEWTUBE
Techno Cats
. . . SO BIG!

We are going to be famous!




I'm Faux Paw the Techno Cat, and here comes cousin Ernie.
"Hey, Faux Paw, I'm ready! Are you ready?"
"I'm really ready! Are you ready? . . .
Where's Bongo?

Bongo replies with his drumsticks all over the van.

"What about Ruby?" I say.





Ruby sings.



We are THE TECHNO CATS, and we're on our way to the super, ultimate, fantabulamosta Battle of the Bands–live streamed on MewTube.

(Did I mention, we're going to be famous?)

It wasn't easy getting us invited. To enter, we had to get 10,000 LIKES on MewTube.

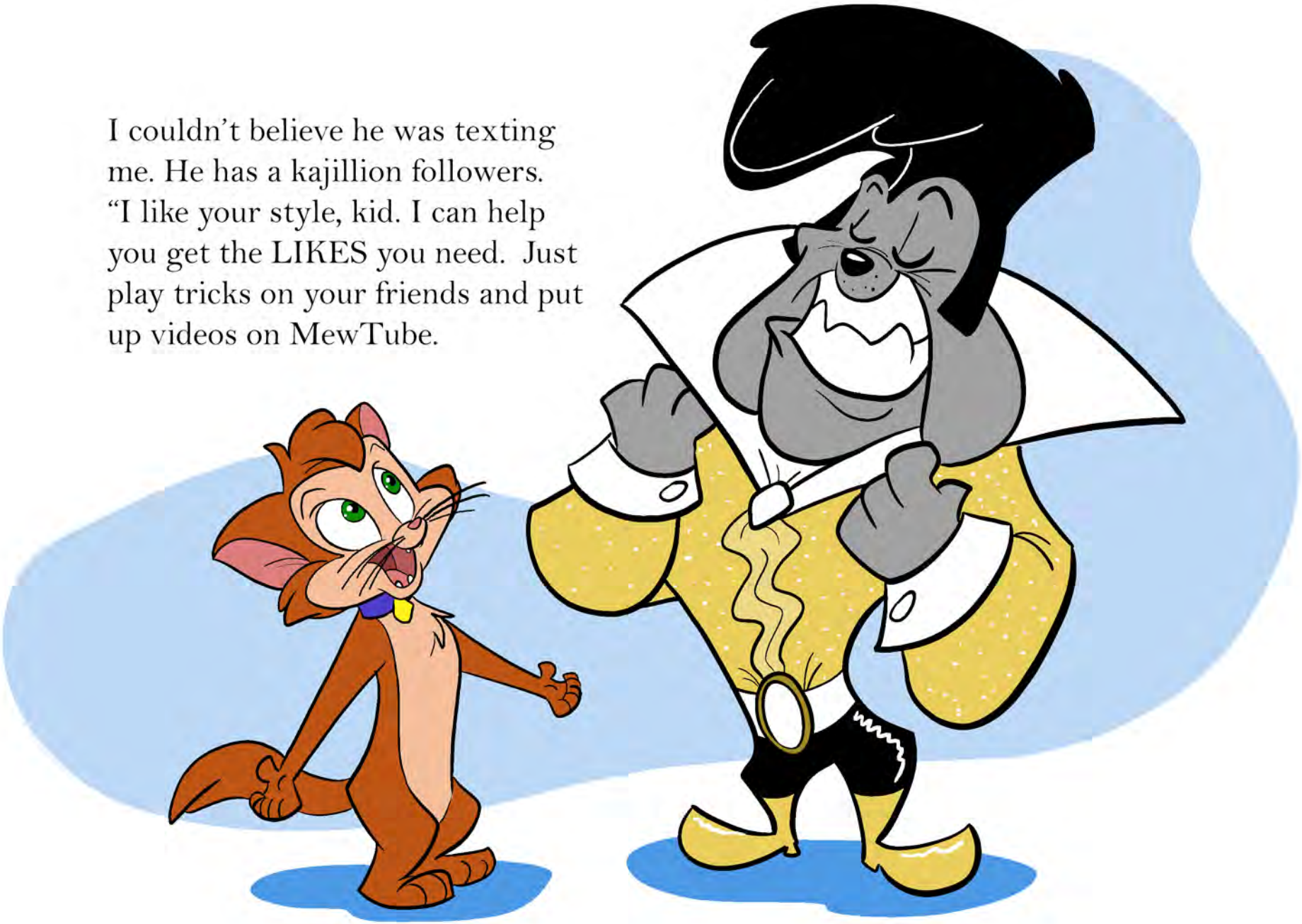


Impossible for a cat band you say???



I thought it was impossible too. Then I ran into @CoolCat online.

I couldn't believe he was texting me. He has a kajillion followers. "I like your style, kid. I can help you get the LIKES you need. Just play tricks on your friends and put up videos on MewTube.



The band doesn't know it yet, but they're going to be famous too. Shhh. It's a surprise!





I pranked Ernie by blasting his bass guitar in his face while he slept.



I put paintballs in
Ruby's keyboards.



And milk in Bongo's drum!



. . . So funny.



Getting 10,000 LIKES was a piece . . . of . . . cake!

Before we play, they introduce us on the big screen.



Here come the clips from my awesome videos.



It's hilarious! . . .

WE GOT 10,000 LIKES!


"Wait . . . don't you love it?"
Uh-oh. . . My friends are NOT happy with me.



Here comes Kittyface!

"I've got you now, Faux Paw, you no-good, meddling, mean-uploading techno feline! No more MewTube for you!"



Ernie hears the crowd gasp.

"Look! Faux Paw needs our help."


Ruby has to think about it, but she comes to my rescue. “Come on, Bongo, bring those drumsticks!”


My friends are sad. I know I've made a huge mistake. Ruby asks, "Faux Paw, why did you upload those embarrassing videos on MewTube?"
Ernie's angry too. "Yeah, that was mean."
I try to explain, but it doesn't sound good. "They were so funny. . . they got so many LIKES."

"Funny for you, maybe, but not for us. You have to be careful when you post pictures and video of other people online. Ask permission every time! We could have helped you make videos that would be funny for all of us."



Ruby agrees. "Ernie is talking about ethics. That means you show respect and be fair. Now, let's go play our songs."



Sing along with us, and you'll BEaPRO with technology.

Faux Paw and the Techno Cats

BEaPRO

Songbook



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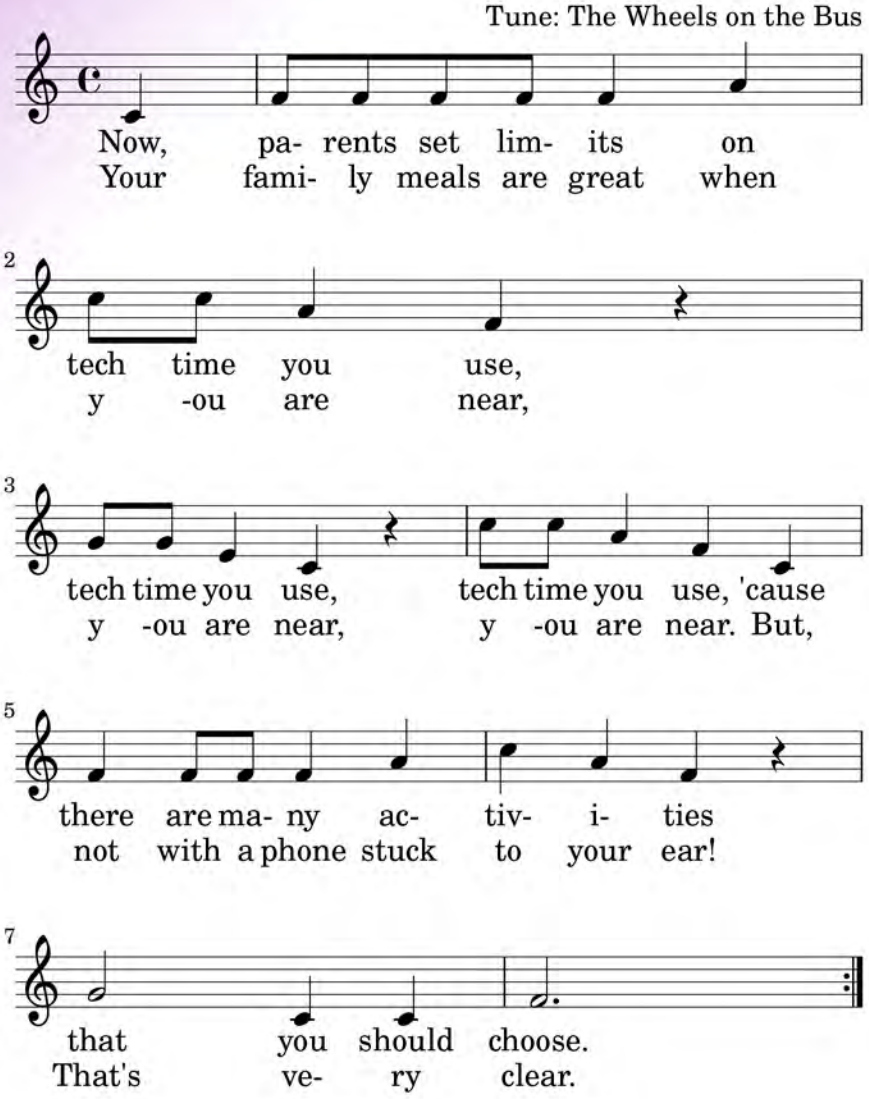
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BALANCE

Maintain a healthy balance between online and offline activities.
Take a break from screens to play outside.

Tune: The Wheels on the Bus





ETHICAL USE

Be fair and show respect.



Tune: Yankee Doodle

"E" for eth- ics when on- line. Now how do I know
Part of eth- ics when on- line, is giv- ing oth- ers

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th- at? You treat oth- ers just the way, you
cre- dit. If you did not write it then don't

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want to be treat- ed back. Eth- ics means be
say, "It's ME; I did it."

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fair and nice. Show re- spect, don't be like ice. Use

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frien- dly words you want to get, then

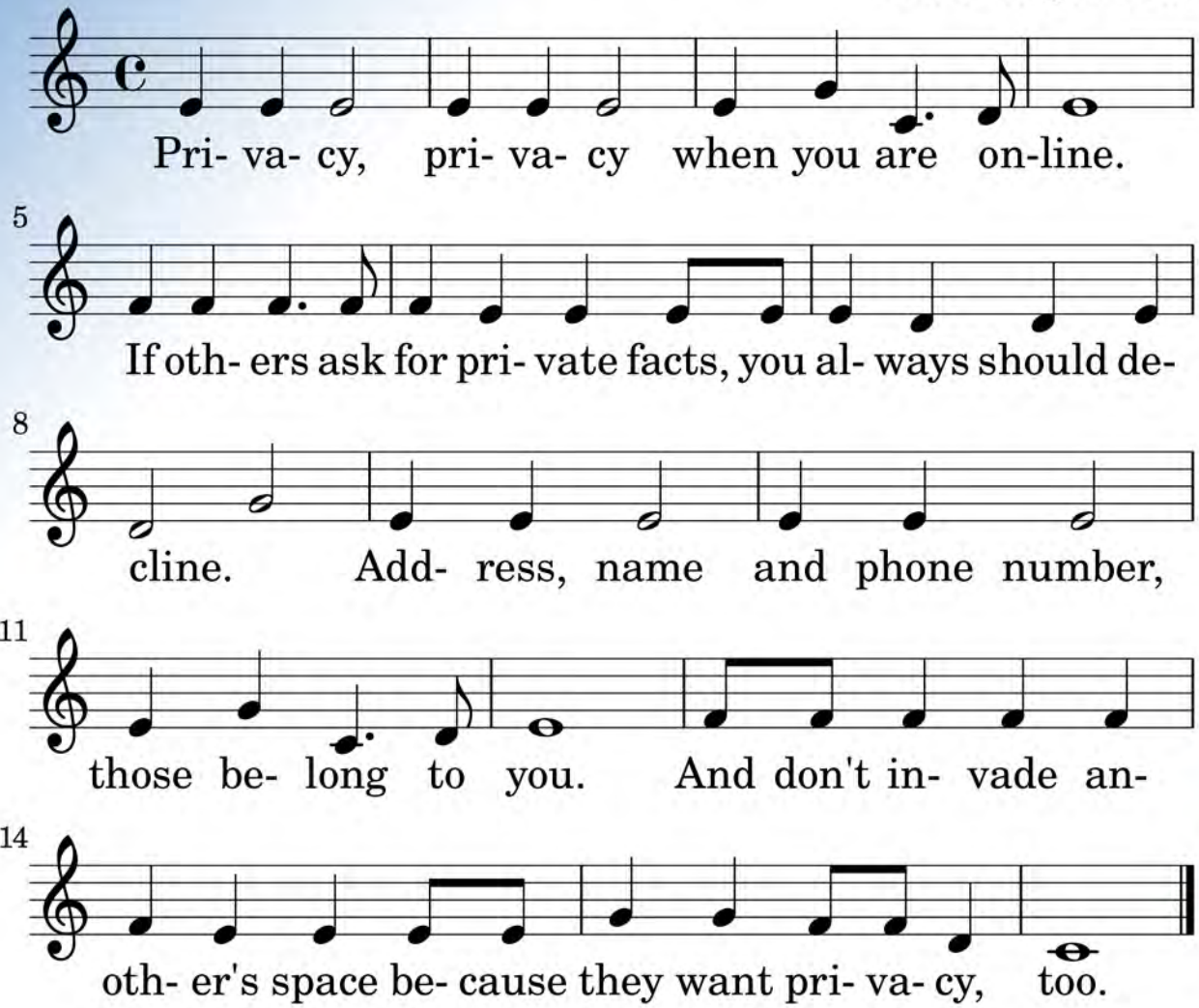
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tech time will not make you fret.

PRIVACY

Protect personal information and maintain privacy.

Tune: Jingle Bells



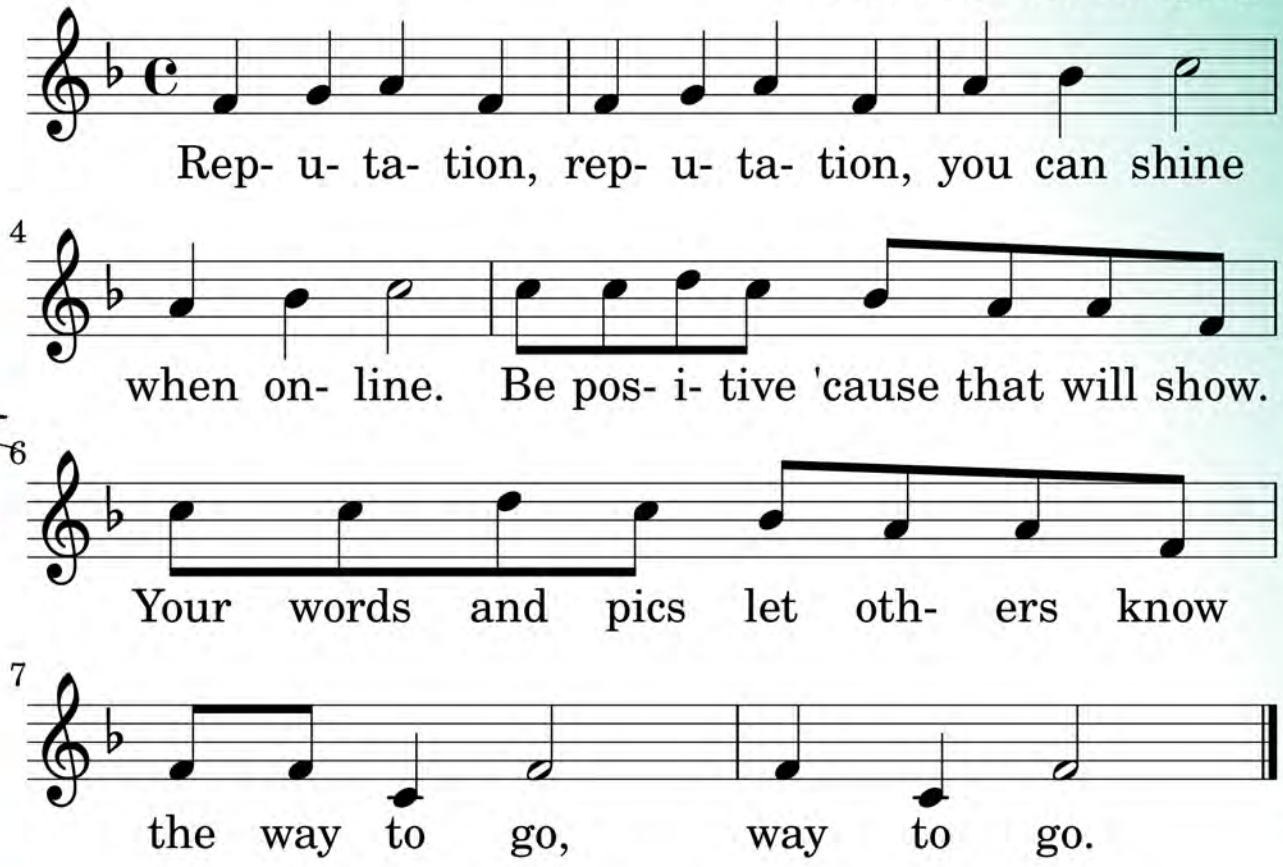


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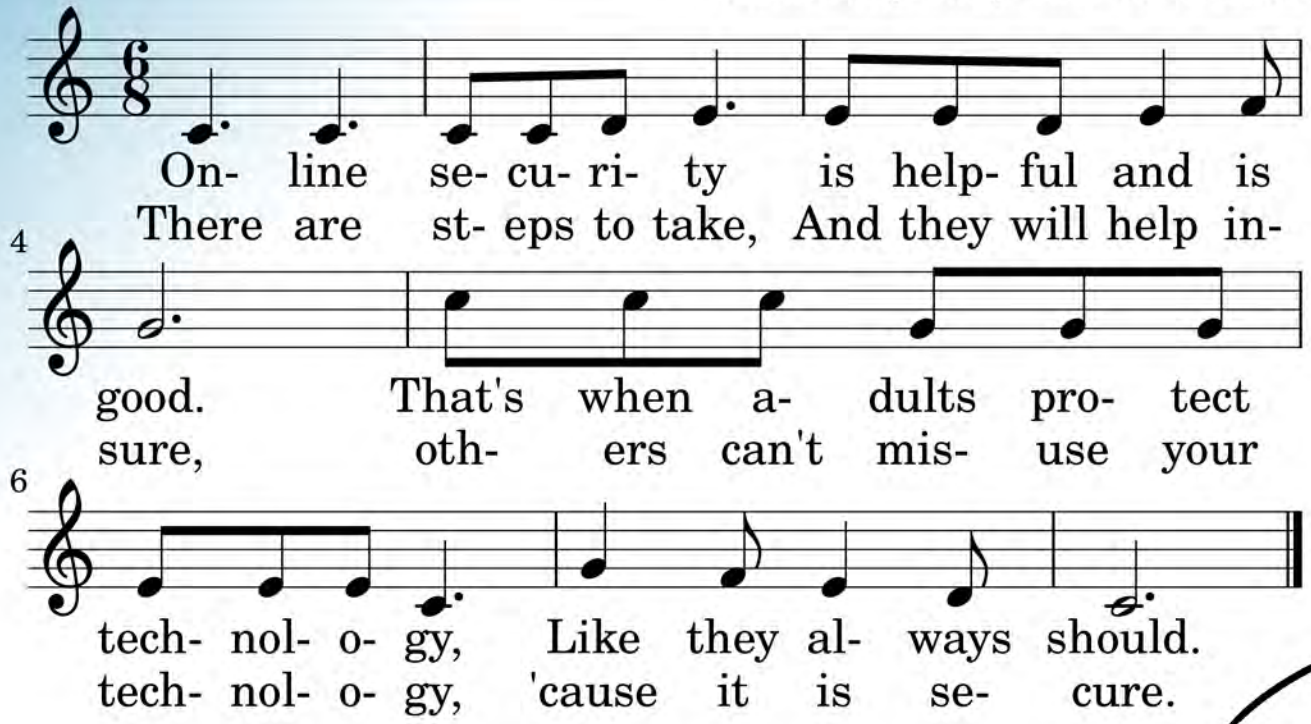
Tune: Are You Sleeping?

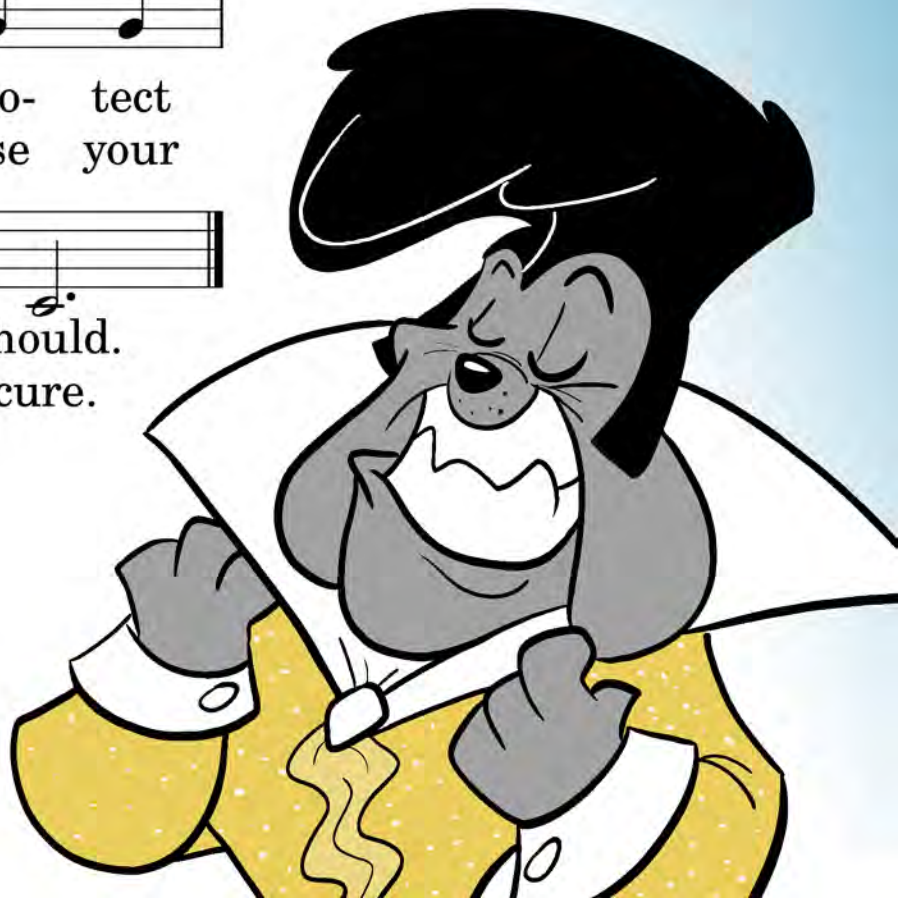


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Protect your passwords–only tell to parents! And if you see anything online that makes you feel uneasy, tell a parent or trusted adult.

Tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat





Cool Cat alias Kittyface – the troublemaker.

QUESTIONS FOR YOU

In the story, how does Ruby explain what "digital ethics" means?

Ruby says that digital ethics means "show respect and be fair when you're using technology."

How did Faux Paw hurt relationships with the band by using poor digital ethics?

The band was sad and mad that the embarrassing video of them was posted.

How can we help our relationships with family and friends by using good digital ethics?

- We can feel connected when we share what's going on in our lives with our family and friends.
- We can show our family and friends that we can be trusted by asking permission before we share a picture or video online.

What if. . . Kittyface sends a text to Faux Paw saying mean and unkind things about Ruby. The message says for Faux Paw to forward that message to other people. What should Faux Paw do?

Don't do it, and tell your parents or a trusted adult about it. Whenever someone asks you to do something you think isn't right, always tell an adult.

MEET THE BAND



In this new adventure, Faux Paw teams up with The Techno Cats–Bongo (drums), Cousin Ernie (bass guitar), and Ruby (keyboards)–to get 10,000 LIKES, so they can enter The Battle of the Bands. Faux Paw learns the hard way that posting embarrassing videos of friends online means trouble.

The iKeepSafe mission is to provide a safe digital landscape for children, schools, and families by supporting the protection of student privacy, while advancing learning in a digital culture.

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