

BRaille READING PASSAGE: WORKSHOP 24

Shortforms Set 8

The Camping Trip

Behind even the most commonplace activity can be a memorable story, and such was the case for the Peterson family. The Peterson family always looked forward to their summer camping trip because it was a chance to spend time beside each other beyond the confines of the city. For mom Susan it was fun to spend time doing something she had enjoyed since her youth. The father of the family, John, also loved doing what he did with his family when he was young. The Peterson children, Jeremy and Jenny, had their favorite activities beyond the campsite such as going to the general store and buying candy that cost below what was charged in the city stores. They also enjoyed playing old arcade games and pinball in the cabin behind the general store.

The family always went to the same campground several times between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend, but this year they made an exception and decided to make the first trip before Memorial Day because the weather had been so lovely. Before they left home, they double checked to make sure they had all of the supplies they needed. With their new RV, they had a place to store things beneath the main cabin of the vehicle, which came in very handy. Jeremy and Jenny decided to sit in the passenger area just behind the driver's seat. Even though they planned to leave early in the afternoon, the sun was just below the horizon by the time they were on the road. Fortunately, the campground was only two hours outside the city beside a beautiful lake. When they arrived, because they had the new RV, they could just pull into their campsite for the night. Always when they camped before, they would have to try to set up a tent beside the car in the light of the headlights. It was such a new and fun experience for the whole family to camp inside the RV. Because they were tired, they decided they wouldn't build a fire but instead would use the small stove in the RV that was between the small sink and refrigerator.

Susan and John started preparing dinner while Jeremy and Jenny played a game. Before too long, the kids started fighting about who was cheating in the game, and Susan and John had to try to stop the fight before it got out of control. Because they got distracted by the fight, they didn't realize that the heat was beyond what it should be for the pan they were using, and the handle started to melt. Between John and Susan, they were able to get the pan outside to cool down, and they were able to turn off the stove before a fire started beside where the kids had been sitting playing their game. The melted plastic left a horrible smell in the RV, and even though they opened all of the windows, they knew it was going to take time to air it out. That meant they would have to sleep beneath the stars on the ground. John started a fire, and Susan was able to find some more food and cookware in the cabinets below the main countertop in the kitchen of the RV so that they could cook over the fire. Never before had Jenny and Jeremy thought that food cooked over a fire had tasted so good as on that night because they were so hungry by the time it was ready. They all enjoyed being beside each other as they talked long into the night. When they finally went to bed, even though the ground beneath them was hard, Jenny and Jeremy found comfort in being in their sleeping bags between their mom and dad.

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