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A Jump Rope Contest

► It was the day of the jump rope contest. Kim and Anna were going to compete. Kim was going to do a new trick. Anna was going to help. The two girls watched as younger children took a turn in the contest. The young children jumped and skipped rope in a circle. They were just beginning to learn fancy tricks.

Five boys went next. They used two ropes to do tricks. All the boys jumped over the ropes at the same time. Their feet moved quickly and in a steady beat. The boys did tricks with kicks and spins. The ropes never stopped turning.

“We’re next,” said Anna.

Kim hoped that she would not miss her new trick. Anna was sure that she and Kim would do well.

First, Kim turned the rope and Anna jumped. Anna did some spins and kicks. Soon it was Kim’s turn to do the tricks. She passed the rope to Anna.

It was time for Kim to do her new trick. She jumped up and did a split in the air. Then she pulled her feet together and touched the ground. Kim hopped back up. She was proud that she had done the trick.

The girls were done, and they left the floor. “We did it!” Kim shouted. “I think we can win this contest.”

Go Fish

► It was a cold, snowy day. Abby had invited two friends over to play the card game Go Fish. Abby's little brother, Tim, had never played and wanted to learn.

"I'll explain during this game," said Abby.

Abby showed Tim the cards in her hand, which had different numbers on them. Abby explained that she needed to get all four cards with the same numbers.

Abby's friend Jen asked Abby if she had any tens. None of Abby's cards had tens on them. She replied "Go fish," which meant Jen had to draw a card from the deck.

Now it was Abby's turn to ask someone for a type of card. Abby had a card with a three on it, so she asked her friend Tess for threes. Tess had one three, so she had to give it to Abby. Abby also had a five, so next she asked Jen for fives. "Go fish, Abby," said Jen.

Soon, the game was almost over. Abby told Tim he could play for her on her next turn. He drew a card. It was a ten! He knew one of Abby's friends had tens, but which one? He frowned. Then he remembered.

"Jen, do you have any tens?" he asked. Smiling, Jen gave Tim three tens! Tim now had all four tens. The game was soon complete. Everyone was surprised that Tim and Abby had won!

Tim was confident he could play the next game of Go Fish without help.

A Busy Bee

► The sun is rising, telling the bees it's time to get busy. The worker bees leave the hive. They are looking for nectar, a sweet liquid, and pollen, a yellow dust. The bees use these things to make food and honey.

One bee finds a garden and climbs inside a flower. It drinks the nectar. The nectar is stored in a sack in the bee's body. As it walks around, pollen sticks to its legs.

When the nectar sack is full, the bee flies back to the hive. The other workers greet the bee. To tell where the nectar and pollen came from, the worker does a dance. The way the bee moves tells where the garden is. The other bees rush off to get more nectar and pollen.

The worker bee climbs over many other bees. Most of them are worker bees, too. One bee is bigger than any other. It is the queen. Her job is to lay eggs. A third kind of bee, the drone, does not have a stinger. Its job is to mate with the queen.

The worker gives the nectar and pollen to another worker bee. This bee has the job of making food. Once the bee has delivered its load, it flies out again. In all, this worker bee will make about ten trips each day. It might fly as far as six miles away. Now that's a busy bee!

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The Cocoa Stand

► Mark and his brother Sam wanted to go to the movies, but they needed money. In the summer they sold cool drinks, but it was very cold outside.

“I have an idea,” said Sam. “We can make hot cocoa, because on such a cold day, everyone will want some cocoa to warm them up.”

Mark loved hot cocoa, but he could not make it. Sam was fifteen, so he could make cocoa, but what could Mark do?

“You can help too!” said Sam. “I will work the stove, but you can help mix it together.”

Sam told Mark what they needed to make cocoa. While Sam heated the milk, Mark mixed the cocoa and sugar in a bowl. He added a small amount of vanilla and a tiny bit of salt, and then Sam brought over the hot milk and carefully poured it in. Mark got out a big thermos and Sam poured the hot cocoa into it. Then they put on their warm clothes. They also got out chairs and a card table. Sam made a sign that said “Hot Cocoa for Sale!” and Mark drew a picture of a cup of hot cocoa. They went outside to sell their drink.

Their neighbor, Ms. Martin, came by. “I’ll buy a cup,” she said. Sam gave her a cup and she tasted it. “This is really good,” she said. “It’s the perfect drink for a cold day. Who made such good cocoa?”

“We both did!” the brothers said.

Parts of a Tree

► Trees are very tall plants. They come in different shapes and sizes. Yet all trees have the same parts.

The leaves are the green parts of the tree. Some leaves are big and flat. Others look like thin needles. No matter their size or shape, leaves take in air and sunlight. Trees need air and light to live and grow.

The hardest, tallest part of the tree is the trunk. The trunk holds up the tree. The bark is the part of the trunk that we see. Tiny tubes inside the trunk move water and nutrients throughout the tree. The bark protects the tubes from animals that visit the tree and from hot and cold weather.

We cannot see the roots of the tree. The roots grow deep into the dirt. They keep the tree from falling over. Roots also have little tubes inside. They take in water and nutrients from the dirt and move them up into the trunk. These things make the tree strong and healthy.

Seeds are another tree part. They may form in flowers, cones, or nuts. They fall on the ground and start to grow. It will take many years, but a tiny seed will one day grow into a tall tree.

Going to Market

► Four baskets were filled with fish. Now it was time to take them to the market. Ken helped his father load the baskets onto the family's boat. Ken's family lived on a large island off the coast of Africa. They used the boat to sail to market.

Ken jumped into the boat. His father pushed the old wood boat off the sand and into the clear blue water. After climbing in, Ken's father lifted the big triangle sail. The wind filled the cloth, pushing the boat out to sea. The trip would take about an hour, so Ken sat down in the front of the boat. There were often interesting plants and animals to see along the way. He did not want to miss any of them.

Ken's father kept the boat close to the land. Ken could see clean white beaches lined with coconut trees. A big sea turtle came up for air near the boat. It went back under when the boat got closer. Before long, Ken saw some dolphins. They raced beside the boat for several minutes. Looking back at the coast, Ken saw some monkeys. They were leaping from tree to tree.

The trip seemed too short. Ken's father turned the boat to the shore and let the sail down. Ken heard the wood scrape on the sand. Now it was time to take the fish to the market. Ken hoped they would sell all their fish quickly. He wanted to sail in the boat again.

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Picture Day

► The teacher told the class that they would have their pictures taken the next day. Nick did not look forward to picture day. He did not understand why all of the other kids were so excited. Why did they like picture day so much?

Nick took the picture order form home and gave it to Mom. Even she was excited. She filled out the form and put it in an envelope with money. Then she went into Nick's room to find the right outfit. Nick wondered again why everyone got so excited about picture day.

The next day, Nick went to school in his best red shirt and new blue jeans. His hair was combed neatly. His mom had even sprayed his hair with hair spray!

The classroom buzzed with excitement. The other children could not wait to have their picture taken! Nick sat at his desk and felt puzzled. Someone sat down at the desk next to him. Nick saw that it was his friend Cody, and he was smiling. Nick asked Cody why he was so happy. Nick could not believe his ears when Cody told him that the school had a new plan for picture day. This year there would be real animals in the pictures! You could pet the animal while they took the picture. Nick suddenly was looking forward to picture day!

Going Camping

► Some people like to camp. Will Lily be one of them? She is going on her first camping trip. She wonders what it will be like to sleep in a tent. Will she see any wild animals?

Lily, her parents, and her sister drive to the camp site. First, they set up their tent. It is not as easy as Lily thought it would be! There are so many steps to follow. Finally, the tent is ready, and each person puts a sleeping bag inside.

Everyone sits down and eats sack lunches they brought from home. After Lily eats, she throws her trash away in the trash can. Then she has a fantastic idea! She says they should split into two groups and go on hikes. They will draw pictures of things in nature that they see. They will have fifteen minutes to hike and then return to the camp site. Then the two groups can compare all the different things they have seen. The family thinks the plan sounds like fun. They get ready and set off on the two paths.

Just after she leaves the camp site with her dad, Lily sees a deer! It is the first wild animal she has ever seen. Lily hurriedly sketches its picture in her notebook.

Fifteen minutes later, the family meets back at the camp site. They show their drawings to each other. Lily loves seeing what everyone drew. She is already enjoying her first camping trip!

The South Pole

► What do you think of when you hear the words South Pole? Do you see a pole in your mind? There really is a pole at the South Pole. It is red and white like a candy cane. The flags of many countries surround it. Scientists from these countries come to the South Pole. They work together to study the climate.

The scientists have learned that the South Pole is the coldest place on Earth. Even in the summer the temperature is below zero degrees. It is so cold that most scientists only live at the South Pole during the warmer summer months. Very few stay for the harsh winters. No one else lives at the South Pole.

While the scientists are at the South Pole, they see some animals, including penguins and seals. There are many fish in the water, too. In the summer, some whales come to the South Pole. Even the whales leave in the winter. It is just too cold.

Most people are surprised to learn that the South Pole is a dry place. Yes, there is a lot of snow and ice, but little new sleet or snow falls each year. The South Pole is like a frozen desert.

Perhaps you would like to see the South Pole for yourself. If you travel there, you will see a few buildings where the scientists work and live. Of course, you will see the red and white pole, too. Other than that, when you look around, you will only see flat land covered with snow and ice.

Check Out a Book

► There are many reasons to go to a library. You can find many books there. Did you know that a library also has movies and music? Many have programs just for kids, too. You can go to story time or meet a real author.

If you want to borrow something from the library, you need to get a library card. To get a card, an adult must fill out a form. The form has information such as the person's name and address. At many libraries, children may get a card too, but an adult must sign the form. When you get your card, learn the library's rules. Ask how many items you can check out at one time. Also ask how long you may keep them.

Once you have your card, you are ready to find something to check out. You can use the library's computer to find a book or a movie. Search by title, author's name, or subject. Or, you can always just browse. Maybe you want to read a fiction book. Look at the books in the fiction section. Or browse the movie section. You are sure to find something you like!

Once you have chosen the items you want, take them to the front desk. Give the librarian your library card and your items. He or she will check them out for you and tell you when to bring them back. Remember to return the items by their due date. Then come back to the library to check out more items!

Sue's Goals

► Mom was sitting at the table writing in a notebook. Sue asked what she was doing. Mom said she was making a list of goals she wanted to meet at work. Sue was interested. She wondered how it would feel to set a goal and reach it.

Sue decided she would write down one goal a day. She thought about what she wanted to do for her first goal. At school she was learning about healthy foods. That gave Sue a great idea. She would set a goal to eat two servings of vegetables that day. Later, at lunch, Sue looked in the fridge. She got out a stalk of celery to eat with her sandwich. At dinner, Sue had a helping of spinach. That night, she drew a line through the goal on her paper. She felt great about meeting her first goal. Sue even decided she liked eating spinach.

The next morning, Sue set a new goal. She would clean out a drawer in her dresser. Sue opened the drawer and took everything out. She made a pile to keep and a pile to give away. She could not believe how much stuff was in the drawer. Sue neatly placed things she wanted to keep in the drawer. She carried the other pile to her mother. Her mother helped her decide which things were in good enough shape to be given away.

Sue smiled as she crossed the second goal off her list. She was proud of what she had done. She began to think about the goal she would set for tomorrow.

The Best Big Brother

► Max thought his big brother Kevin was awesome. Kevin was perfect. He was a great soccer player, and he played in the band. He was a good student, too. Max wanted to be just like Kevin. However, when Max tried to do something Kevin did, he was never as good. Kevin always reminded him that he was six years younger. When Max was older, he would be able to play soccer just like Kevin. Although Max knew Kevin was right, he still felt disappointed. He wanted to be just like Kevin right now!

Years went by, and Max got better at what he did. Then one day, Kevin went to college. What would Max do without his big brother? At first, Max was very sad, but his schoolwork and activities kept him busy. After school, he had band practice twice a week. Two days a week he had soccer practice, and he had soccer games on Saturdays.

One Saturday, Max was having a great soccer game. He scored two goals in the first half. When he scored the second goal, he heard a familiar voice yelling in excitement. Max scanned the stands and saw Kevin! He had come home from college to watch Max's game. After the game, Kevin congratulated Max on having a great game. "You're the best," he said.

As Max hugged Kevin, he realized he had become a lot like his big brother. "No," he said. "We're the best!"

Gavin's Jump

► It was the first day of summer vacation. Gavin was excited. He had decided to jump off the diving board at the community pool!

Last summer, many of Gavin's friends jumped off the diving board. Gavin watched them, but he knew he was not ready to jump. Instead, he practiced his swimming strokes while they took turns jumping off the diving board. Then they all swam and played together.

When Gavin woke up this morning, he knew he was ready to jump off the diving board. He was looking forward to it. He hopped out of bed and went to the kitchen to eat some oatmeal.

Just then, Gavin's uncle came into the kitchen for his coffee. He told Gavin they could go to the pool that afternoon. When Gavin told his uncle that he planned to jump off the diving board, his uncle patted him on the shoulder. "I know you can do it," he said encouragingly.

Finally it was time to go to the pool. When Gavin arrived, his friends were already there. He surprised them by saying he was going to the diving board. Gavin waited in line. His friends stood behind him. When it was his turn, he walked out to the edge of the diving board. He saw his uncle smile at him. He heard his friends saying, "You can do it!" Gavin counted to three and jumped into the water. He shot up to the surface with a huge smile on his face. He could not wait to jump again!

The New Year

► The first day of the year is a special day. People around the world celebrate the New Year in different ways. In some places people watch fireworks. In other places there are parades with people in colorful costumes. In our country people often celebrate by having a party. People count down the seconds until midnight when the New Year starts. Then they blow horns and make a lot of noise.

In some places people make special New Year's bread. When the bread is being made, the baker puts a gold coin in the dough. The coin gets mixed up in the bread dough and is baked inside the bread. No one knows where the coin is. After the bread is baked, it is cut into pieces. It is lucky to get the piece of bread with the coin. All of the people chew carefully. They wonder who the lucky person will be.

In the country of Denmark, people save their broken dishes all year. On New Year's Eve, they throw the broken dishes at friends' doors. If you wake up on the first day of the New Year and find a lot of broken dishes, you are happy. Finding a lot of dishes means you have many friends.

How do you celebrate the New Year? Maybe you would like to try one of these customs with your family.

Roller Skating Fun

► Every Saturday Dad and Craig did something together. This morning Dad had a surprise. They were going to go roller skating. Craig was excited. He had never been roller skating. Dad said it was a lot of fun, so Craig got dressed and put on his coat. They walked to the bus and rode to the skating rink.

As soon as they walked in, Dad started smiling and telling stories about his childhood. He told how he had skated at this same rink. He told of birthday parties and skating contests. Dad was very happy. Craig liked to hear about the things his dad did when he was a boy. They were both excited to start skating.

Dad and Craig went to the counter to rent skates. Then they sat on a bench and laced up their skates. Loud music played, and Craig sang along with the song. Red and blue lights flashed, calling the skaters to the wooden floor.

Together, Dad and Craig stood up. Craig was a bit shaky on four wheels. Dad had an easier time skating, remembering the skating he did as a boy. They both moved closer to the rink and entered through a gate. Dad led the way. Craig had a hard time at first. He clung to the wall, inching slowly around the rink. Dad did one lap and skated up to Craig. He took Craig's hand and led him away from the wall. Soon, Craig found it easier to skate. He let go of Dad's hand and was skating on his own. Craig smiled. Skating with Dad was a lot of fun.
