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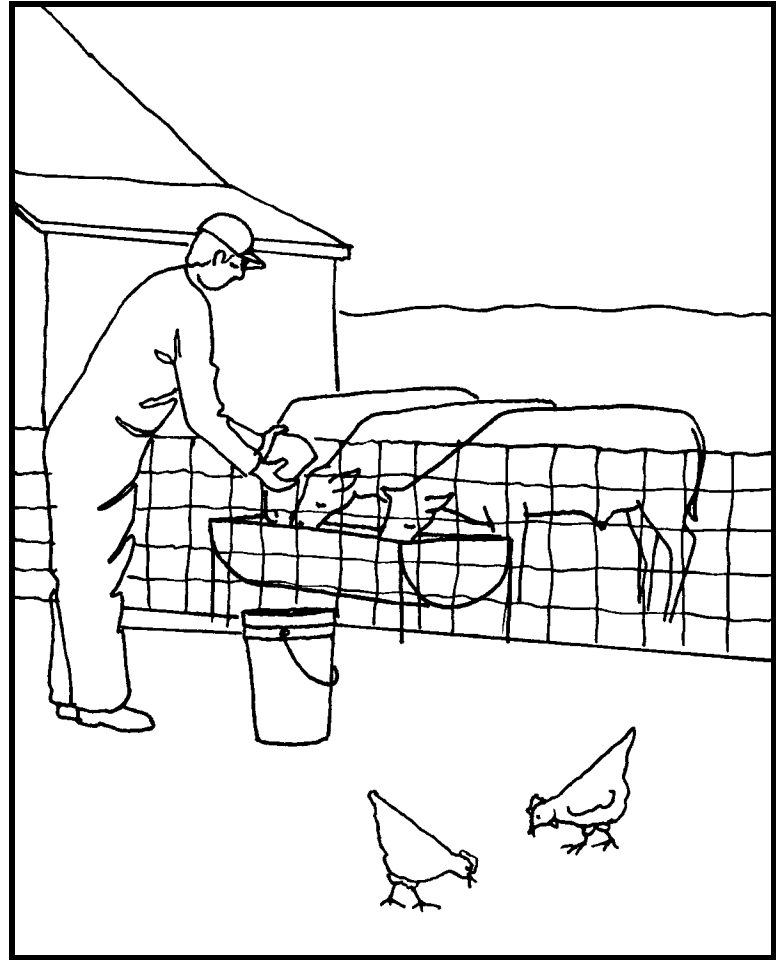
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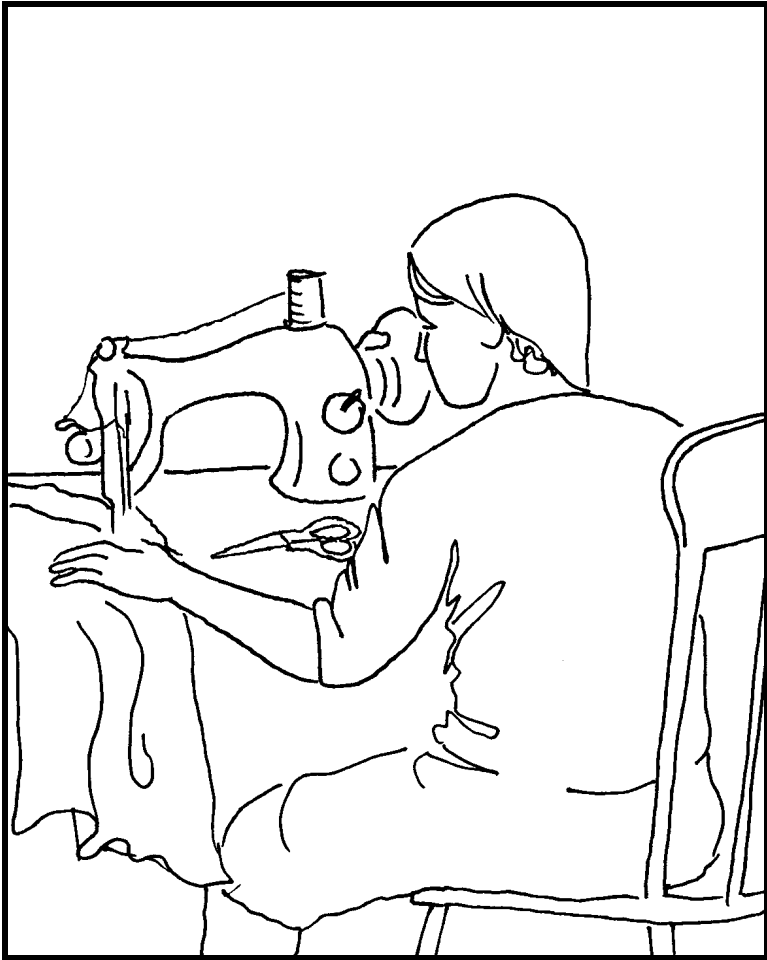
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This is Jake and Anna.  
They live in a village in Mexico.  
They have a small farm.



Jake has cows and calves.  
He has pigs and chickens.  
He plants crops.  
Jake works hard.



Anna works hard, too.  
She makes good food to eat.  
Anna sews.  
She makes nice things.  
Anna likes to sew shirts and pants for Jake.



Anna has a big garden.  
She likes her garden.  
She likes to work in the garden.  
She says working in the garden is fun, not work!

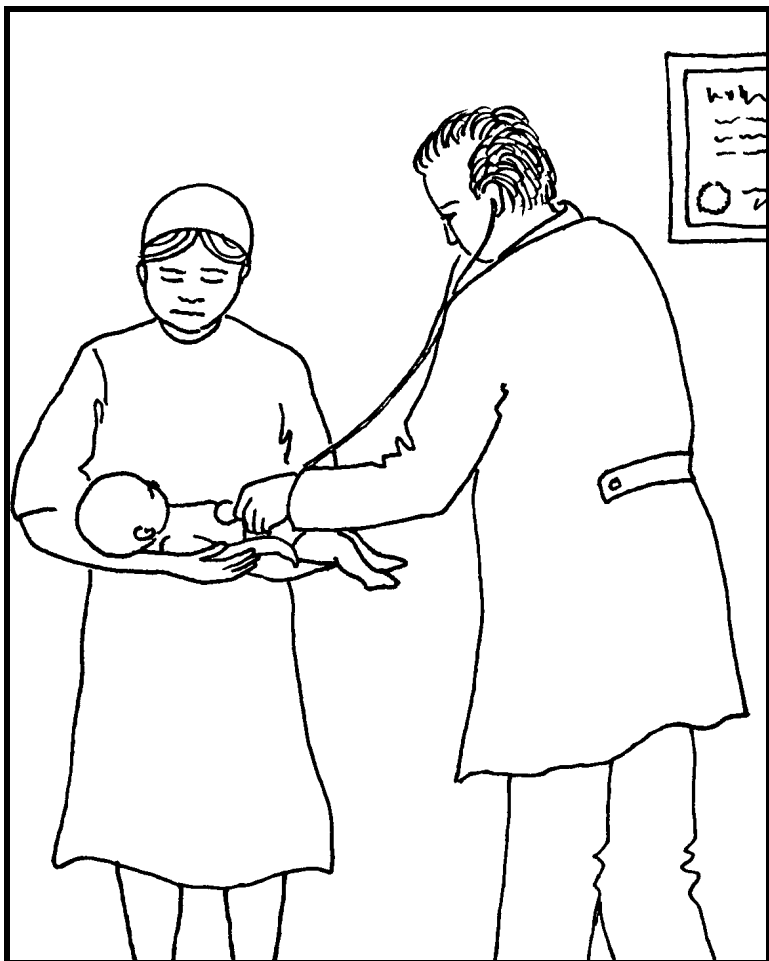


Anna is very happy.  
One day she says to Jake, "We are going to  
have a baby!"  
Anna and Jake are very happy.  
Anna sews for the baby.



The baby comes.  
She is very pretty.  
Anna makes pretty things for the baby.  
Anna and Jake love the baby very much.

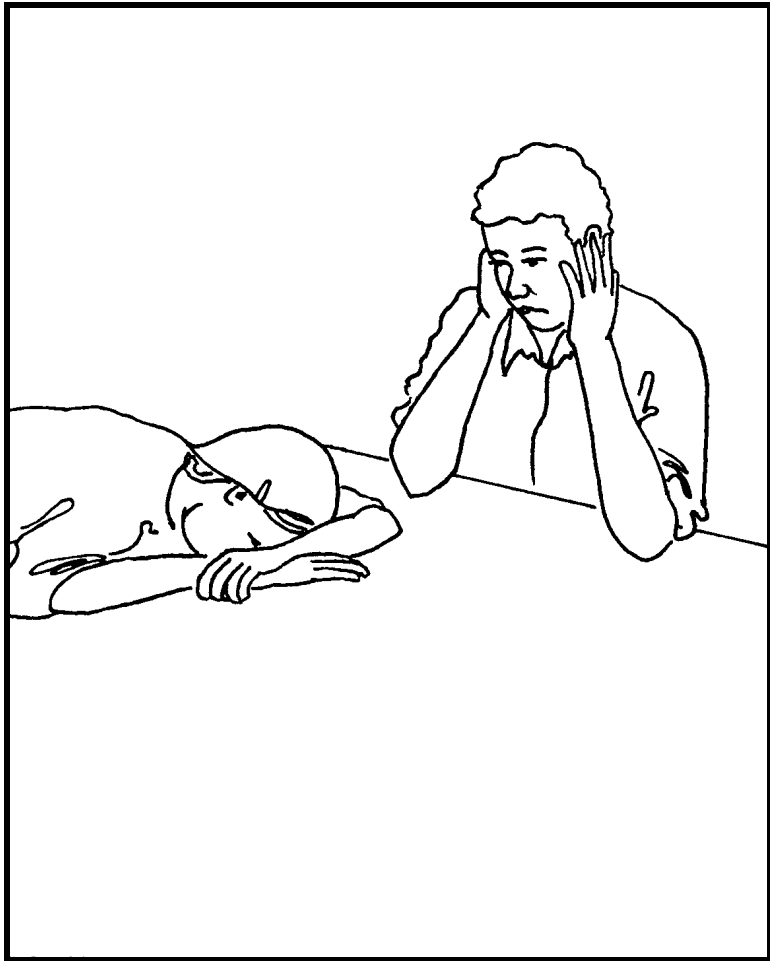




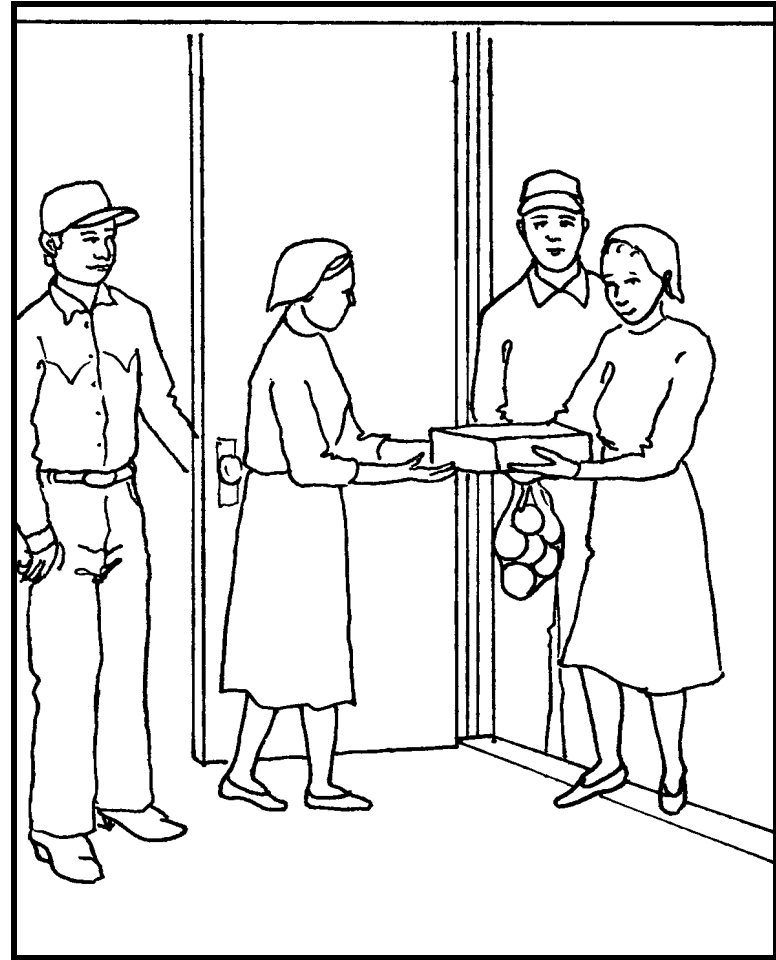
Weeks go by.  
One day the baby is sick.  
They take the baby to the doctor.  
He looks at the baby.



Then the doctor says,  
"This baby may not live.  
She is too sick.  
I can't help.  
I am very sorry."



The baby dies.  
Anna and Jake feel very bad.  
Anna cries and cries.

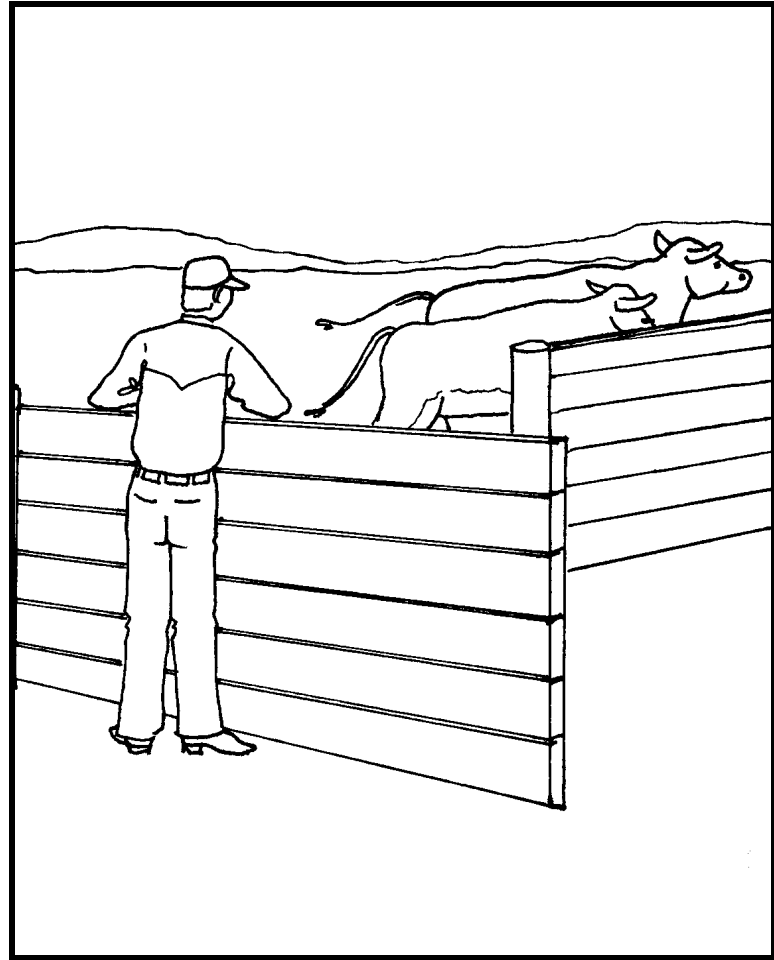


Friends come to see Jake and Anna.  
One friend brings buns.  
One friend brings cake.  
They say, "We want to help.  
That's what friends are for."



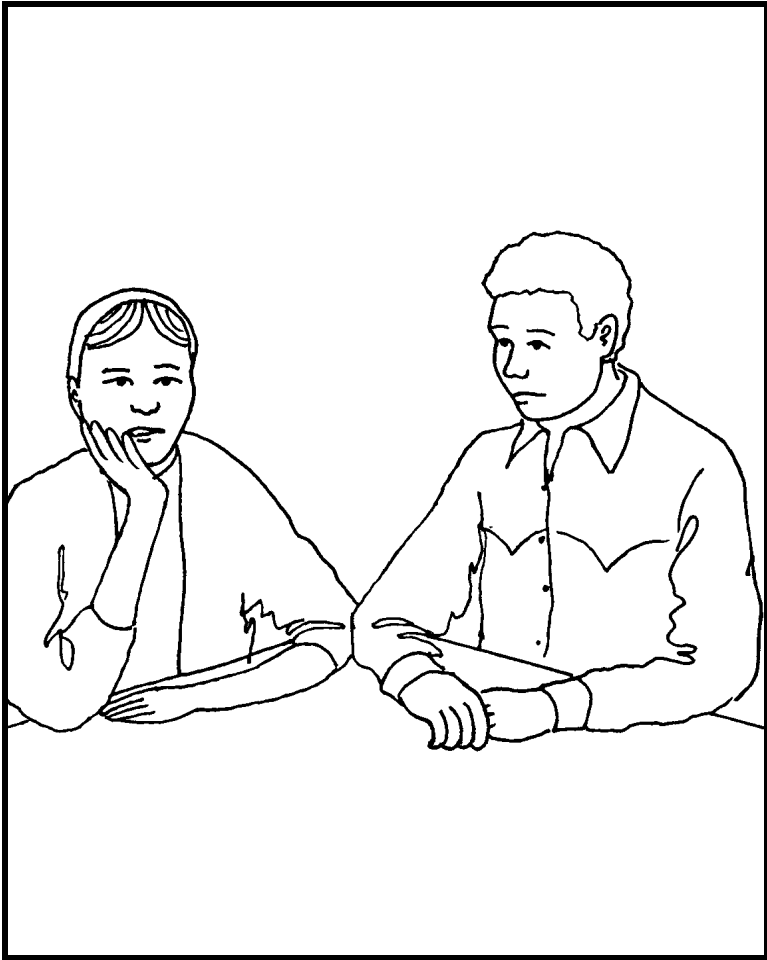


Jake and Anna work hard.  
Sometimes it is too dry.  
Sometimes it is too wet.  
There is no crop.  
There is no garden.

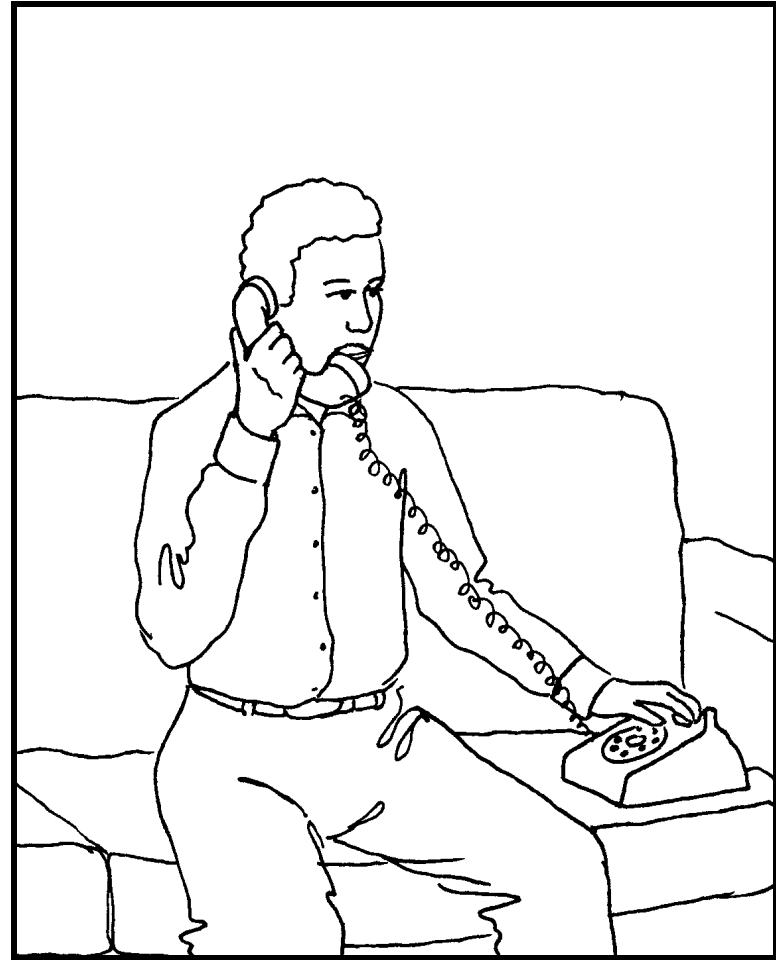


Jake and Anna work and work.  
There is nothing for the cows to eat.  
Jake sells the cows.  
He sells the chickens, too.

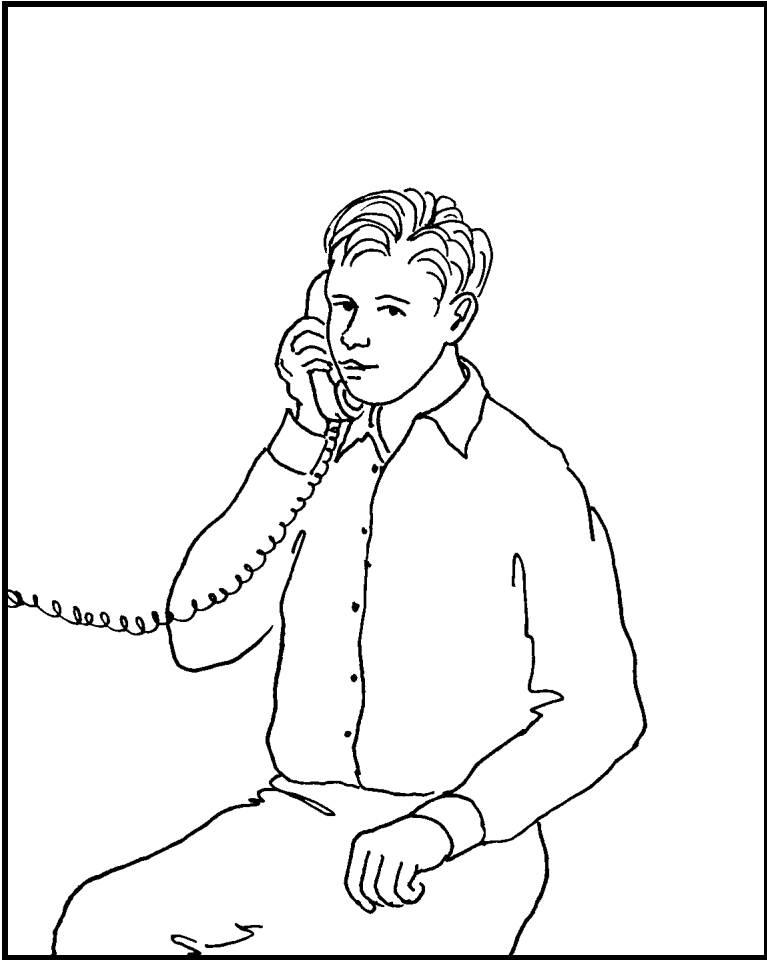




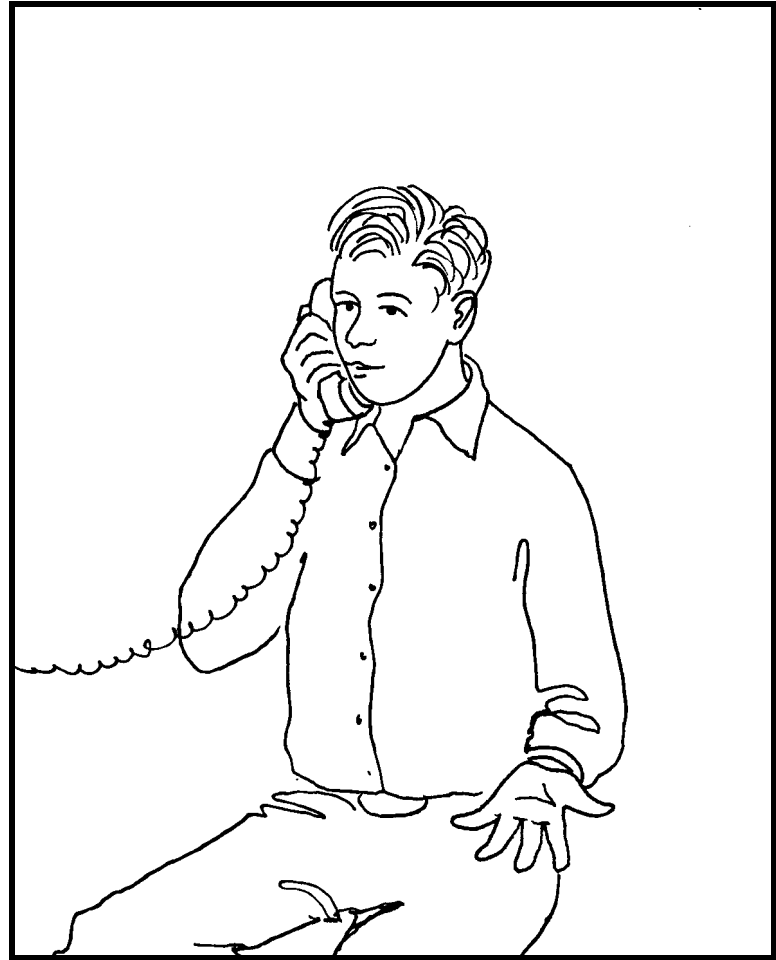
Jake and Anna talk and talk.  
Jake says, "Can we go to Canada?"  
Anna says, "Call Abe and Helen in Canada.  
See if they can help us."



Jake calls Abe in Canada.  
He says, "It is very bad in Mexico.  
We have no crop and no garden.  
I had to sell the cows and chickens.  
I didn't get much for them.  
Can you help?"

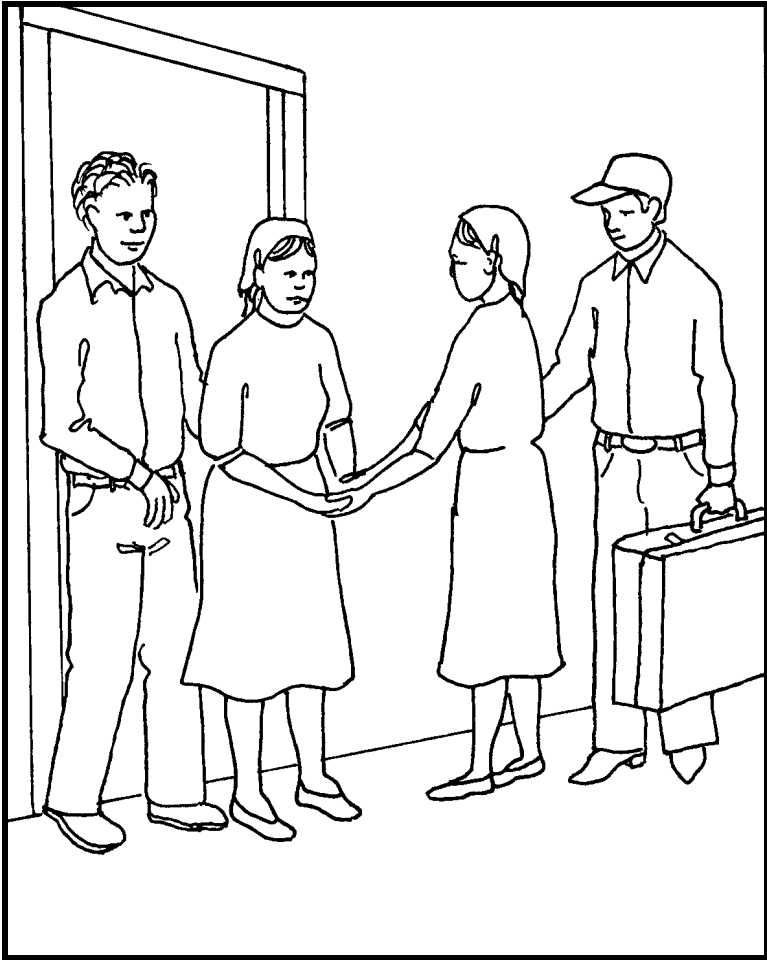


Abe says, "I will call you back.  
I want to talk to Helen."  
Abe and Helen talk and talk.  
Abe calls Jake back.



Abe says to Jake, "Come to Canada.  
You can live here with us.  
The house is not big, but we can do it."

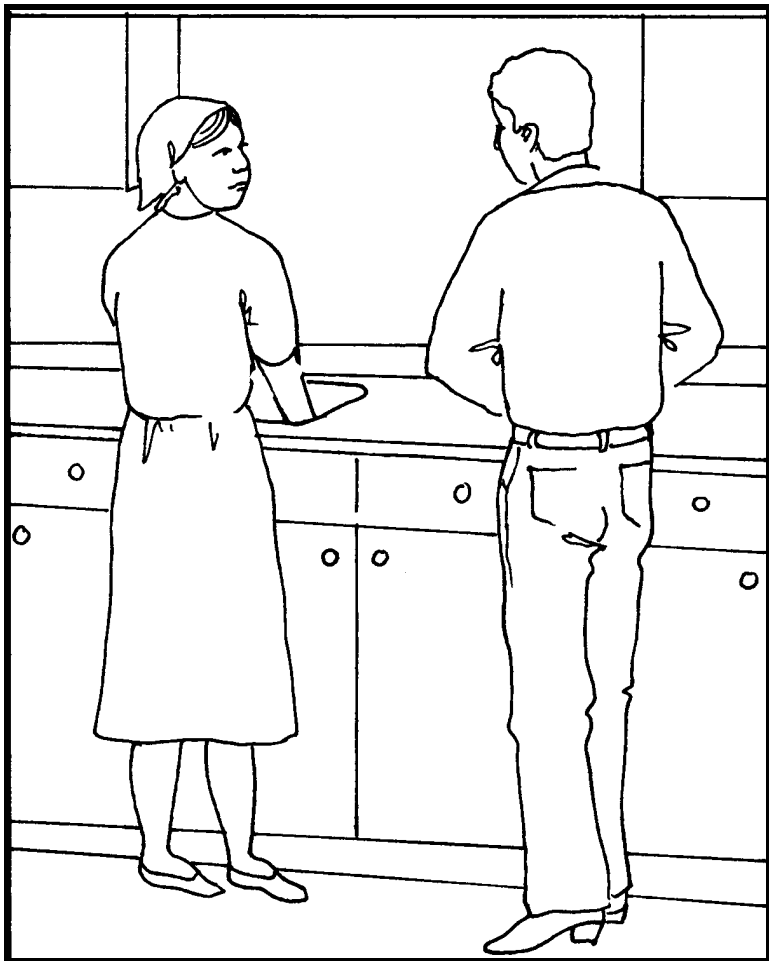




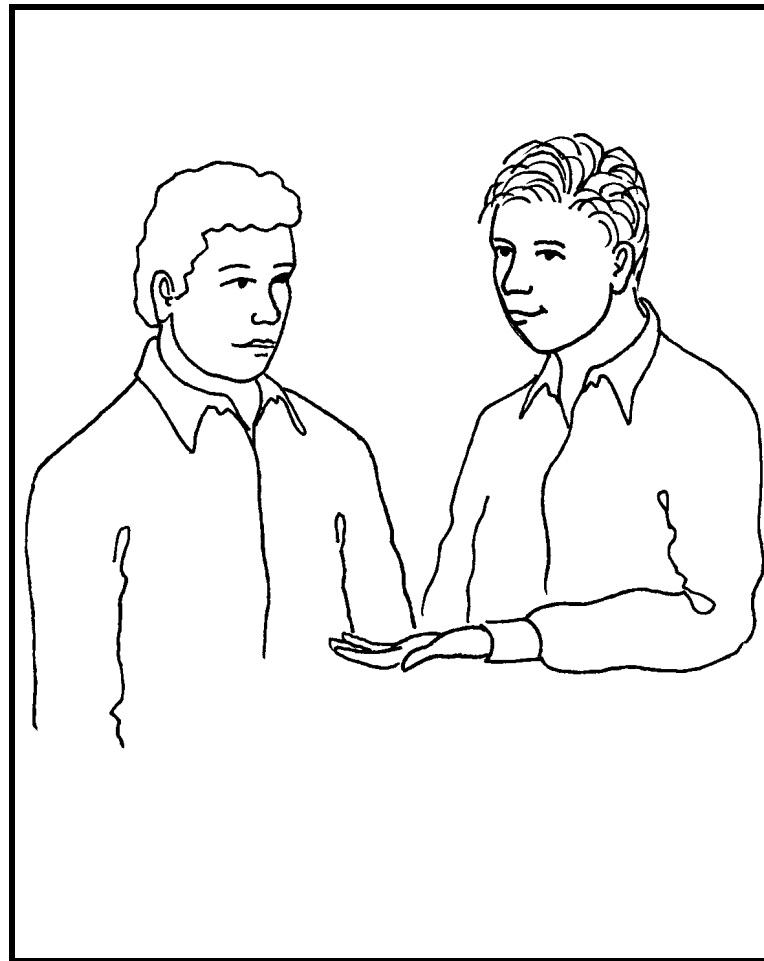
Jake and Anna come to Canada.  
They live with Abe and Helen.  
They say, "Thank you very much!"  
Abe says, "That's what friends are for!"



It is fun for Jake and Anna in Abe and Helen's house.  
Abe and Helen have five children.  
Anna loves the children.  
She talks to them and plays with them.  
Jake loves the children, too.



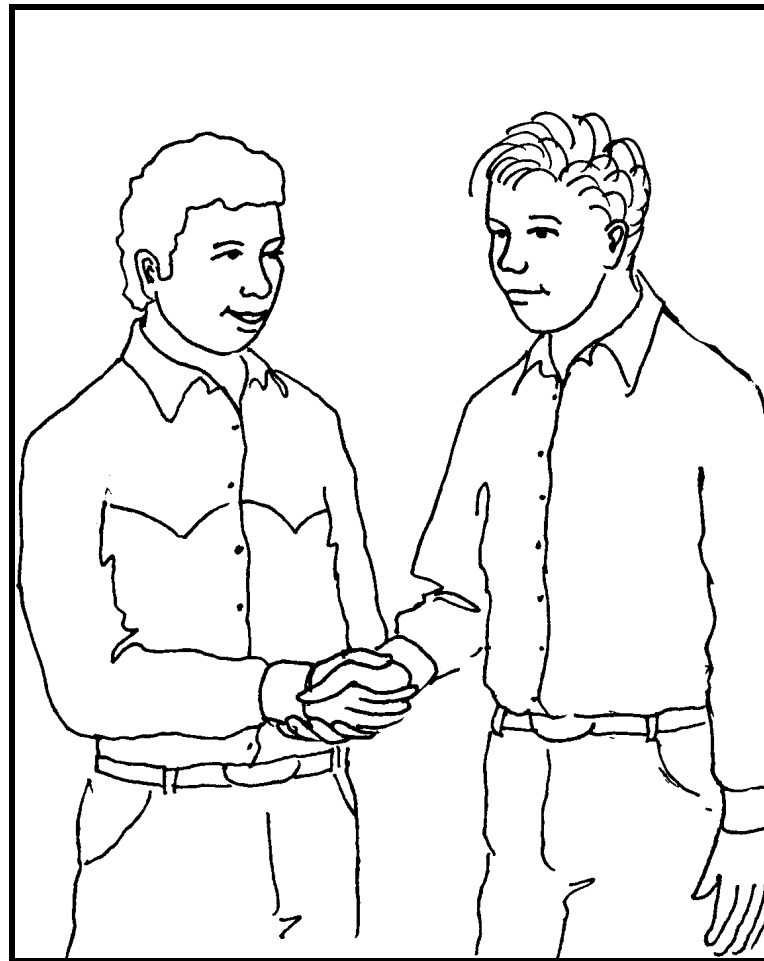
Anna helps Helen with the work.  
Jake helps, too.  
Anna says, "It is good to be here!"  
Jake says, "I like it, too,  
but I want a house of our own."



Jake says to Abe, "It is good to be here,  
but we must get our own house."  
Abe says, "I work for a farmer.  
He has a small house on the farm.  
I will see if you can live there."

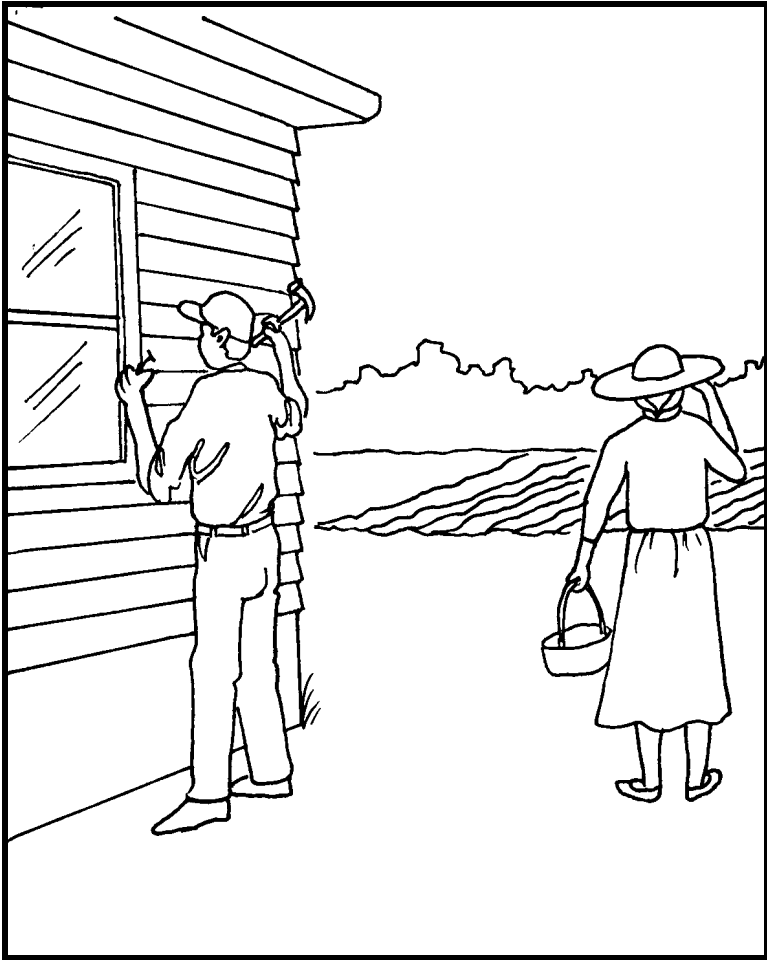


Abe talks to his boss.  
Abe talks to Jake.  
Abe says, "You can go to the house in two weeks."  
Jake and Anna are very happy!"

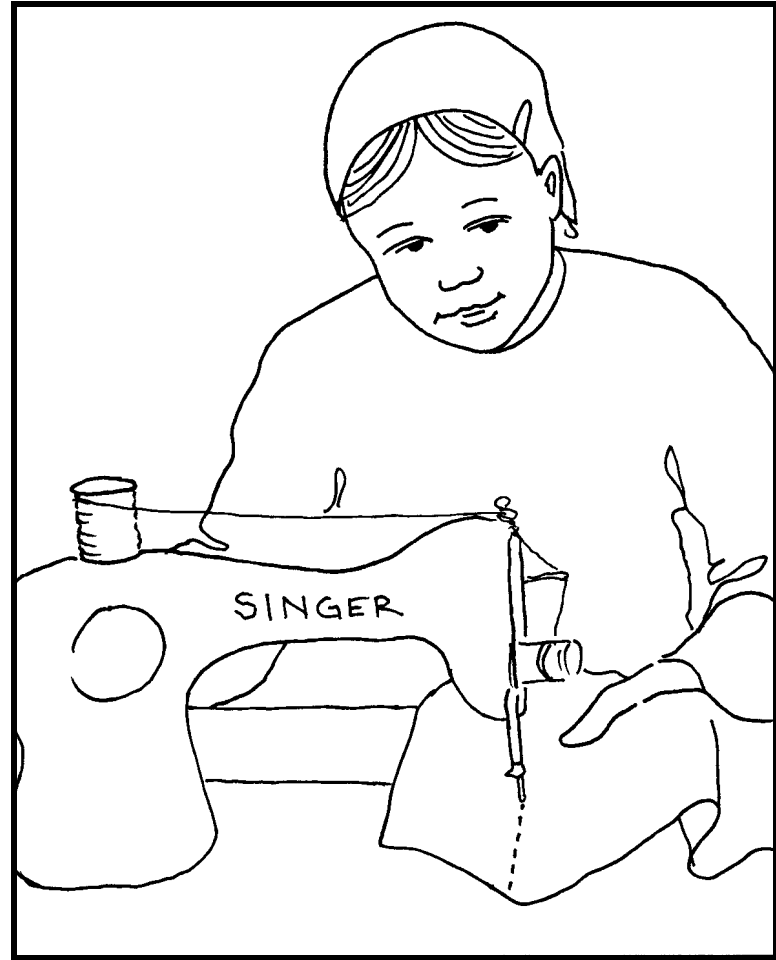


Abe says, "My boss wants you to work for him.  
Do you want the job?"  
Jake says, "Yes, I do!  
I will work when the farmer wants me.  
It is so good to have friends like you!"





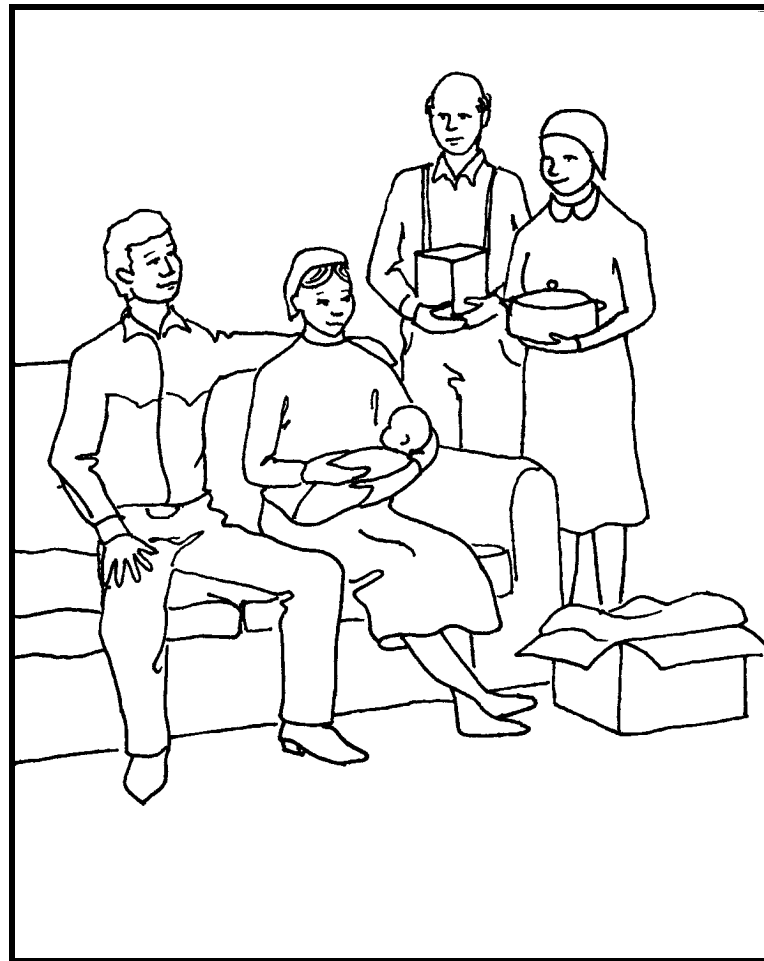
Jake and Anna go to the house.  
The house is small.  
Jake works on the house to fix it.  
Anna says, "I will have a garden!"



Jake likes to work for the farmer.  
Anna is very happy with the house.  
She sews pretty things for the house.  
She works in the garden.



One day Anna says, "We are going to have a baby!"  
The baby comes.  
It is a big boy.  
Anna and Jake love the baby.  
He is a good, happy baby!



Friends come to see the baby.  
One friend has a toy for the baby.  
One friend has food for Anna and Jake.  
One friend has a blanket for the baby.  
Abe and Helen and the children come, too.



Anna says, "We are so happy!  
Thank you very much!"  
The friends say, "That's what friends are for!"



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This book is not based on the lives of specific people;  
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learners over the years.

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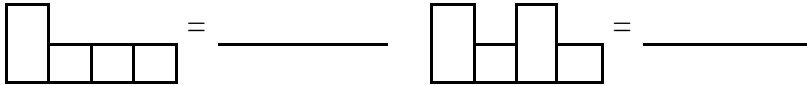
Before you read pages 1 to 6.

- \* 1. Look.  
Say the names.



Jake - Anna

- \* 2. Write the names.



- \*\* 3. Read the words.

village	farm	calves	chickens
Mexico	cows	pigs	

- \* 4. Fill in. Write the words.

f \_ \_ \_ = \_\_\_\_\_      \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ \_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
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- \*\* 5. Read the words.

food	shirts	work	baby	come
garden	pants	working	pretty	comes

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**Before you read pages 1 to 6.**

\* 6. Fill in. Write the words.

_ _ _ t _	= _____	_ _ _ y	= _____
_ _ m _	= _____	_ _ r d _ _	= _____
s _ _ _ _ s	= _____	_ _ m _ _	= _____
_ o r _	= _____	_ o r _ _ _ _	= _____
_ o o _	= _____	_ _ _ t t _	= _____

\* 7. Read the words.  
Circle the things.

(food)	shirts	work	baby	come
garden	pants	working	pretty	comes

\*\* 8. Read the words.  
Fill in.

Anna	village	chickens	garden	pants
Jake	calves	pigs	shirts	baby

The crossword puzzle grid is as follows:

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**After you read pages 1 to 6.**

\* Write in order.

1. is and This Jake Anna

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2. farm small They a have

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3. works hard Jake

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4. Anna too hard works

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5. love Jake Anna baby and the much very

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\*\* Circle  Yes or  No

- |   |     |    |
|---|-----|----|
| 1. Jake and Anna live in Mexico.            | Yes | No |
| 2. Jake works a little.                     | Yes | No |
| 3. Anna makes shirts and pants.             | Yes | No |
| 4. Anna says working in the garden is hard. | Yes | No |
| 5. Anna and Jake love the baby.             | Yes | No |

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**After you read pages 1 to 6.**

Answer the questions.

\*\* 1. Where do Jake and Anna live?

They live \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* 2. What work does Jake do?

He \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* 3. What work does Anna do?

She \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* 4. Why is Anna very happy?

She \_\_\_\_\_

\* Practice reading phrases quickly.

1. Jake and Anna . . . . . work hard.

2. Anna likes . . . . . to work . . . . . in the garden.

3. Anna and Jake . . . . . are very happy.

4. Anna makes . . . . . pretty things . . . . . for the baby.

5. Anna and Jake . . . . . love the baby . . . . . very much.

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**Before you read pages 7 to 10.**

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

come	look	dies	can't
comes	looks	cries	that's

\* 2. Read the words.

weeks	buns	sick	live	want
friends	cake	this	sorry	help

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

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**That's What Friends Are For**  
**After you read pages 7 to 10.**

\*\* Circle  Yes or  No

- |    |                                 |     |    |
|----|---------------------------------|-----|----|
| 1. | Anna is sick.                   | Yes | No |
| 2. | The doctor can help the baby.   | Yes | No |
| 3. | The baby dies.                  | Yes | No |
| 4. | Friends come to see the doctor. | Yes | No |
| 5. | Friends want to help the baby.  | Yes | No |

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Friends come to see Anna and Jake.

\_\_\_\_\_ The doctor can't help.

  1   One day the baby is sick.

\_\_\_\_\_ Friends bring buns and cake.

\_\_\_\_\_ The baby dies.

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

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## That's What Friends Are For After you read pages 7 to 10.

Answer the questions.

\*\* 1. Where do Jake and Anna take the baby?

\*\*\* 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Why can't the doctor help?

\*\* 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
How does the doctor feel?

\*\* 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
Who came to see Jake and Anna?

\*\* 5. \_\_\_\_\_  
What do the friends bring?

\*\*\* 6. \_\_\_\_\_  
Why do the friends come?

\* Practice reading phrases quickly.

1. One day . . . . . the baby . . . . . is sick.

2. He looks . . . . . at the baby.

3. Anna and Jake feel . . . . . very bad.

4. Friends come . . . . . to see . . . . . Jake and Anna.

5. They say . . . . . "We want . . . . . to help."



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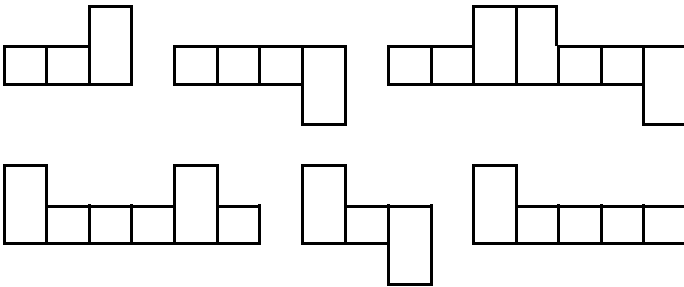
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**Before you read pages 11 to 16.**

\* 1. Read the words.

dry	wet	crop	nothing	Canada	house
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\* 2. Fill in from (1).



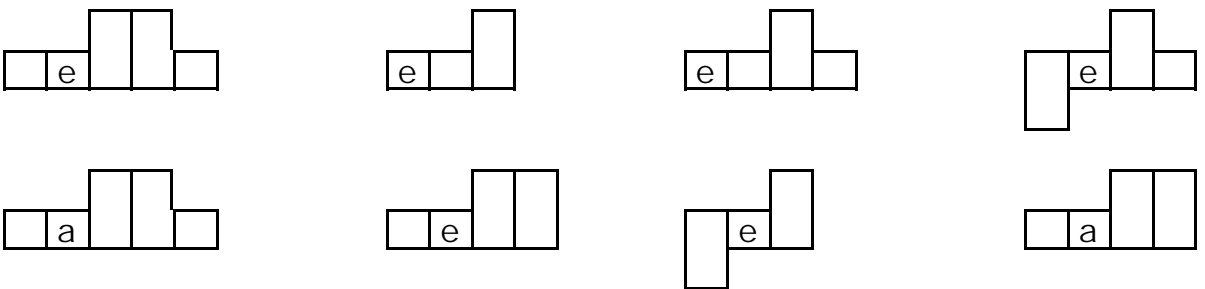
\* 3. Find the words from (1). Make boxes.

t l o c r o p w e t t n o t h i n g d r y b d h o u s e c e

\* 4. Read the words.

eat	sell	call	get
eats	sells	calls	gets

\* 5. Fill in from (4).



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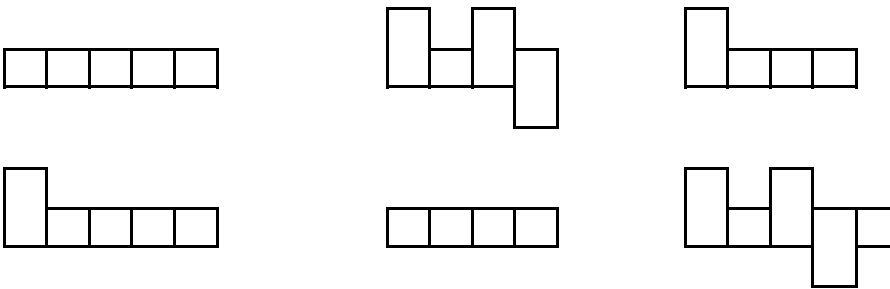
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**Before you read pages 11 to 16.**

\* 6. Read the words. Talk about the words.

help	come	live
helps	comes	lives

\* 7. Fill in from (6).



8. Write the words from (4) and (6).

s t e g	=	<hr/>	i e l s v	=	<hr/>
t a e s	=	<hr/>	h p s l e	=	<hr/>
e o c m s	=	<hr/>	a c l l s	=	<hr/>
l l s s e	=	<hr/>			

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**That's What Friends Are For**  
**After you read pages 11 to 16.**

\* Draw lines to put the parts together.

- |    |                   |                   |
|----|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. | Sometimes         | garden.           |
| 2. | Sometimes it is   | it is too dry.    |
| 3. | There is          | no crop.          |
| 4. | There is no       | "Come to Canada". |
| 5. | Jake calls        | too wet.          |
| 6. | Abe says to Jake, | Abe in Canada     |

\* Write the sentences.

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

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**That's What Friends Are For**  
**After you read pages 11 to 16.**

\*\* Circle  Yes or  No

- |    |                                    |     |    |
|----|------------------------------------|-----|----|
| 1. | The crop is good.                  | Yes | No |
| 2. | Jake and Anna work hard.           | Yes | No |
| 3. | Jake sells the cows and chickens.  | Yes | No |
| 4. | Anna calls Abe and Helen.          | Yes | No |
| 5. | Abe and Helen live in a big house. | Yes | No |

**Answer the questions.**

\*\*\* 1. Why does Jake sell the cows?

\*\* 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Who does Abe call?

\*\* 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Where will Jake and Anna go?

\*\* 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
Who will Jake and Anna live with?  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**Before you read pages 17 to 22.**

\*\* 1. Read the words.

farmer	boss	job	wants
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\* 2. Write the words.

s s o b	=		s t w n a	=	
e r r a f m	=		o j b	=	

\* 3. Practice reading the phrases.

Thank you	must get
five children	our own house

\* 4. Look.  
Say the names.



Abe - Helen

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**After you read pages 17 to 22.**

\* Put one of the words on each line.

good	boss	fun	house	work
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1. It is \_\_\_\_\_ for Jake and Anna.
2. Anna helps Helen with the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Anna says, "It is \_\_\_\_\_ to be here!"
4. Abe says, "You can go to the \_\_\_\_\_ in two weeks.
5. Abe says, "My \_\_\_\_\_ wants you to work for him."

Answer the questions.

\*\* 1. How many kids do Abe and Helen have?

\_\_\_\_\_ They \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* 2. What does Anna do with the children?

\_\_\_\_\_

\*\* 3. Who helps Helen?

\_\_\_\_\_

\*\* 4. When will Jake and Anna go to the house?

\_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* 5. Tell two ways Abe's boss helps Jake and Anna.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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**Before you read pages 23 to 27.**

\* Circle 2 the same. Write the word.

baby	happy	happy	_____
baby	baby	happy	_____
toy	boy	boy	_____
boy	toy	toy	_____
food	food	friends	_____
blanket	friends	blanket	_____

\*\* **BEFORE** you read, what do **YOU** think will happen?

Circle  Yes or  No

- |  |     |    |
|--|-----|----|
| 1. Jake and Anna will be happy with the house. | Yes | No |
| 2. Jake will have his own farm.                | Yes | No |
| 3. Jake will have cows and chickens.           | Yes | No |
| 4. Anna will have a garden.                    | Yes | No |
| 5. Anna will cry and cry.                      | Yes | No |
| 6. Friends will come to see Jake and Anna.     | Yes | No |

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**After you read pages 23 to 27.**

\*\* Circle the right ones.

1. Jake and Anna's house is . . . . .
  - a) big.
  - b) small.
  - c) old.
  
2. Anna will have a . . . . .
  - a) job.
  - b) boss.
  - c) garden.
  
3. Jake and Anna will have a . . . . .
  - a) farm.
  - b) happy.
  - c) baby.
  
4. The baby is . . . . .
  - a) a small, sad boy.
  - b) a good, happy boy.
  - c) a good, happy girl.

- \*\*\* 5. What is the whole story about?
- a) Friends will help you in the garden.
  - b) Crops are no good if it is too wet.
  - c) It is good to have friends to help you.