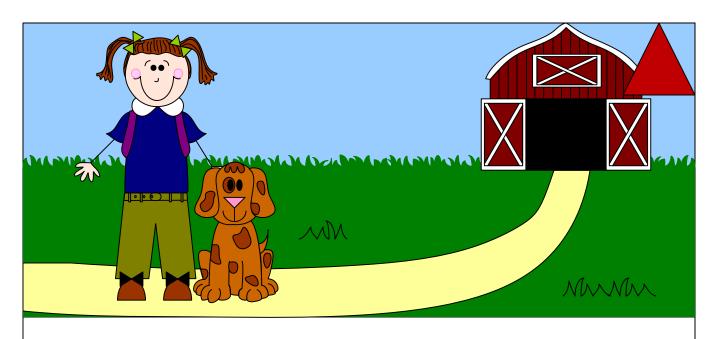


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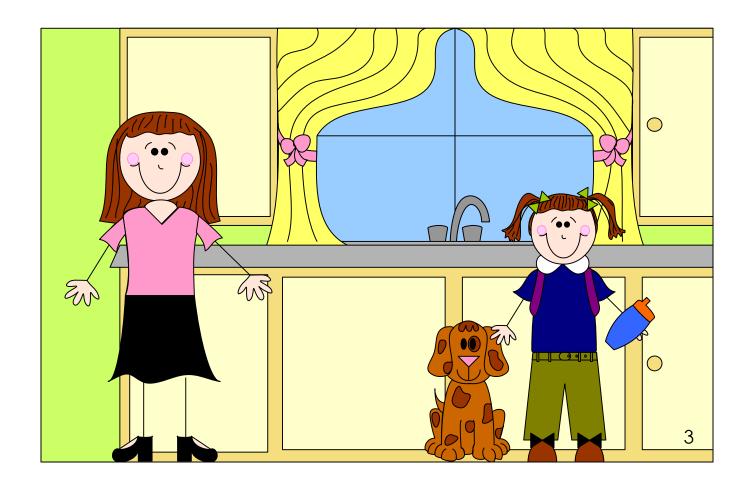
adventure. "Mom," said Kim, "Kit and I want to go on an

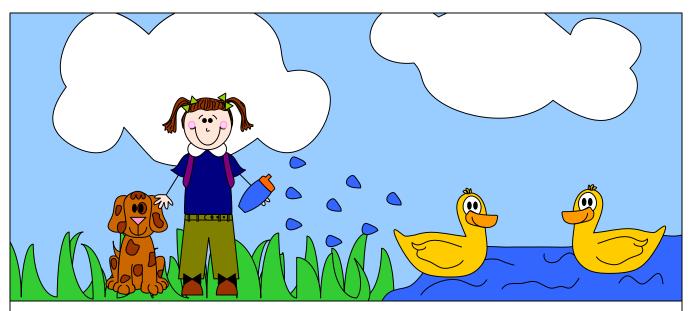
adventure. Will you please take us to Uncle Tim's barn?"

"OK, Kim," Mom said, "that sounds like fun. Let's go."

Kim put on her shoes and got a bottle of water and her treasure

bag. Mom drove Kim and Kit to Uncle Tim's barn.





"Quack, quack!" said the ducks. The ducks jumped into a pond and splashed some water on Kim and Kit. Then the ducks swam away.

"This looks like a fantastic place for an adventure," Kim said to

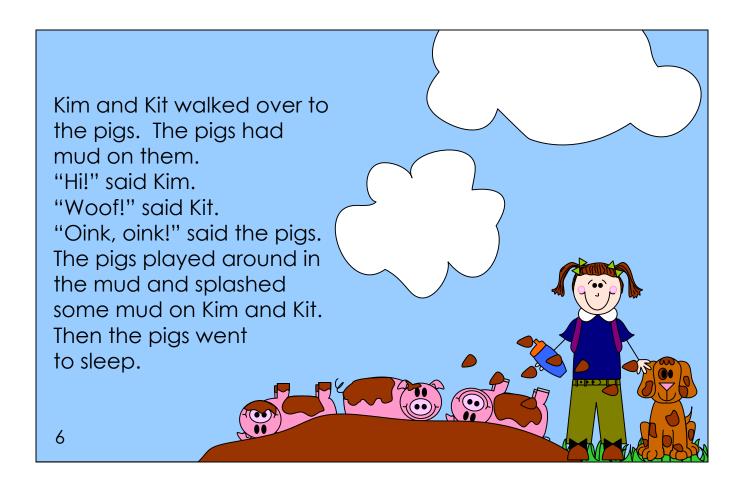
Kit. "Let's see what treasure we can find here."

Kim and Kit walked to the barn. There were many things near the barn. There were ducks, pigs, cows, and horses. Kim and Kit walked over to the ducks. The ducks were walking around near a pond.

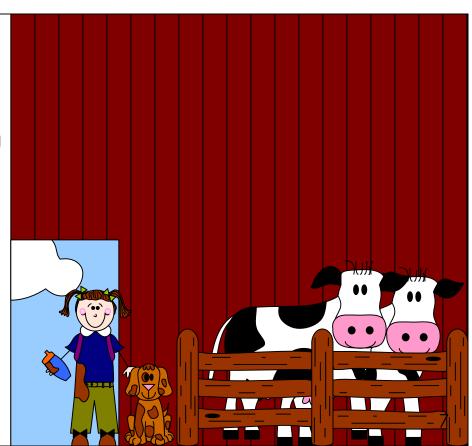
"Hi!" said Kim.

"Woof!" said Kit.

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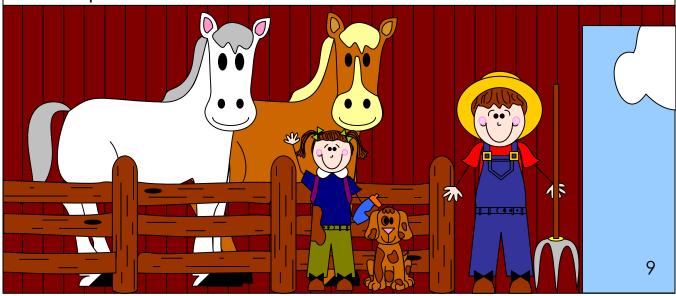


Kim and Kit walked over to the cows. They were standing in the barn. "Hi!" said Kim. "Woof!" said Kit. "Moo!" said the cows. The cows turned around where Kim and Kit could not see their faces.



"Hi, Uncle Tim!" Kim said. Thank you for letting us come to your barn. We thought your barn would be a fantastic place for an adventure. I love this horse. He

let me pet him."



Kim and Kit walked over to the horses. They were standing in the other side of the barn.

"Hi!" said Kim.

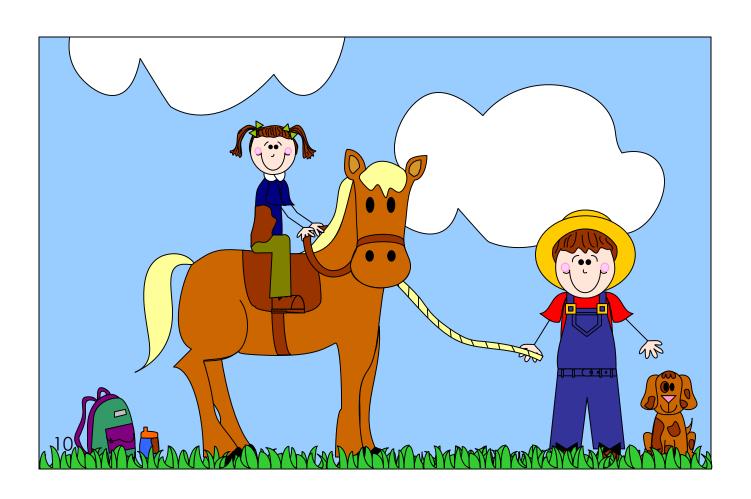
"Woof" said Kit.

"Neigh!" said the horses. One horse put his head down so Kim could pet him.

"Yea!" said Kim. "This is a nice horse. I think he likes me."

Just then Uncle Tim walked into the barn. "Hi, Kim," said Uncle

8 Tim. "I am so glad you came to visit my barn."



"His name is Fred. Well, how would you like to ride him?" asked Uncle Tim.

"Oh, my!" yelled Kim. "That would make me so very happy! Can I really ride him? Please, Uncle Tim?"

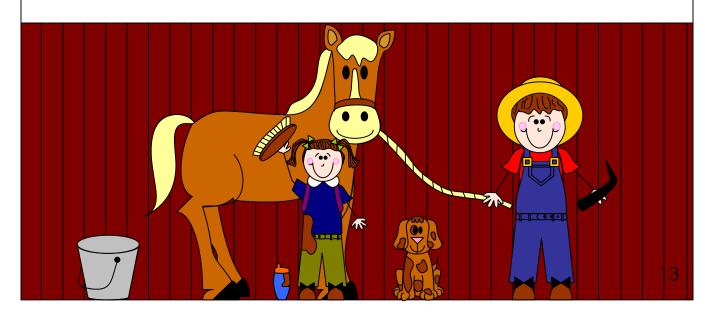
"Yes," said Uncle Tim. "Just let me get some gear."
Uncle Tim put a saddle on Fred. The saddle is where you sit when you ride a horse. He put some other gear on Fred.

Then he helped Kim get up on Fred. She felt very tall up high in the saddle. Then Uncle Tim pulled the rope on Fred to take the him out of the barn and walk him around in the yard while Kim rode him. Kim giggled while she rode Fred because she had so much fun!

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"Next we need to clean his feet," said Uncle Tim. "This is a horse pick and you scrape the dirt off of his feet with

it. Be careful." Uncle Tim and Kim cleaned his feet.



When the ride was over Uncle Tim took the horse back into the barn. Kim got off Fred.

"Now that you rode Fred we need to clean him up," said Uncle Tim. "First we need to brush him."

"This is a huge brush," said Kim. "It is bigger than my brush and it is bigger than the brush I use for Kit."

Uncle Tim showed Kim how to brush Fred and they

12 brushed all of his hair.

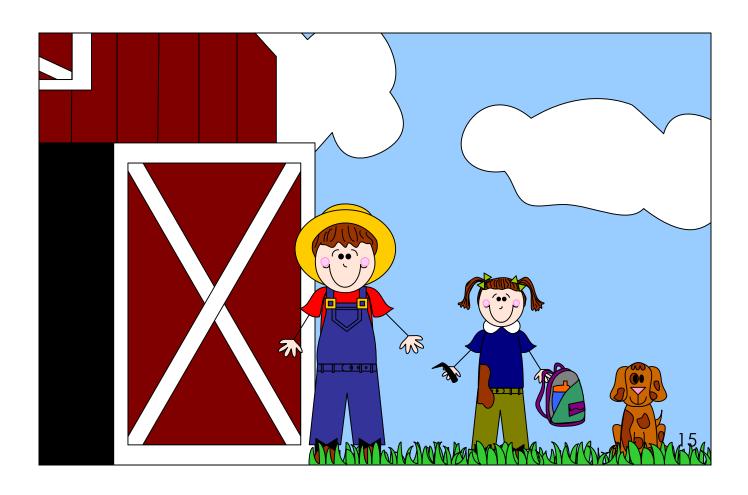
"This has been such a great adventure!" said Kim. "Thank you so much for letting me ride Fred!

"No problem!" said Uncle Tim. "You can keep this horse pick to help you think of the day you got to ride the horse."

"Oh, thank you, Uncle Tim!" said Kim. "Thank you!"

Kim put the horse pick in her treasure bag.

"Come on, Kit! Let's go home and tell Dad about our day!"



New Words

adventure



horse



horses



hunter



shoes



treasure



water



Mom drove Kim and Kit home so they could tell Dad about their adventure and to show him their new treasure. They told him about the ducks, the pigs, the cows, and the horses. They told him about how Kim rode on the horse and how they cleaned the horse. They told him how much fun they had at Uncle Tim's barn. Then they put the horse pick in the treasure box and thought about what adventure they could go on next.