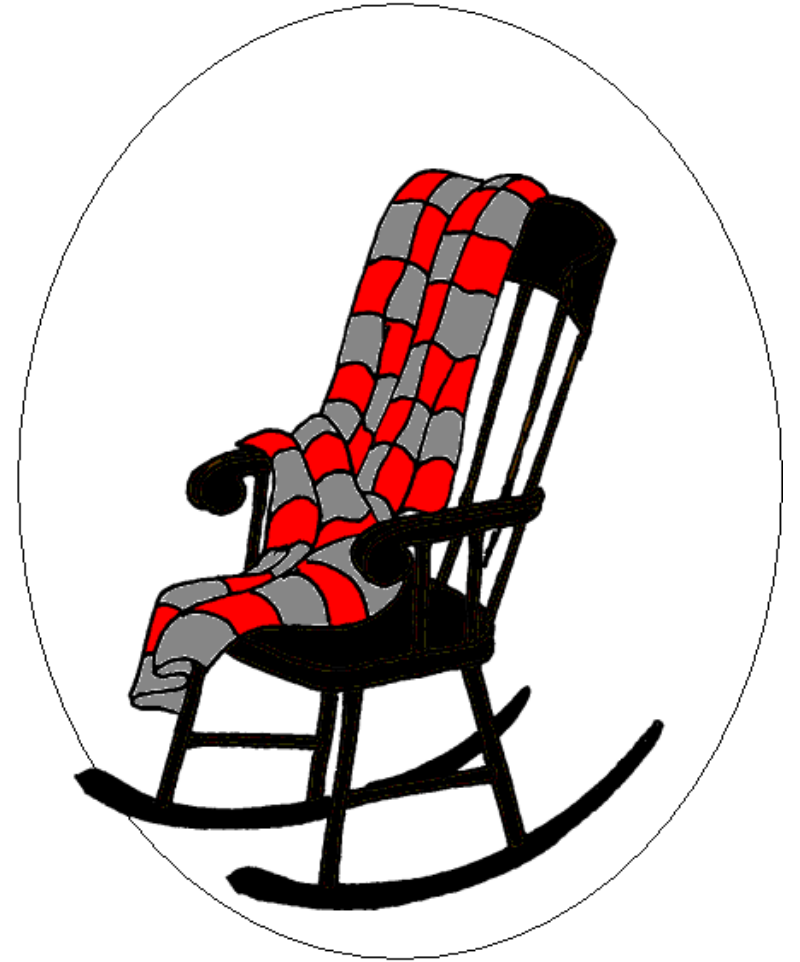


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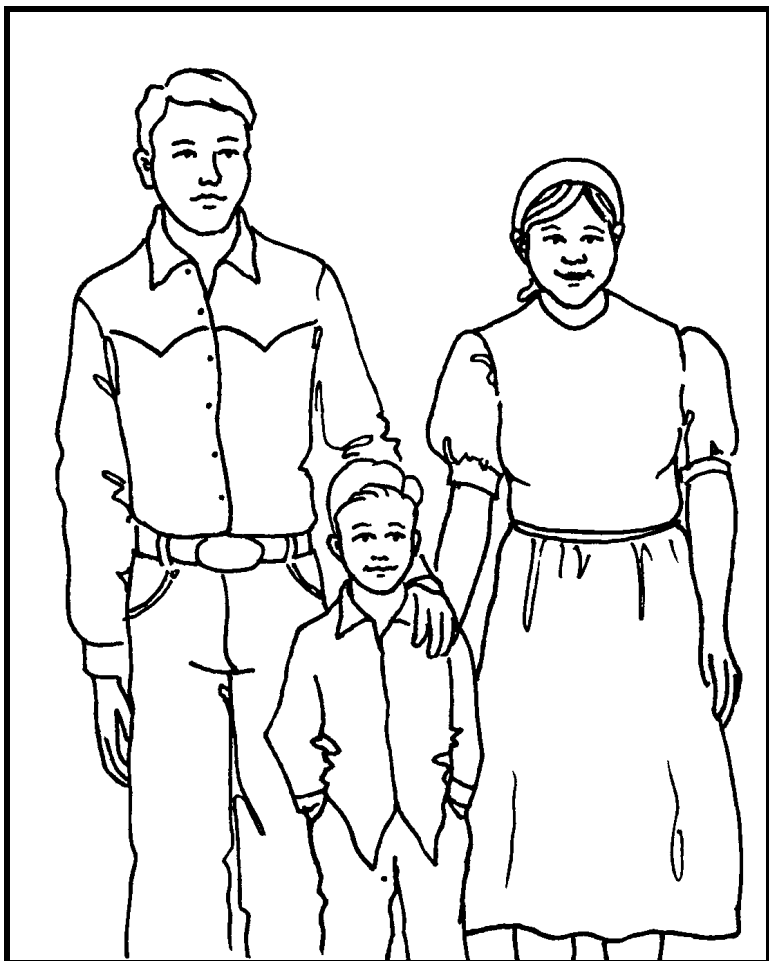
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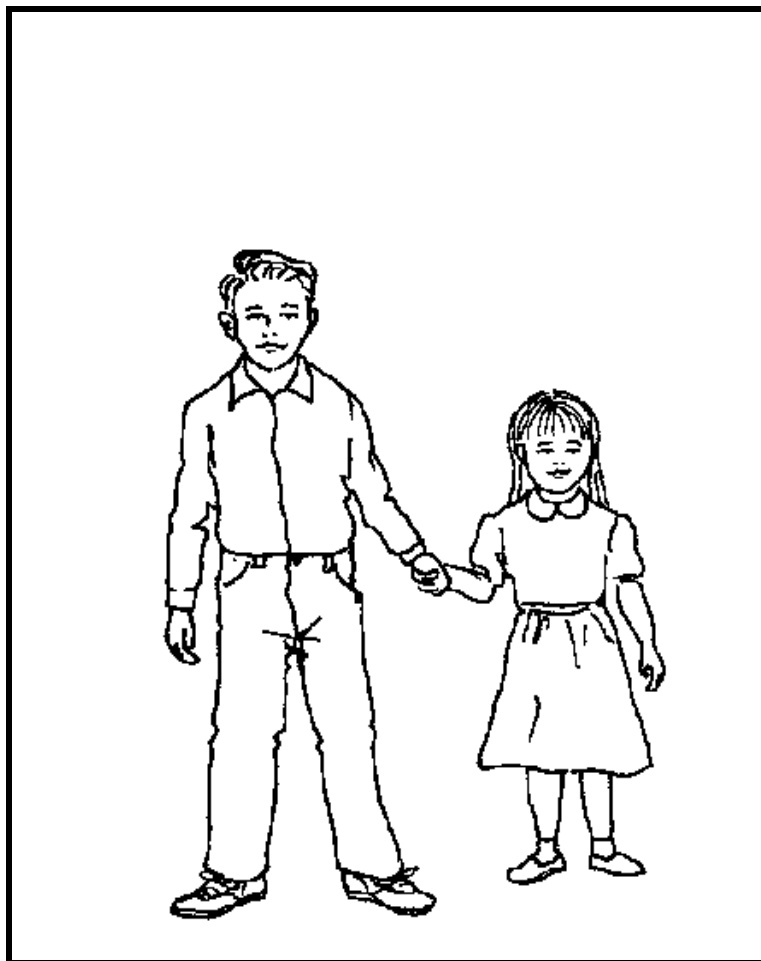
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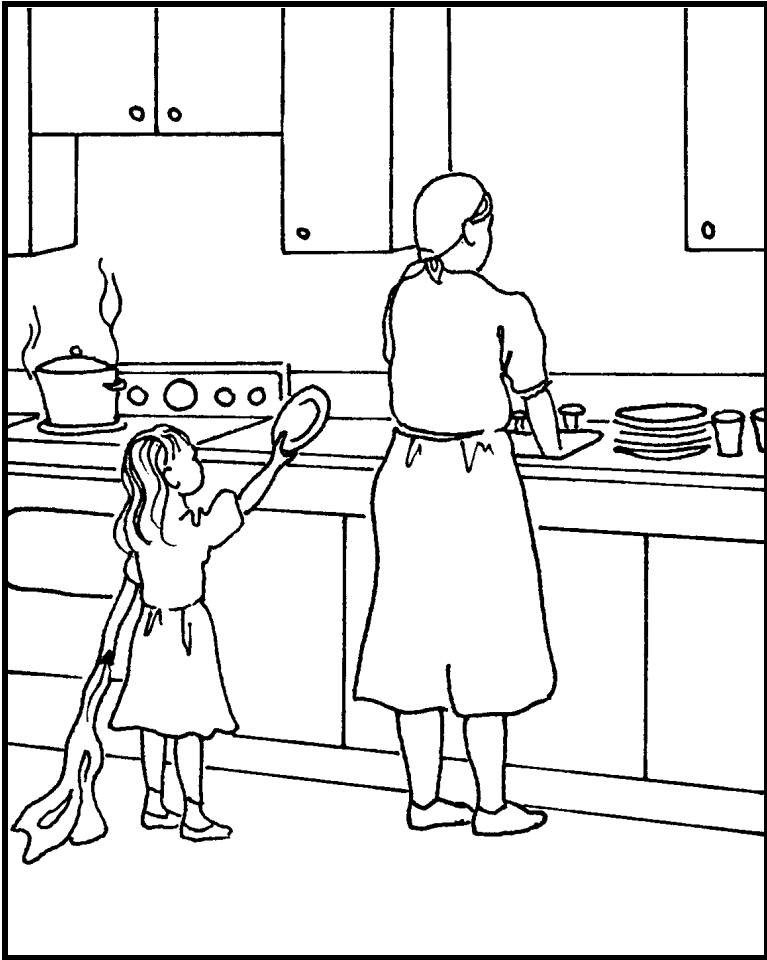
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Hello. I am Peter.  
I am six years old.  
I live in Mexico.  
This is my Mom and my Dad.



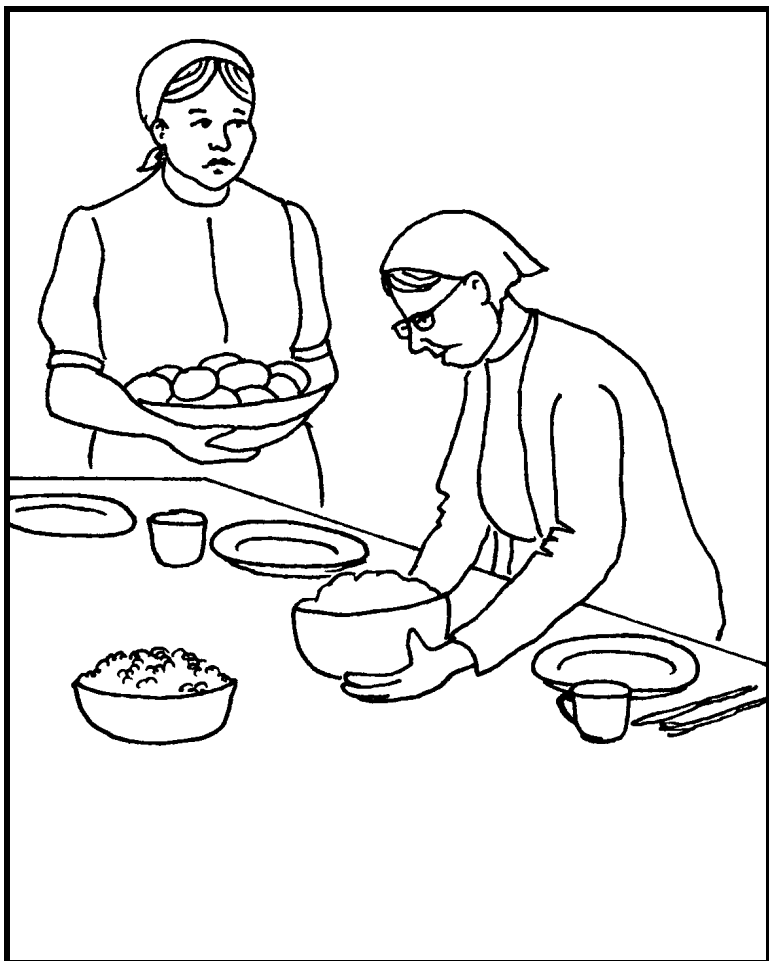
This is my brother, Abe.  
He is eight years old.  
This is my sister, Tina.  
She is four years old.



We work hard.  
Abe and I help Dad.  
Tina likes to help Mom.  
She isn't much help yet.  
She is too little.



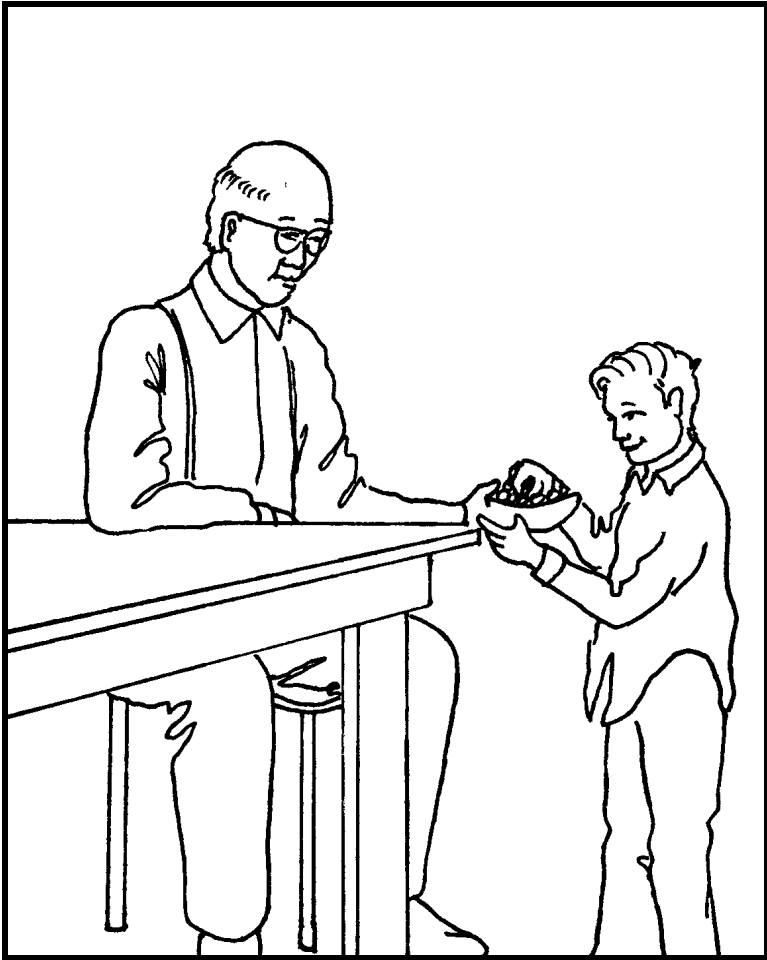
This is my Grandma and my Grandpa.  
I love my Grandma and Grandpa.  
We like to go to see Grandma and Grandpa.  
Grandma and Grandpa like to see us.



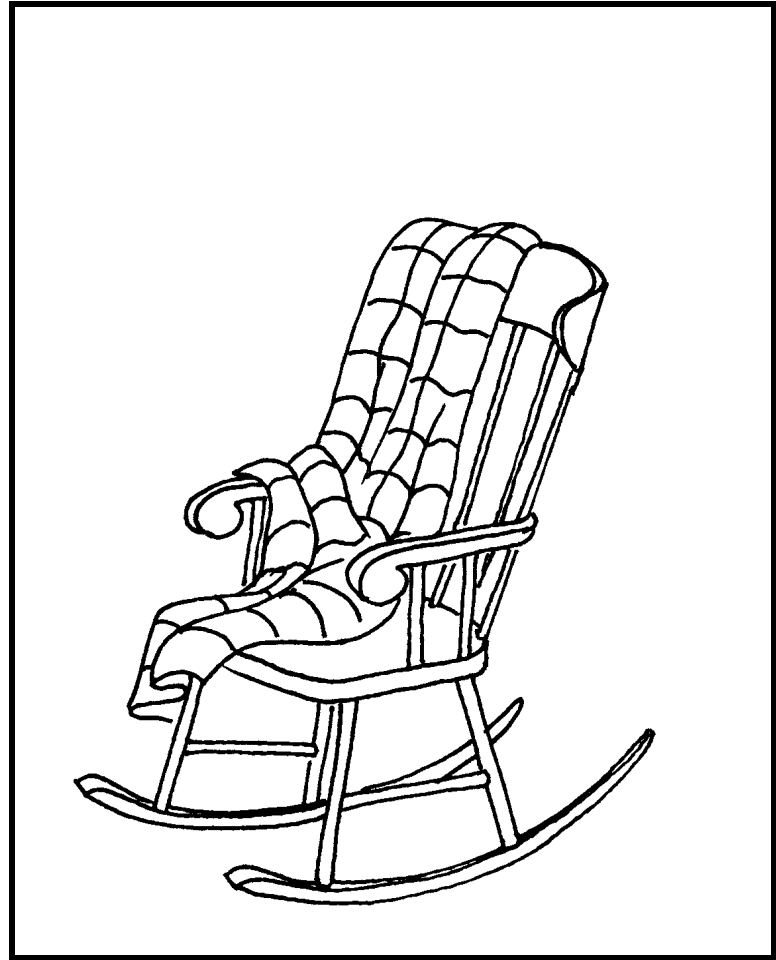
Grandma is a good cook.  
My Mom helps Grandma with the cooking.  
Grandma and Mom make good things to eat.  
I say, "This is very good!"



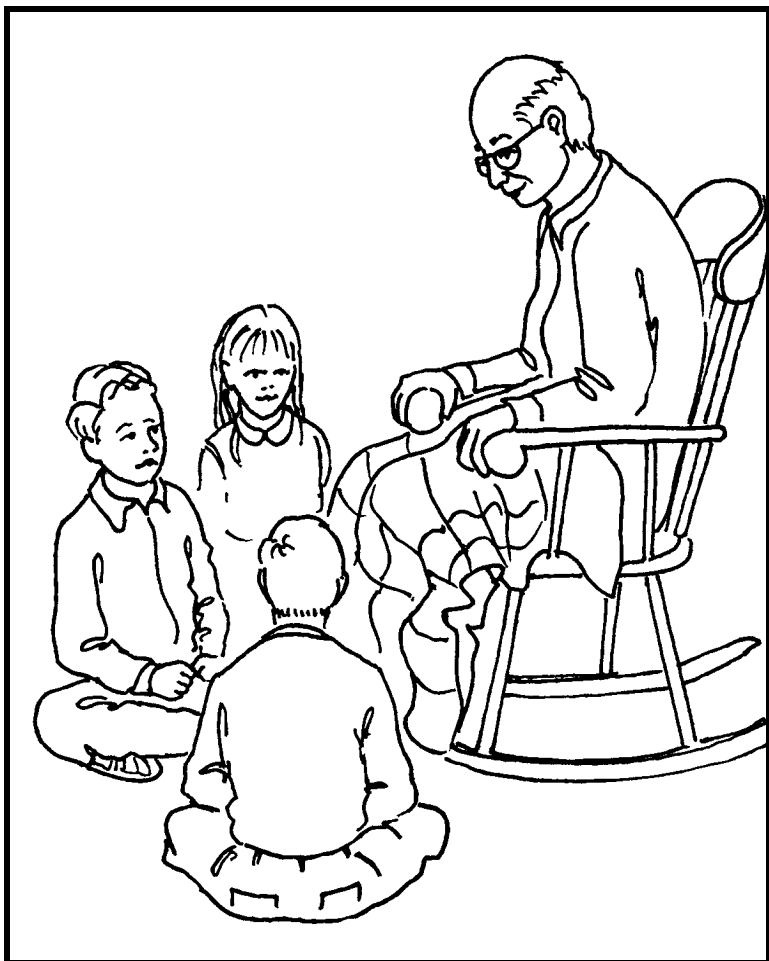
We eat, then Mom cleans up.  
Grandma goes to sleep.  
Sometimes Grandma does not feel good.  
She sleeps a lot.



Grandpa says, "Come here, children."  
Grandpa has a dish with candy in it.  
Grandpa says, "You can take three candies."  
We say, "Thank you Grandpa!"  
Grandpa says, "Come with me."



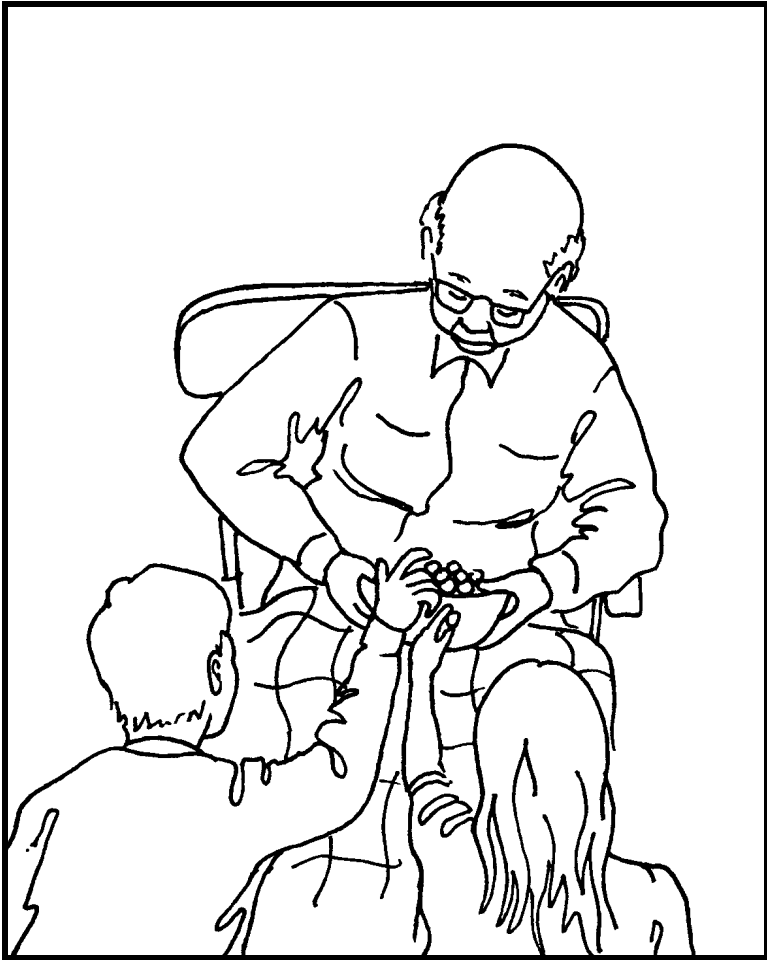
This is Grandpa's rocking chair.  
This is Grandpa's blanket.



Grandpa sits in the rocking chair.  
We sit down by Grandpa.



Grandpa says, "Look at this blanket.  
Grandma made my blanket.  
I love this blanket.  
It shows Grandma loves me."



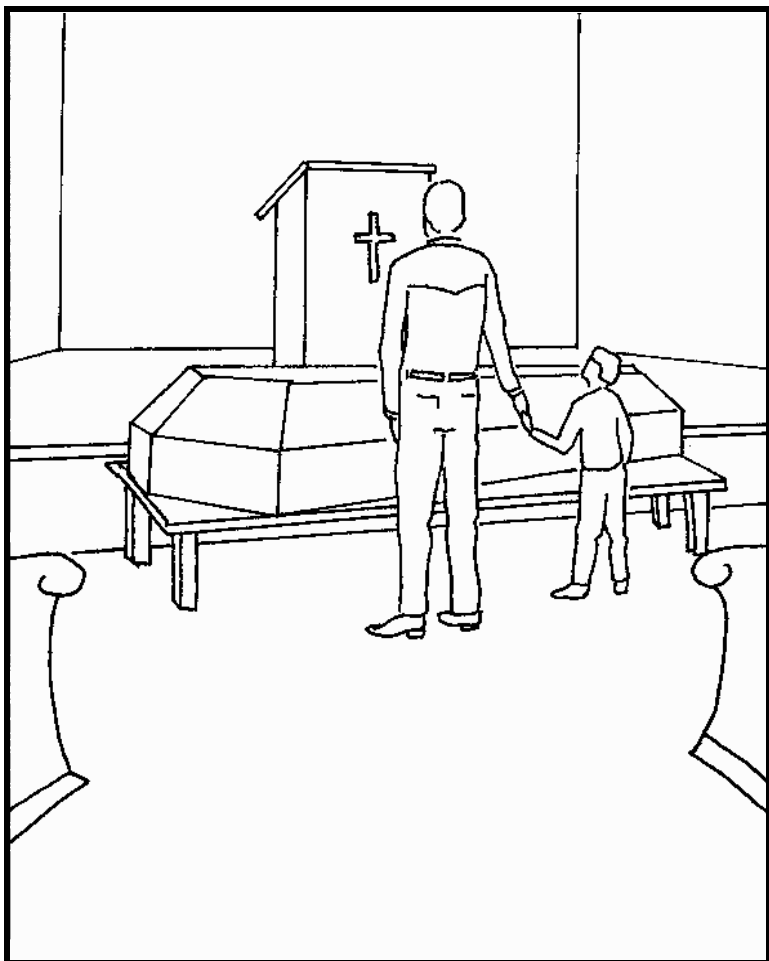
Abe says, "Please tell us a story, Grandpa!"  
We all love Grandpa's stories.  
We love Grandpa, too.  
Grandpa tells a good story,  
then he gives us more candy.



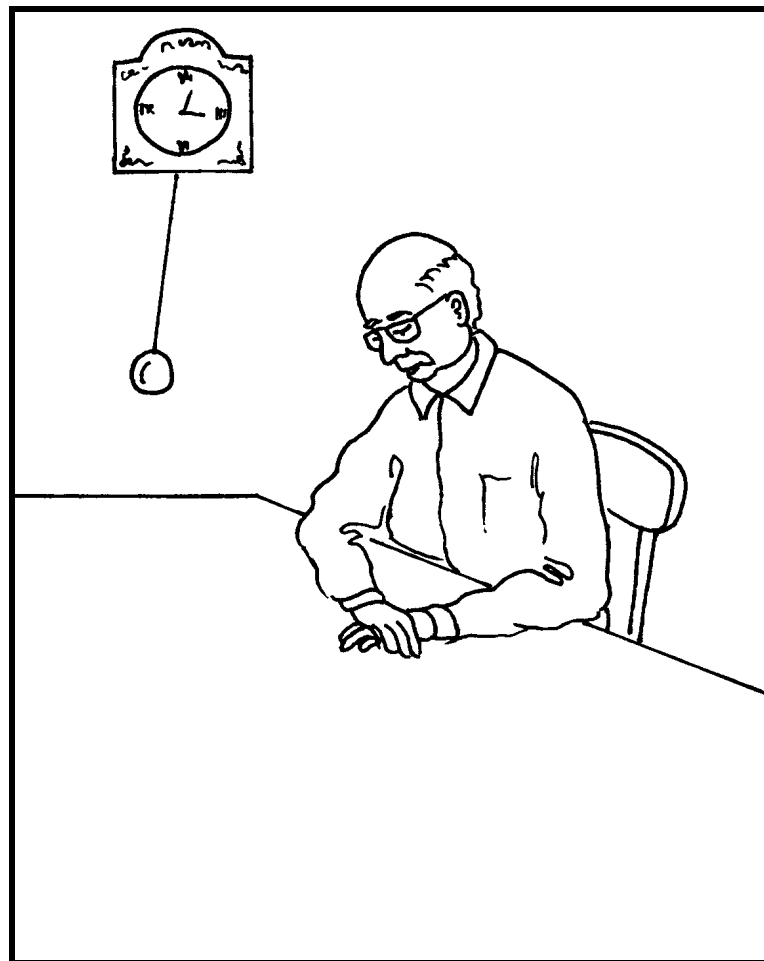
Mom says, "It is time to go home".  
At home, Mom says to Dad, "Grandma is sick.  
She sleeps a lot now."  
Dad says, "Yes, Grandma is very sick."  
I feel sad for Grandpa.  
I feel sad for me!







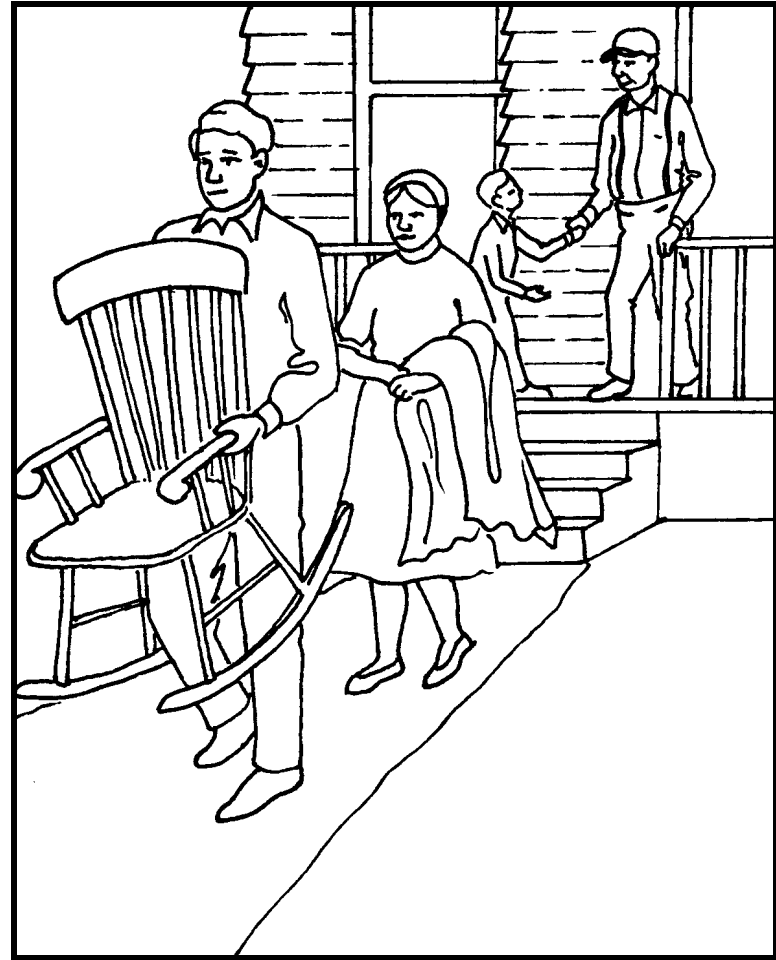
It is a very sad time.  
Grandma is very sick.  
Grandma dies.  
We go to church for the funeral.  
It is very sad.  
I cry and cry.



We go to see Grandpa at his house.  
He will not eat.  
He can not sleep.  
He will not work.  
He is too sad.

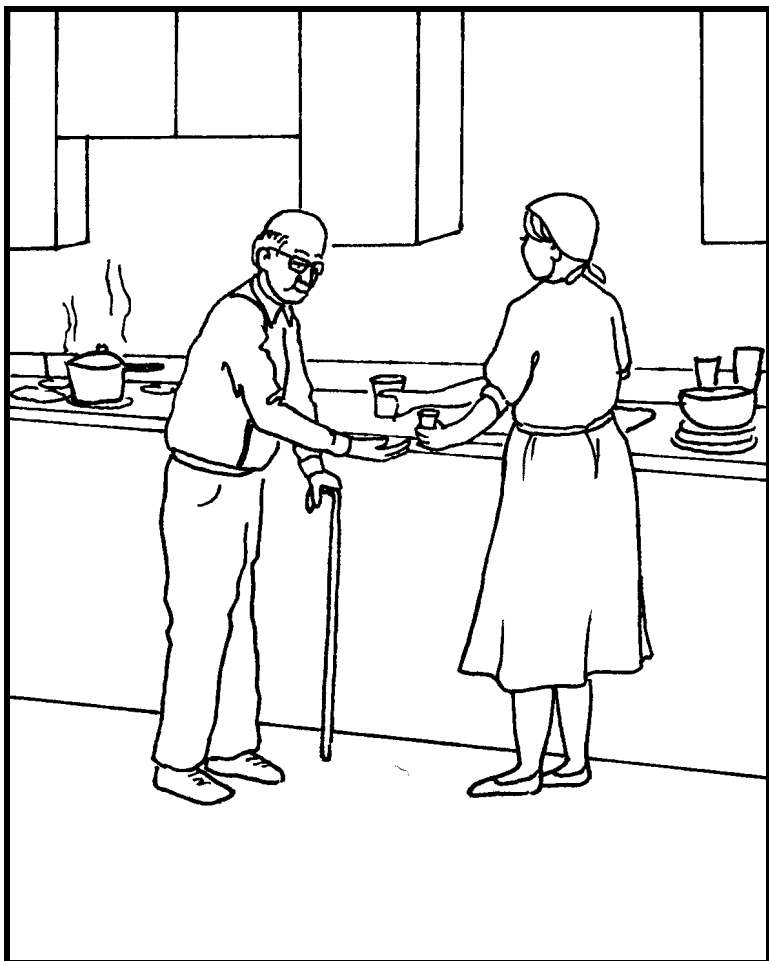


Dad says to Mom, "Can Grandpa live with us?"  
Mom says, "It will be a lot of work.  
Can he go to a Home?"  
Dad and Mom talk and talk.  
At last they say, "Grandpa can live with us.  
We will try it."

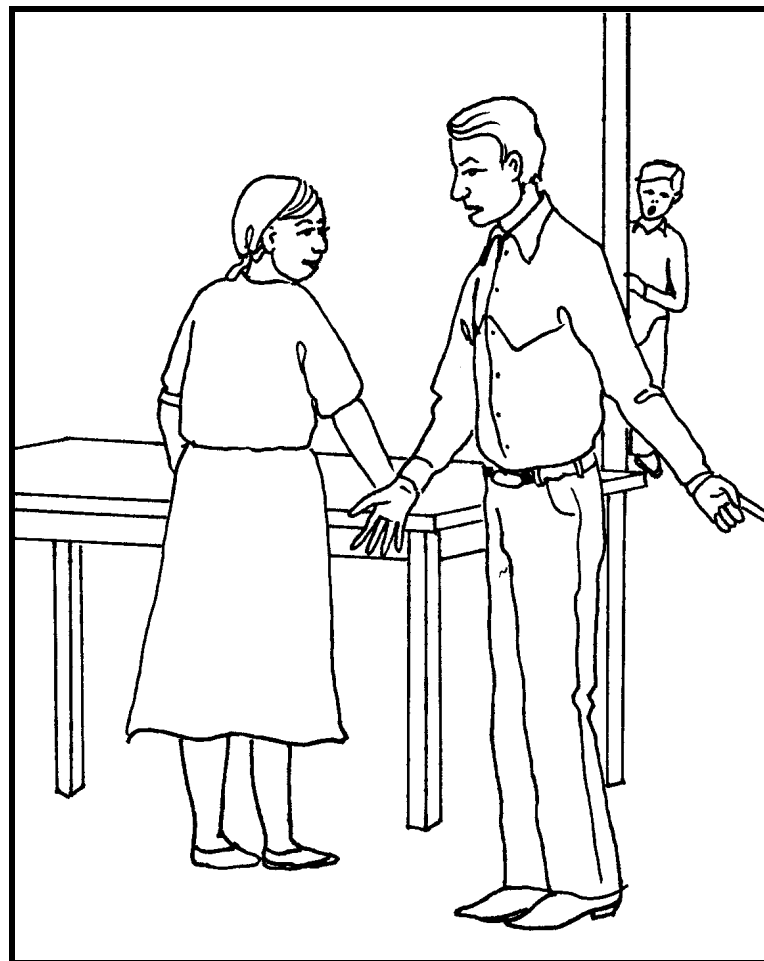


Dad has Grandpa's rocking chair.  
Mom has Grandpa's blanket.  
Abe has the candy dish.  
I take Grandpa's hand.  
I say, "Come home with us.  
You can live with us now."

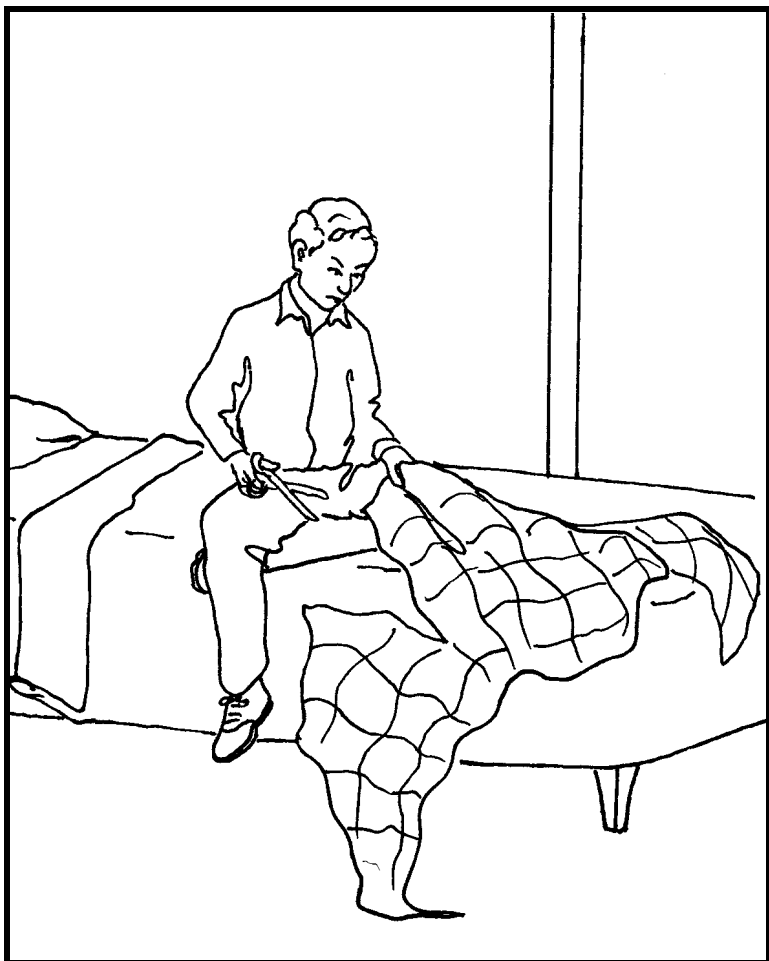




Days go by.  
It is a lot of work for Mom.  
She helps Grandpa a lot.  
She works all the time!



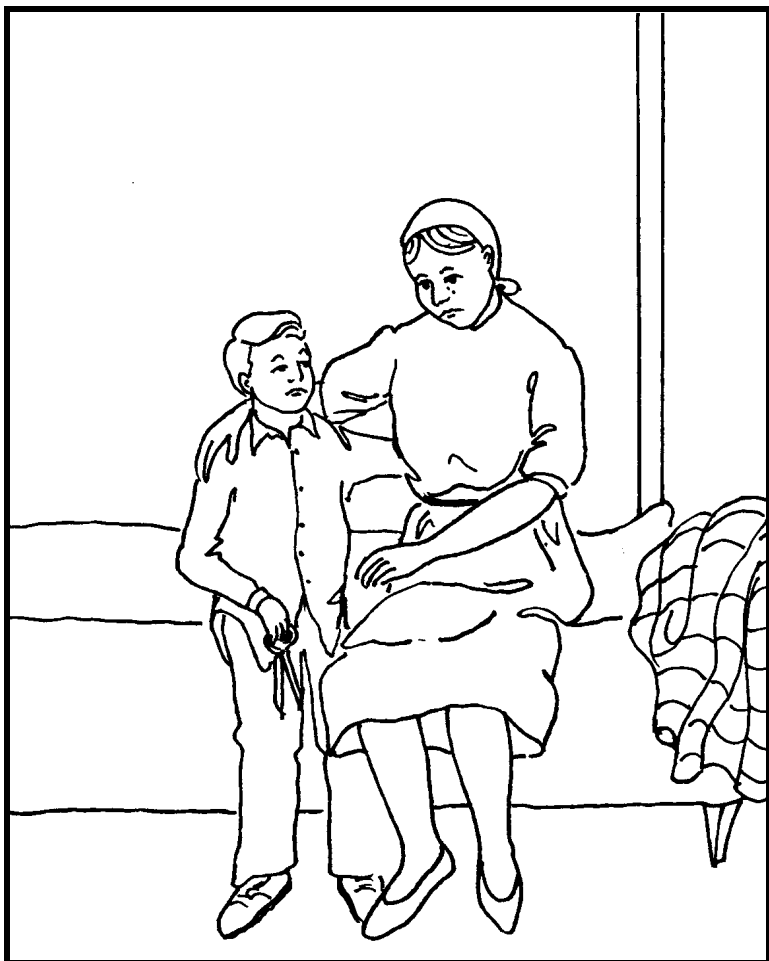
Dad says, "It is too much work for you.  
Grandpa must go to a Home now.  
He can't stay with us."



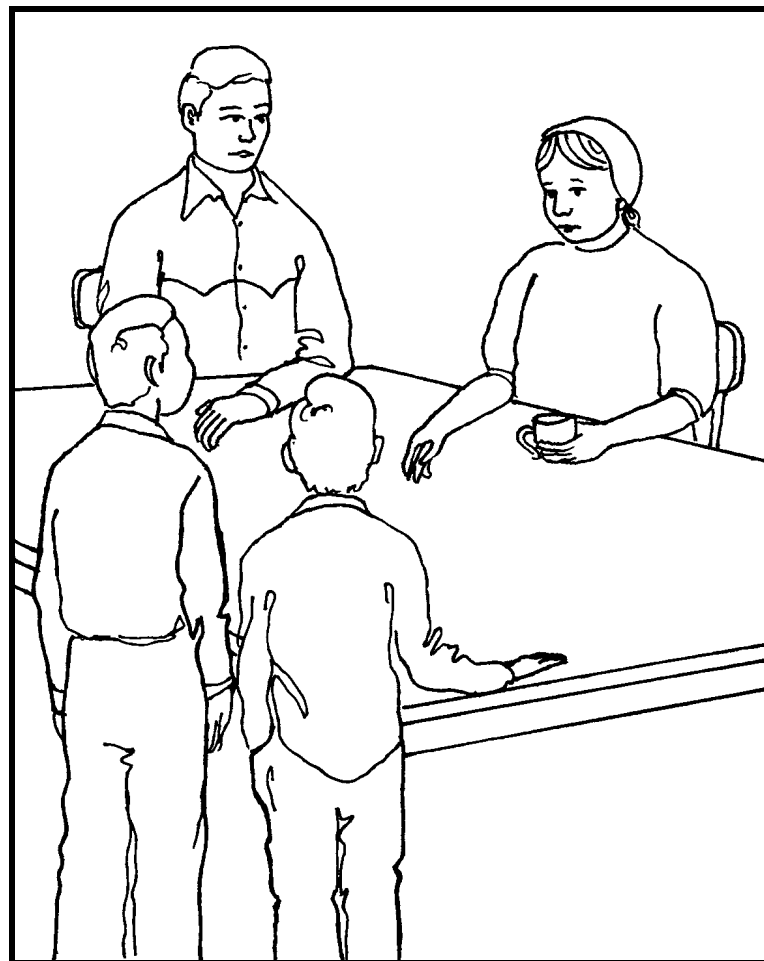
I feel sad and mad!  
I get Grandpa's blanket.  
I take it, and I cut it.  
I cut the blanket in two.  
I feel very bad.



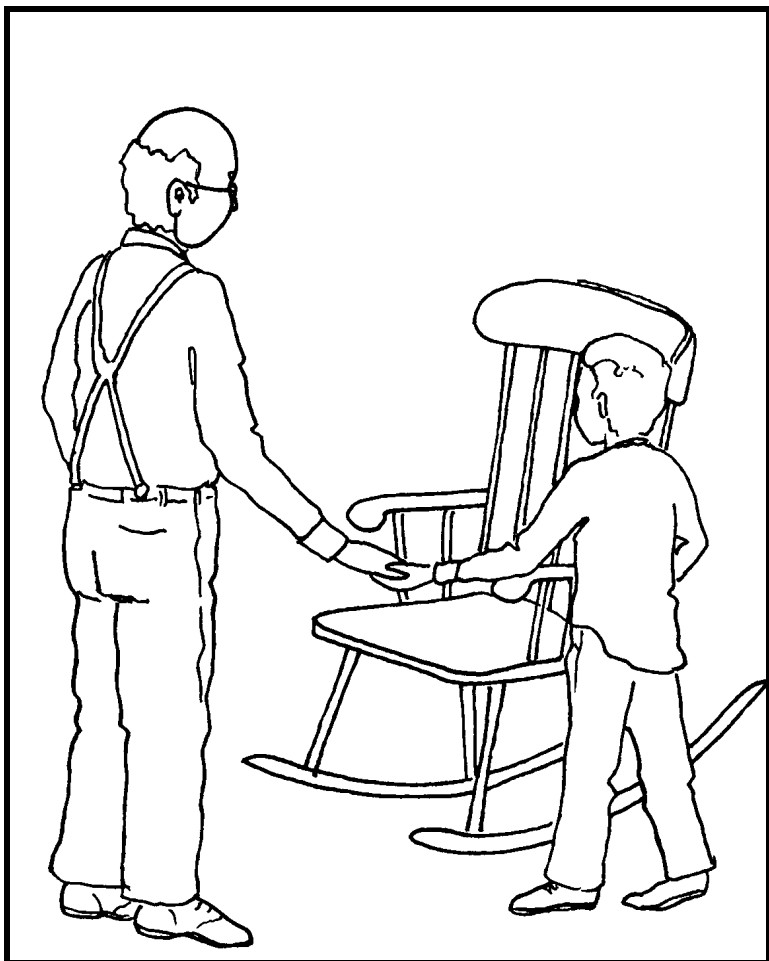
Mom says, "Peter, what did you do?"  
I say, "I cut the blanket.  
Grandpa can have one part to go to a Home!  
You can have one part when you go to a Home!"



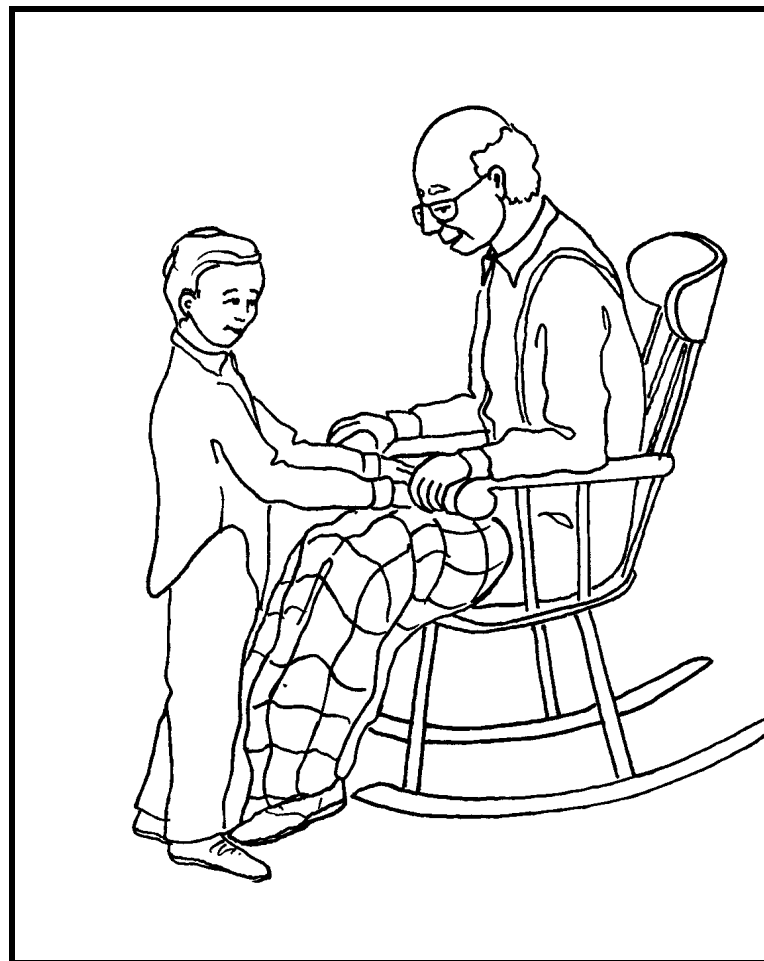
Mom and I cry and cry.  
Mom says, "I can fix the blanket.  
I don't want Grandpa to go to a Home.  
I will talk to Dad."



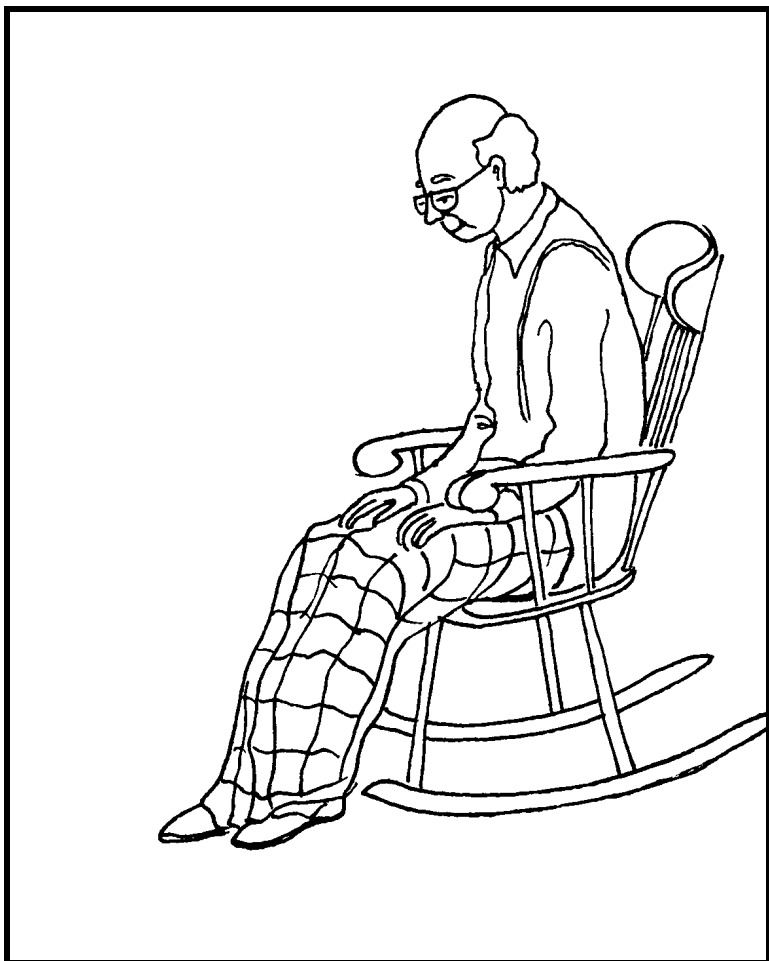
Dad and Mom talk.  
Dad says to Abe and me, "Will you help Mom?  
Will you help Grandpa?"  
We say, "Yes!"  
Dad says, "I will help, too.  
Then Grandpa can stay with us."



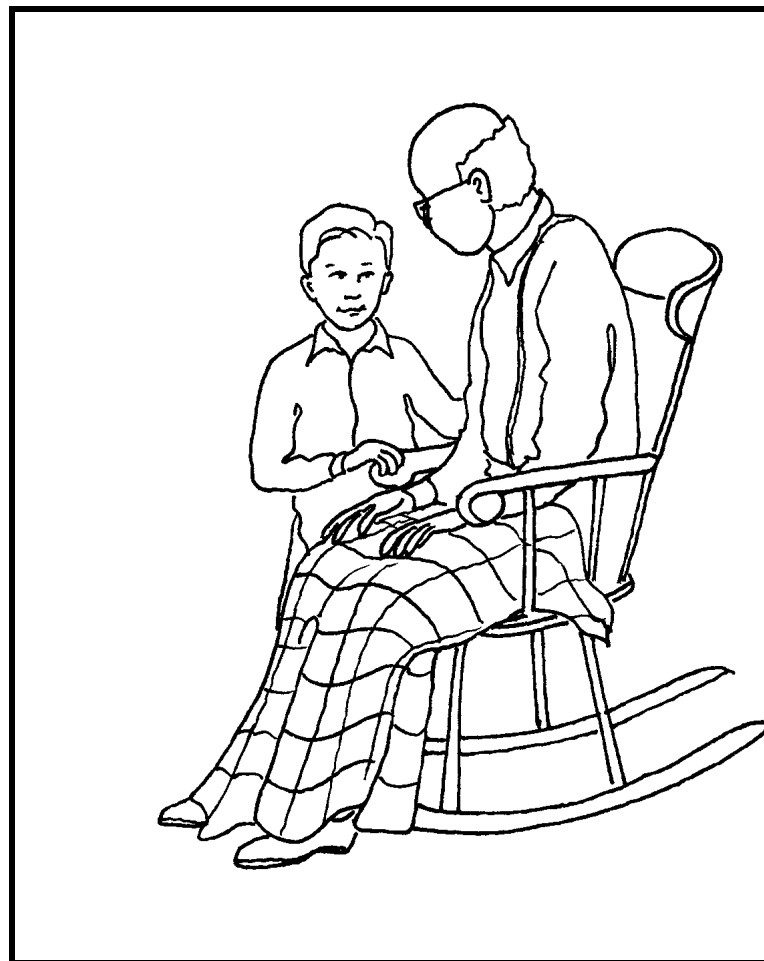
We feel very happy!  
I say to Grandpa, "Come, Grandpa.  
Come with me.  
Sit on the rocking chair."



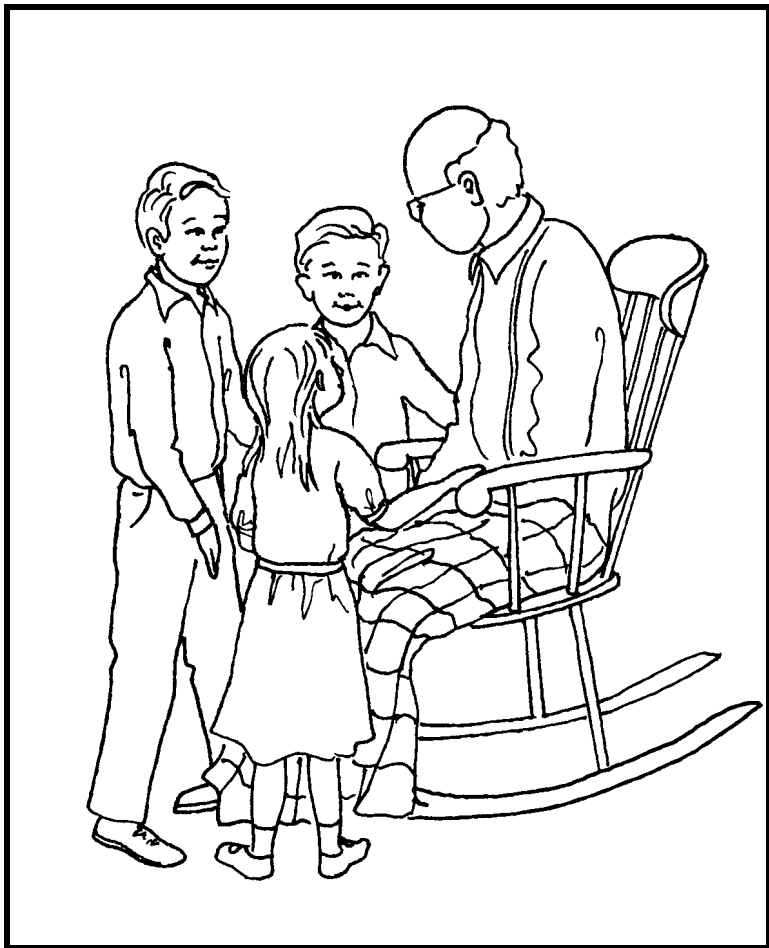
I put the blanket on Grandpa.  
I say, "Grandma made the blanket.  
Grandma loved you, Grandpa.  
We love you, too."



Grandpa looks at the blanket.  
He looks at me.  
He says, "Yes, Grandma made my blanket.  
I love this blanket.  
It shows Grandma loved me!"



I say, "Grandpa, please tell us a story!"  
Abe and Tina say, "Please, Grandpa!"



Grandpa says, "Get the candy dish!  
You can have three candies."  
We say, "Thank you!"



Grandpa tells a good story.  
We love the story.  
We love Grandpa, too!



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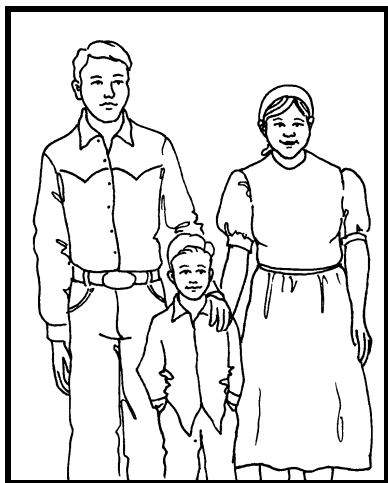
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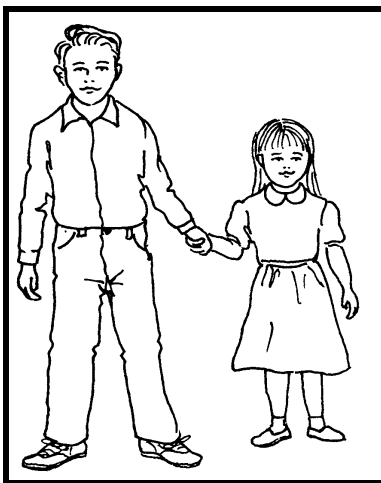
# The Blanket

Before you read pages 1 to 5.

- \* 1. Look.  
Say the names.



Dad - Peter - Mom



Abe - Tina



Grandpa - Grandma

- \* 2. Write the names.

A \_ \_ = \_\_\_\_\_    \_ o \_ = \_\_\_\_\_    \_ \_ d = \_\_\_\_\_

\_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ = \_\_\_\_\_    T \_ \_ \_ = \_\_\_\_\_

G \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ = \_\_\_\_\_    \_ \_ t \_ \_ = \_\_\_\_\_

- \* 3. Read the words.  
Circle the names.

blanket	(Abe)	live	Mom
Tina	love	Grandma	Dad
Peter	work	Grandpa	help

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## The Blanket

**Before you read pages 1 to 5.**

\* 4. Draw lines from the words to the right numbers.

six	4
eight	6
four	8

\*\* 5. Read the words.

help	like	work
helps	likes	love

\* 6. Fill in. Write the words.

w _ _ _	=	_____	_ _ v _	=	_____
h _ _ s	=	_____	_ _ k _	=	_____
_ _ k _ _	=	_____	h _ _ _	=	_____

\*\* 7. Read the words.

isn't	too	cook
things	blanket	cooking

\* 8. Fill in. Write the words.

_ o o	=	_____	i s _ _ _	=	_____
_ o o k	=	_____	t h s _ _	=	_____
_ o o k _ _ _	=	_____	b l _ _ _ e t	=	_____

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**The Blanket**  
**After you read pages 1 to 5.**

\* Write in order.

1. I am Peter I

\_\_\_\_\_

2. I live in Mexico

\_\_\_\_\_

3. We work hard

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Grandpa and I love Grandma my

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Grandma is a good cook

\_\_\_\_\_

\*\* Circle  Yes or  No

- |                             |     |    |
|-----------------------------|-----|----|
| 1. Peter is four years old. | Yes | No |
| 2. Abe is eight years old.  | Yes | No |
| 3. Tina is four years old.  | Yes | No |
| 4. Tina likes to help.      | Yes | No |
| 5. Grandma is a good cook.  | Yes | No |

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## The Blanket

**After you read pages 1 to 5.**

Answer the questions.

\*\* 1. Where does Peter live?

Peter lives

\*\* 2. How old is Peter?

Peter

\*\* 3. Can Abe and Peter help?

Abe and Peter

\*\*\* 4. Why does Mom help Grandma with the cooking?

\* Practice reading phrases quickly.

1. I am . . . . . Peter.

2. I am . . . . . six years old.

3. I live . . . . . in Mexico.

4. We like . . . . . to go . . . . . to see . . . . . Grandma and Grandpa.

5. Grandma and Mom . . . . . make good things . . . . . to eat.

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## The Blanket

Before you read pages 6 to 12.

- \* 1. Read the words. Talk about the words.

eat	eats	sleep	sleeps
clean	cleans	sit	sits
feel	feels	look	looks

- \* 2. Read the words.

candy	sometimes
candies	children
story	rocking
sick	chair

- \* 3. Build the words. Write the words

c	a	n
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## The Blanket

After you read pages 6 to 12.

\*\* Circle  Yes or  No

- |    |                                       |     |    |
|----|---------------------------------------|-----|----|
| 1. | Grandma feels good.                   | Yes | No |
| 2. | Grandma sleeps a lot.                 | Yes | No |
| 3. | Grandpa has candies for the children. | Yes | No |
| 4. | Peter made a blanket for Grandpa.     | Yes | No |
| 5. | Peter tells a good story.             | Yes | No |
| 6. | Peter feels sad.                      | Yes | No |

\*\* Number in order. Write the sentences.

\_\_\_\_\_ Grandpa sits in the rocking chair.

\_\_\_\_\_ Grandpa tells a good story.

  1   Mom cleans up.

\_\_\_\_\_ Grandpa gives the children three candies.

\_\_\_\_\_ It is time to go home.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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**The Blanket**  
**After you read pages 6 to 12.**

- \*\* 1. How does Grandma feel?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- \*\* 2. Who has candies for the children?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- \*\* 3. What is on Grandpa's rocking chair?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- \*\* 4. Who made Grandpa's blanket?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- \*\* 5. How does Peter feel? (page 12)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- \*\*\* 6. What do you think will come next?  
I think \_\_\_\_\_

- \* Practice reading phrases quickly.
  - 1. Grandma goes . . . . . to sleep.
  - 2. Grandpa has . . . . . a dish . . . . . with candy . . . . . in it.
  - 3. Grandpa sits . . . . . in the rocking chair.
  - 4. We sit down . . . . . by Grandpa.
  - 5. Grandma made . . . . . my blanket.
  - 6. At home . . . . . Mom says . . . . . to Dad, . . . . . "Grandma is sick."



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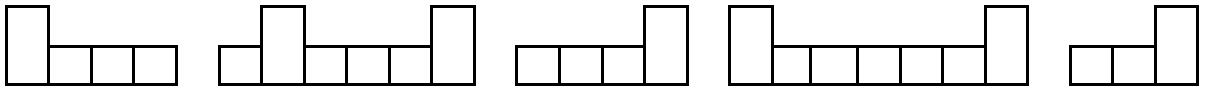
## The Blanket

Before you read pages 13 to 16.

- \* 1. Read the words.

sad	sick	dies	church	funeral
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- \* 2. Fill in from (1).



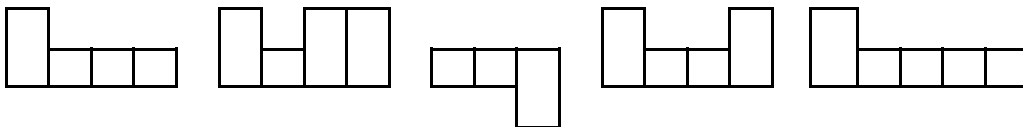
- \* 3. Find the words from (1). Make **boxes**.

T d i e s p f s a d c h u r c h o w s i c k r n f u n e r a l p a v

- \* 4. Read the words.

cry	house	Home	talk	hand
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- \* 5. Fill in from (4).



- \* 6. Find the words from (4). Make **boxes**.

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## The Blanket

**After you read pages 13 to 16.**

\* Draw lines to put the parts together.

- |                         |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Grandma is           | dies.                    |
| 2. Grandma              | Grandpa's rocking chair. |
| 3. We go to see Grandpa | very sick.               |
| 4. Dad has              | Grandpa's hand.          |
| 5. Mom has              | Grandpa's blanket.       |
| 6. Abe has              | at his house.            |
| 7. I take               | the candy dish.          |

\* Write the sentences.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

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## The Blanket

After you read pages 13 to 16.

\*\* Circle  Yes or  No

- |    |                                   |     |    |
|----|-----------------------------------|-----|----|
| 1. | Peter feels very sad. (page 13)   | Yes | No |
| 2. | Grandpa feels very sad. (page 14) | Yes | No |
| 3. | Dad has Grandpa's dish.           | Yes | No |
| 4. | Mom has Grandpa's rocking chair.  | Yes | No |
| 5. | Abe has the candy dish.           | Yes | No |
| 6. | Peter takes Grandpa's blanket.    | Yes | No |

Answer the questions.

\*\* 1. Does Grandma die?

\*\* 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Will Grandpa eat and work?

\*\* 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Who talks and talks?

\*\*\* 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
Why does Peter take Grandpa's hand?  
\_\_\_\_\_

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## The Blanket

**Before you read pages 17 to 21.**

\* 1. Read the words.

Days	lot	can't	take	fix
days	all	part	cut	stay

\* 2. Write the words.

asDy	=	Days _____	lal	=	_____
tays	=	_____	tnac'	=	_____
olt	=	_____	trap	=	_____
eakt	=	_____	tcu	=	_____
xfi	=	_____	sdya	=	_____

\* 3. Circle 2 the same. Write the word.

ball	all	all	_____
lot	let	lot	_____
take	take	bake	_____
play	stay	play	_____
day	days	day	_____
fix	mix	fix	_____
but	cut	cut	_____
start	part	part	_____
can't	can	can't	_____

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## The Blanket

After you read pages 17 to 21.

\* Put one of the words on each line.

all	blanket	work	fix	Home
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1. It is a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ for Mom.
2. She works \_\_\_\_\_ the time.
3. Grandpa must go to a \_\_\_\_\_ now.
4. Peter cuts the \_\_\_\_\_ in two.
5. Mom can \_\_\_\_\_ the blanket.

\*\* Circle  Yes or  No

- |   |     |    |
|---|-----|----|
| 1. Mom helps Grandpa a little.              | Yes | No |
| 2. Dad says, "It is too much work for you." | Yes | No |
| 3. Peter feels happy.                       | Yes | No |
| 4. Abe cut the blanket.                     | Yes | No |
| 5. Mom can fix the blanket.                 | Yes | No |

\*\* Write the Yes sentences.

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**The Blanket**  
**After you read pages 17 to 21.**

Answer the questions.

\*\* 1. Who helps Grandpa?

\*\* 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
How does Peter feel?

\*\* 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
What did Peter cut?

\*\*\* 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
Why did Peter cut the blanket?

\*\*\* 5. \_\_\_\_\_  
Why did Mom and Peter cry? (page 21)

\* Practice reading phrases quickly.

1. It is . . . . . a lot . . . . . of work . . . . . for Mom.

2. She works . . . . . all the time.

3. Grandpa must go . . . . . to a Home . . . . . now.

4. Peter cut . . . . . the blanket . . . . . in two.

5. Mom can fix . . . . . the blanket.

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**The Blanket**  
**Before you read pages 22 to 28.**

\* Circle 2 the same. Write the word.

talk	walk	talk	_____
Come	Home	Home	_____
with	went	with	_____
sit	sit	sat	_____
put	but	put	_____
please	plays	please	_____
bell	tell	tell	_____
candy	can't	candy	_____
fish	dish	dish	_____

\*\* **BEFORE** you read, what do **YOU** think? Circle  Yes or  No

- |  |     |    |
|--|-----|----|
| 1. Grandpa will go to a Home.          | Yes | No |
| 2. Grandpa will stay at Peter's house. | Yes | No |
| 3. Grandpa will be very sad.           | Yes | No |
| 4. Grandpa will be very happy.         | Yes | No |
| 5. Grandpa will tell a story.          | Yes | No |

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## The Blanket

**After you read pages 22 to 28.**

\*\* Circle the right ones.

1. Grandpa can stay at Peter's house . . . . .
- a) if Grandpa is sick.
  - b) if they help Mom.
  - c) if the blanket is fixed.

2. Grandpa and Peter . . . . .
- a) went to sleep.
  - b) went to the Home.
  - c) went to the rocking chair.

3. Grandma made . . . . .
- a) Grandpa's blanket.
  - b) Grandpa's candy dish.
  - c) Grandpa's rocking chair.

4. The children can have . . . . .
- a) four candies.
  - b) three candies.
  - c) six candies.

- \*\*\* 5. What is the whole story about?
- a) They want Grandpa to stay in a Home.
  - b) They love Grandpa and want him to stay.
  - c) They love candies more than they love Grandpa.