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To all whom you meet, be truthful and kind. Make the right choices, and good things you'll find! Love others and smile - let your best actions lead. Have fun, and have faith, and learn how to read!

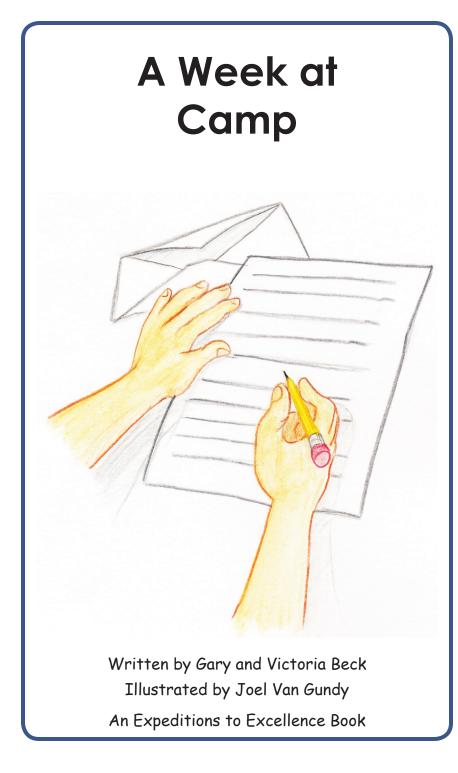
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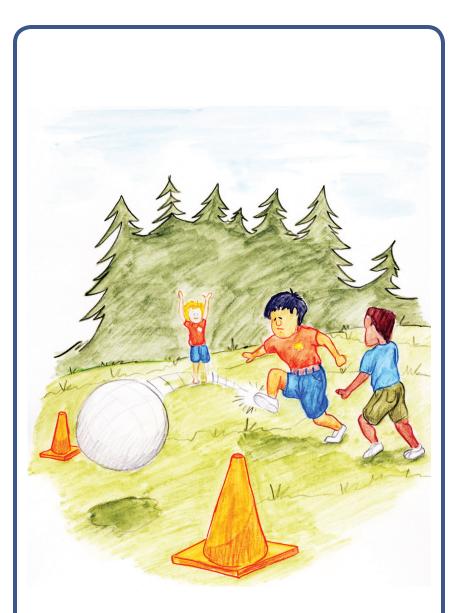


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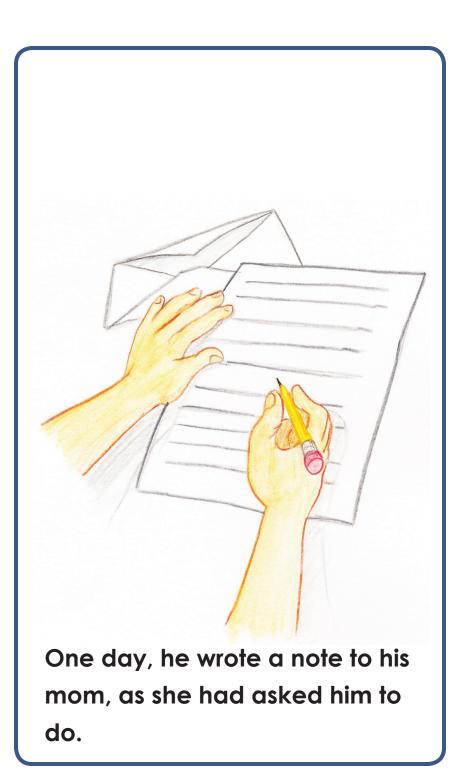


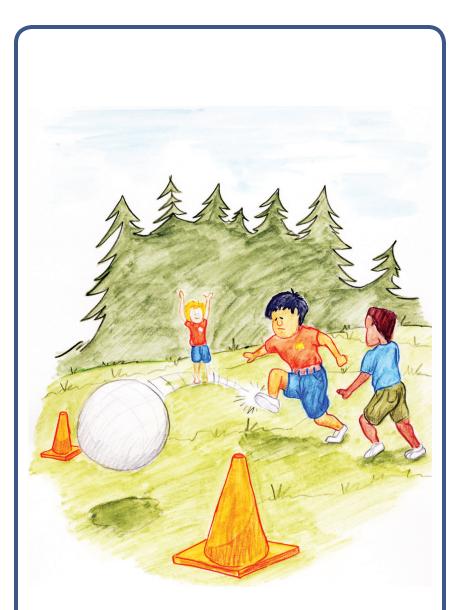
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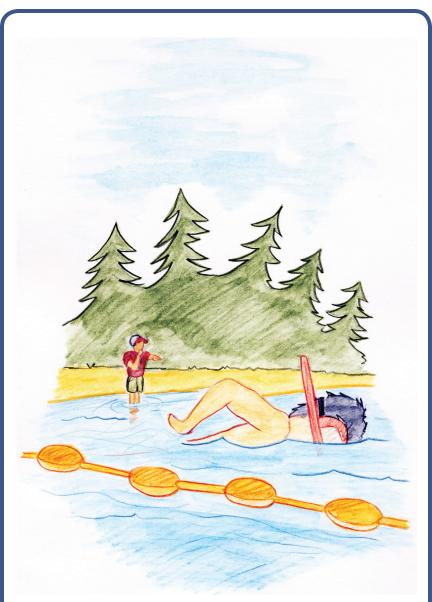
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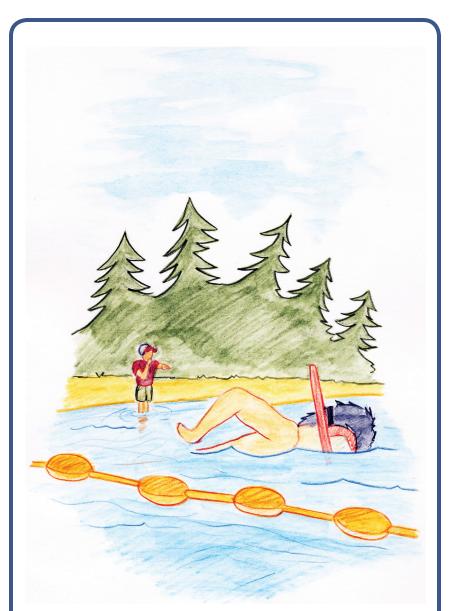
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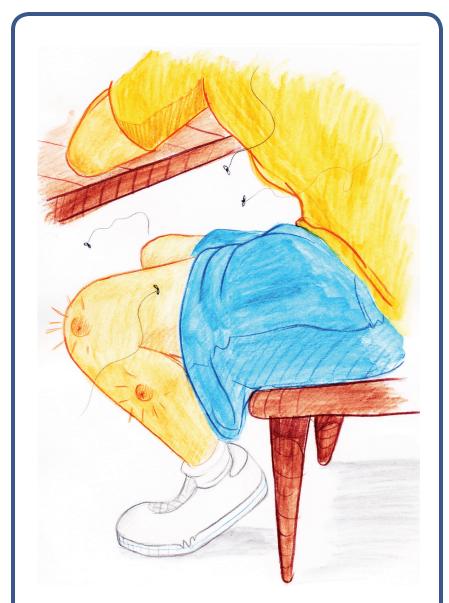
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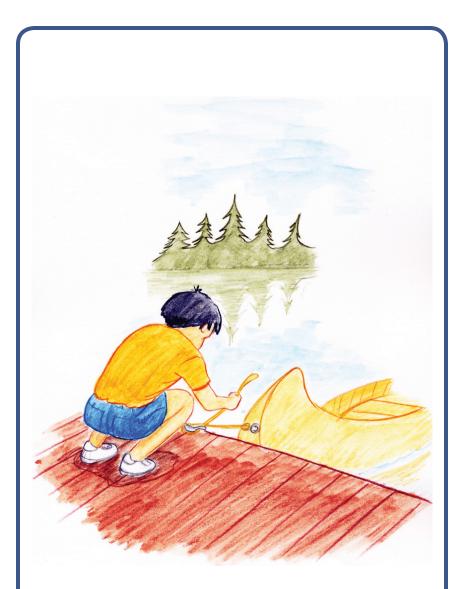
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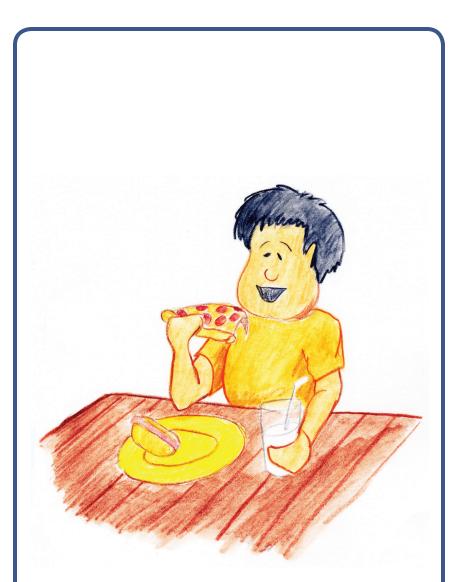
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## Comprehension (discussion with reader)

- 1. How could you tell that Mom was going to miss Phil while he was away at camp?
- 2. Did Phil have fun at camp?
- 3. What kinds of things did Phil do at camp?
- 4. Where did Phil and his friends go swimming?
- 5. What did Mom ask Phil to do while he was away? Did he do it?

## Conversation Time

- 1. Have you ever been to camp for a week or more? Have you ever slept in a tent? Do you think it would be fun?
- 2. Do you know how many days are in a week? Do you know the names of the days of the week?
- 3. Listen to the "Days of the Week" song. Soon, you'll be singing along and learning the names of the days of the week! Look at Reading Expedition 37 or the songbook to find the words to the "Days of the Week" song.
- 4. Look at the letter that Phil wrote to his mom. Can you point out the "capital" letters? Capital letters are used for special words in reading and writing. Listen to the "Capital Letters" song on track 16 of the CD, and learn when capital letters should be used!

## Sequencing

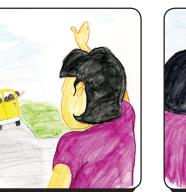
Draw a line to the numbers to show the order in which these things happened in the story. Can you remember? (If you prefer, you can point to them.)





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