

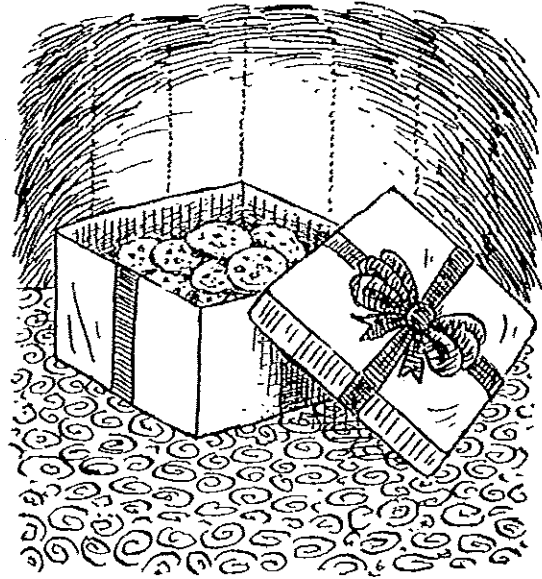
Name _____

Family Times

Summary

What About Me?

Once there was a boy who hungered for knowledge. So he went to see a Grand Master who might teach him. But the Grand Master sent him on a hunt for a carpet, which led to a search for thread, and then to a search for goat hair, goats, a goat pen, and a wife for the carpenter. As the boy worked to help others get what they needed, he learned that the best gifts come when a person is giving and that knowledge can come when we least expect it.



Activity

What Can I Do For You? Together, spend an hour doing something for someone else. You might make a neighbor cookies, fix a broken toy for your brother or sister, or leave fun notes for those you love. How did doing something for someone else make you feel? What gift did you get from giving?

Comprehension Skill

Sequence of Events

Sequence of events is the order in which things happen in a story—what happens first, next, and last. Picturing the story in your mind as you read may help you remember the order of events.

Activity

Teach Me How Think about one of your skills. Are you a good helper in preparing dinner? Can you change your own bicycle tire? Take turns explaining the steps needed to do the task correctly in the order in which they must occur.

Lesson Vocabulary

Words to Know

Knowing the meanings of these words is important to reading *What About Me?* Practice using these words.

Vocabulary Words

carpenter a person who builds and repairs houses and other things made of wood

carpetmaker a person who makes carpets

knowledge an understanding that is gained through experience or study

marketplace a place where food and other products are bought and sold

merchant a person whose business is buying goods and selling them for a profit

plenty more than enough of something

straying wandering or lost

thread very thin cord used in sewing and in weaving cloth

Conventions

Subjects and Predicates

A sentence tells a complete idea with a subject and predicate. A **subject** tells who or what the sentence is about. A **predicate** tells what the subject is or does. In the following sentences, the subject is underlined and the predicate is circled.

The boys climb the tree.

They laugh and play.

Activity

Put It All Together This activity works well on a quick trip in the car or even in line at the supermarket. The first player says a noun and a verb. The other players take turns coming up with the best complete sentence using those two words.

Noun	Verb
cats	nap

Ten silky cats nap in the afternoon sun.

Practice Tested Spelling Words

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