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A Home for Joe



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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.
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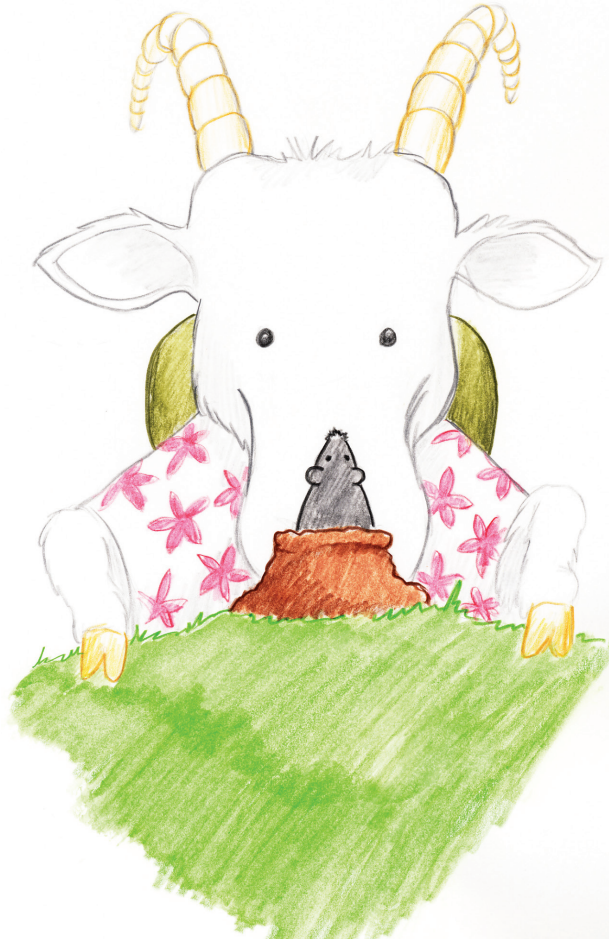
An Expeditions to Excellence™ Book



Joe was a goat. He did not have a home.



Joe woke up and said, "I will roam and roam. I will look for a home."



Joe saw a mole poke its nose up from a hole. Joe was too big for a mole's hole!

"That is not a home for a goat," said Joe.



Joe met a toad. The toad had a wet home. Joe did not like a wet home. Yuk!



Joe met a tan dog. The dog was on a rope. The rope was on a pole. Wag, wag, went the dog's tail.



The dog was happy to see Joe.

“I will not bite you,” said the dog.

Joe gave the dog a bone.



“Will you untie this rope? You can come in my home,” said the dog.

“Thank you,” said Joe.



The dog and Joe became friends. Now, Joe has a home!

Conversation Station

A Place to Talk and Smile

Comprehension (discussion with reader)

1. In the beginning of the story, what was Joe looking for?
2. Why wasn't the mole's home a good home for Joe?
3. Did the frog's home make a good home for Joe? Why or why not?
4. What did Joe give the dog?
5. At the end of the story, the dog is not tied to his rope. Look at pages 6-7. How do you think the dog became untied?
6. Where will Joe live from now on?



Conversation Time

1. Have you ever heard of the word "habitat"? A habitat is another word for an animal's natural home. Here are a few places where animals live. Can you think of animals that live in these habitats?
Forest Jungle Ocean Desert
2. Joe and the dog became friends. Dogs and goats are different types of animals. That didn't seem to matter to Joe or to the dog, as long as they were kind to one another. Do you have any friends who are different from you? How are those friends different? Are you always kind to your friends?

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Sequencing

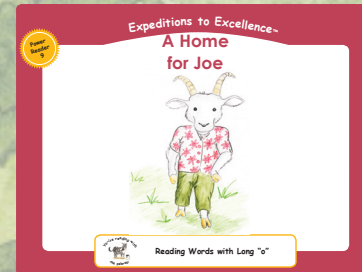
Draw a line to the numbers to show the order in which these things happened in the story. Can you remember? (If you prefer, you can point to them.)

Expeditions to Excellence™ Reading Award

Reader's Name

Date

I have also read this book to these people too! They have signed their names here:



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