

# Clark's Birthday





*Dedicated to children everywhere...*

**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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**Clark and his mother got into the car.**

**“Today is your third birthday,” said Mom. “Let’s go to the park.”**



**It was not far. The park was down the lane, past the barn. It was near the church.**





**“Dad is working on the farm. At noon, he will meet us for lunch,” said Mom.**

**Clark’s dad was a farmer.**



**“We will all eat lunch and have birthday cake. The weather is beautiful today. I know it will not storm,” said Mom.**





Mom made hot dogs and corn chips to eat. Clark loved hot dogs. His father liked them, too.



Soon, they got to the park. Clark and Mom found a spot in the shade by a small river. Dad joined them and they all ate lunch. Dad passed out some forks. It was time for birthday cake!





Clark got three gifts for his birthday. He got a horn for his bike, a new shirt and a toy horse. He was very happy with his gifts.



Later, some of Clark's friends came to the park to sing "Happy Birthday" and to play games. All of the girls and boys had fun. Clark can not wait until he has a birthday again next year!



# Conversation Station

A Place to Talk and Smile

## Comprehension (discussion with reader)

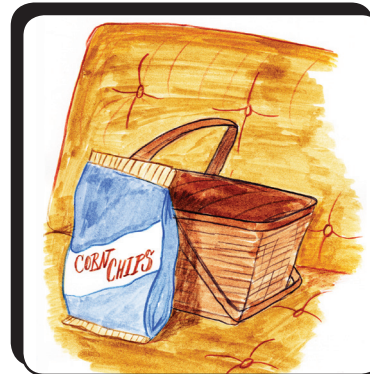
1. How old is Clark?
2. Where did Clark and his family celebrate his birthday?
3. What did Clark eat for lunch?
4. Name some presents that Clark received for his birthday.
5. Who else came to the park to celebrate Clark's birthday?

## Conversation Time

1. How old are you?
2. When is your birthday?
3. Will you have a birthday party? What will you do? Who will you invite? What will you eat?
4. How old will you be on your *next* birthday?
5. How old will you be in two more years?
6. Can you sing the "Happy Birthday Song"?

## 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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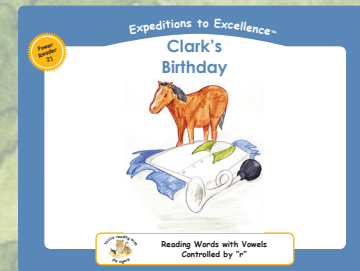


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