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Scott and Lee

This is Scott Green. Scott is ten.

Scott’s dad keeps a pig in a pen. Scott’s mom keeps three hens. Scott keeps a sheep.

Lee the Sheep is Scott’s pet. Scott feeds Lee and rubs him on the back. Lee is a sweet sheep.
Red Ants

Lee the Sheep had a bad week last week. Red ants bit him on his legs and feet.

Scott had to sweep the ants with his hand to get rid of them.
Scott was mad at the ants.

“Ants,” he said, “Lee is a sweet sheep. Feel free to munch on plants and weeds, but not on Lee!”

One of the ants said, “We feel bad. We will not munch on Lee. We will munch on plants and weeds.”
The Bees

The red ants left. But then the bees got Lee! The bees stung Lee on his cheek and on his feet.

Scott ran up to help Lee. Then he went and had a chat with the bees.
“Bees,” said Scott, “why sting Lee the Sheep? He is a sweet sheep.”

One bee said, “Bees will be bees.”

One bee said, “I must be me.”

Then Scott got mad. He said, “Sting the pig. Sting the hens! Sting the cat. Sting the dog. But let Lee be!” And the bees let Lee be.
Cake and Grapes

Scott got a cake to share with his pal Jade. Jade got a bunch of red grapes to share with Scott.

Scott went to Jade’s and gave Jade the cake. Jade gave Scott the grapes. Then the kids sat and ate. Jade ate all of Scott’s cake. Scott ate all of Jade’s grapes.
Scott is with Jade and Dave. The kids dig in the sand. They shape the sand. They make a sand man.

A big wave hits. The kids can’t save their sand man from the wave. The sand man gets wet. He slumps. He sags. He drips.

The sand man is a mess. But the kids are not sad. They run and splash in the waves.
Skates

Jade got skates when she was six. Scott just got his last week. He is scared to get up on his skates.

“Is this safe?” Scott asks. “What if I trip and get a scrape? What if I hit a tree? What if I see a snake?”

“It is safe!” says Jade. “Just skate.”

Jade helps Scott skate. Scott slips once. Then he gets the hang of it.

“Jade,” he yells, “it’s fun to skate!”
A Fine Hike

Scott is on a hike with Clive and Clive’s dad. They hike three miles up a big hill.

At the top of the hill, Clive’s dad says, “This is where we will camp.” He drops his pack on the grass. Scott and Clive help him set up the tent.
At five, Scott and Clive hike to the lake to fish. They get five fish!

At dusk, the kids hike back to camp. Clive’s dad makes a fire. The kids munch on hot dogs.

At nine, they get in their tent. They are all tired. They smile as they sleep.
The Bike Ride

Scott’s sis, Meg, likes to ride a bike. Once Meg went on a bike ride with Scott. Meg’s tire hit a rock and she fell off the bike.

Meg was brave. She did not yell. She did not sob. She got back on the bike. Then she said, “Let’s ride!”

“Meg,” Scott said, “I am glad my sis is so brave!”

That made Meg smile with pride!
The Plane Ride

Scott’s dad rents a plane. He asks Scott and Meg to ride with him in the plane. The kids smile and nod.

The kids get in the plane. They click on their belts. Then their dad takes off. The plane picks up speed. By the time it gets to the end of the strip, it lifts up.
The kids can see lots of things from the plane.

“That’s Big Lake!” says Scott. “But it’s not so big from up here, is it? It seems like it’s just a frog pond!”

“What’s that?” Meg asks.

“That’s a truck,” says Scott.

“A truck?” says Meg. “But it’s the size of a dot!”

Scott and Meg smile. It’s fun to ride in a plane.
The Gift

Scott and Meg’s mom is named Liz. She stops off at Hope’s Dress Shop.

“Hope,” Liz says, “I need a doll’s dress. The dress on Meg’s doll has a bunch of holes in it.”

“Well,” says Hope, “here’s a dress. It’s a doll’s size, and it’s on sale.”
“This is just **what** I **need**!” says Liz. “It will fit Meg’s doll, and Meg **likes** green!”

Hope drops the dress in a bag. Liz hands Hope cash. Hope hands the bag to Liz.

Hope is glad. She has made a **sale**. Liz is glad, as well. She has a gift to take home to Meg.
The Sled Ride

“I’ll drive!” said Scott, as he sat on the sled. Jade and Meg got on next. Dave was the last one on the sled. He sat in back.

The sled slid off. It went fast.

“Scott,” Jade said, “steer to the left! There’s a big stone there by the—”

Smack! The sled hit the stone. The kids fell off.
Scott went to check on Jade.

“Ug!” Jade said. “I feel like I broke all the bones in my leg!”

“Hop on the sled,” Scott said. “I will drag it home.”

Meg went to check on Dave.

Dave said, “I froze my nose!”

“Hop on the sled with Jade,” said Meg. “Scott and I will drag it home.”
Scott has a snack stand. Last week, he rode his bike to a shop to get nuts to sell at his stand. He got three big bags of nuts. The nuts cost him a lot of cash.

Scott slid the bags in his tote bag. Then he rode home.

When he got home, he got his mom to help him make hot spice nuts on the stove top.
Then Scott set up his stand.

“Hot spice nuts!” he said. “Get a bag of hot spice nuts! Just one buck!”

A kid came by and got a bag of nuts. Then a man got a bag. Then the man’s wife got a bag. He made back the five he had spent on nuts, plus ten in cash!
In the Pet Shop

Scott is in a pet shop. He spots a chimp in a pen. The chimp hangs from a branch. Then he jumps up on a big red cube and grins at Scott.

Scott sings a tune to the chimp. The chimp waves back. Scott likes the chimp, and the chimp seems to like him!
“Mom,” Scott says, “this chimp is so cute. He got up on his cube and waved at me! Can I take him home?”

“No,” says his mom. “My home is a chimp-free zone.”

Scott stares at the chimp. His mom can see that he is sad, so she tells him he can get a fish.

Scott is so sad he can’t take the chimp home, but he is glad he gets to take a fish home.
Scott Bakes a Cake

Scott’s mom bakes cakes with Meg.

“Scott,” she says, “you can help us with this cake, if you like.”

Scott shrugs. “Well,” he says, “if you can use my help, I will help.”

“It will be fun,” says his mom. “You can crack the eggs.”
Scott cracks three eggs and drops them in the dish.

Scott asks if he can mix up the eggs. Then he asks if he can add in the cake mix.

“Well,” his mom says, “if you add the cake mix, then Meg gets to frost the cake.”

“Can I help Meg frost it?” Scott asks.

Mom and Meg smile.

Meg says, “See, Scott. It’s fun to bake a cake!”
The Cave

Scott and Jade are on a hike. Jade spots a cave and peeks in.

“Are there bats in there?” Scott asks.

“I can’t tell,” Jade says, “but I hope so! I like bats!”

“Ick!” says Scott. “Bats are not cute.”
Scott and Jade step in the cave.

Jade yells, “Bats, where are you? Wake up!”

Scott says, “Let the bats sleep.”

Just then a bat glides up. It flaps its wings. It dips and spins.

Jade stares at the bat and smiles.

Scott ducks and yells, “Hide! A bat!”
“Let’s take a ride in my skiff,” says Scott.

“What’s a skiff?” asks Ling.

“Um, it’s like a ship,” says Scott, “but not so big.”

The kids run to the dock. They can swim well, but, to be safe, they slip on life vests. Scott and Ling get in the skiff.
Scott steers the skiff. He steers it to the west side of the lake. The skiff glides in the wind.

Ling spots lots of fun things.

“I see ducks by that pine tree!” she yells.

“Is that a fish?” Scott asks.

“There’s a crane!” Ling adds.

She says, “Scott, this is so much fun!”
Lunch Trades

Dave checks his lunch bag. “No!” he fumes. “It’s ham. I ate ham all week! Will you trade, Ling?”

“I’ll trade my hot dog,” Ling says, “but not my chips. Will you trade your lunch, Scott?”

“I will trade,” Scott says, “but you will not like what Mom gave me.”
“Why?” asks Ling. “What’s in your bag?”

“A fish bone, a lump of fat, and a wet sock,” says Scott.

“No to all of those!” says Ling.

“Ug!” says Dave. “No trade!”

As Ling and Dave trade, Scott keeps his bag. He does not tell Ling and Dave what he has in his bag. He has chips, ham, a bun, and a bunch of red grapes. Scott likes all of the things in his bag. He will not trade them.
The kids sat by a fire.

“Let’s all tell tales,” said Ling. “Then we can vote on which tale is the best!”

“Let me tell mine!” Mike said. “My tale will scare you.”

“No!” said Dave, “You can’t scare me!”
“Well,” said Mike, “we will see!”
“There’s a Grump,” Mike said, “that makes its home close to this spot. It’s big. It has long fangs. It sleeps when the sun is up and wakes when the sun sets. The Grump can smell kids. It likes to grab them and . . .”

Just then, there was a snap.

“What was that?” Dave said.

“It was just a twig,” Ling said.

“But what made it snap like that?” said Dave.
Dave was scared.

“EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!” he said. “IT’S THE GRUMP! RUN! RUN FROM THE GRUMP!”

Dave got up to run, but Ling said, “It’s not the Grump! It’s just Meg!”
Green Grove Glade

Dave and Scott hike to Green Grove Glade with their moms and dads.

They stop at the gate and a man says, “Moms and dads, rest here where you can see your kids as they run, jump, and slide.”

Scott and Dave are glad this is a spot for kids. They are glad their moms and dads are close if they get tired.
The kids swing on the swings. They slide on the slides. They ride on the rides. When they get tired, they get their moms and dads and hike back to their homes.

“Was it fun, Scott?” his mom asks when they get home.

Scott nods and smiles.

“What was it like?” she asks.

Scott grins and quips, “It was fun, Mom! Green Grove Glade is a fun spot for kids!”
The Boss

“Meg,” Scott says, “when Mom and Dad are on their trip, I will be the boss here.”

“You are not the boss of me!” says Meg.

“I’m the boss!” says Scott.

“You are not!” says Meg.
Scott glares at Meg. Meg glares back at him. Just then Mom steps in and taps Scott on the back. “Scott,” she says, “meet Jen. Jen will be the boss till Dad and I get back.”

“Meg’s boss?” Scott asks.

“Meg’s boss and Scott’s boss,” his mom says.

“Rats!” says Scott. “When will I get to be the boss?”
“What’s that?” Dave asks.

“It’s a kite I made,” says Scott.

“Can I help you test it?” Dave asks.

“Yes,” says Scott.

The kids take the kite close to the lake to test it. Scott grabs the string. Then he runs as fast as he can.
The wind grabs Scott’s kite. The kite zips up. It rides on the wind. It shines in the sun. The wind lifts it up till it is just a speck.

Dave cheers.

“Scott,” he yells, “you are the man! That kite you made is the best kite of all time! You are the King of Kites!”
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- /a/ as in \textit{tap}
- /u/ as in \textit{up}
- /o/ as in \textit{flop}

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- /t/ as in \textit{bat, batting}
- /d/ as in \textit{bid, bidding}
- /k/ as in \textit{cot, kid, rock, soccer}
- /g/ as in \textit{log, logging}
- /n/ as in \textit{run, running}
- /h/ as in \textit{ham}
- /s/ as in \textit{sit, hiss}
- /f/ as in \textit{fat, huff}
- /l/ as in \textit{yet}
- /z/ as in \textit{zip, hums, buzz}
- /p/ as in \textit{tip, tipping}
- /b/ as in \textit{rub, rubbing}
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- Beginning with “The Bees”: Tricky Words \textit{be and me}
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- Beginning with “The Bike Ride”: Tricky Word \textit{my}
- Beginning with “The Plane Ride”: Tricky Word \textit{by}
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- Beginning with “In the Pet Shop”: the sound /ue/ spelled ‘u\_e’, Tricky Words \textit{you and your}