

BRAILLE READING PASSAGE: WORKSHOP 4

Strong Wordsigns

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A Visit to a museum

Grandma and Grandpa came to visit from Italy, and they loved to take Isla and Jacob out to visit special places.

“Shall we go to The Metropolitan Museum?” Grandpa asked. “This is a fun place for kids like you to see items from the old ways and collect new knowledge. Let’s all go out to the museum as soon as possible. As a child I loved going to a museum, which is fun for boys and girls. I still like to go.”

“This is true, and it’s still fun for grandmas, too,” Grandma smiled.

Isla and Jacob jumped up, excited to go to a museum. “I want to see the Pyramids of Egypt exhibit,” yelled Isla.

“And I want to see the Rocks and Gems exhibit,” replied Jacob.

“Shall I go out to get my coat?” asked Isla, hoping to go soon. Jacob moved to put on a coat as Grandpa walked out to get the old Buick cozy and snug.

At the museum, Grandma wanted to see the Rocks and Gems exhibit too. “Yes! I get to go with Grandma!” exclaimed Jacob.

“I guess that makes me Isla’s buddy.” Grandpa exclaimed.

“But can we still go out to see the Rocks and Gems exhibit, too, which I loved as a child?” Grandpa asked Isla.

“And I still hope to see the Pyramids of Egypt exhibit, too,” replied Grandma.

“Shall we meet back at this door, which is by the two exhibits at 4:00 p.m.?” asked Grandma. “Let’s go this way, Jacob.” So, Grandma and Jacob go off to see the Rocks and Gems exhibit, and Grandpa and Isla go out to the Pyramids of Egypt wing.

Grandpa and Isla saw Tutankhamun’s mask and a child’s grave mask from a burial tomb. They looked at fabric from mummies and saw animal mummies of a Nile crocodile and birds. Grandma and

Jacob got busy looking at exquisite gems, which seemed huge to Jacob. Grandma loved the opals and turquoise. Jacob loved the obsidian, which is a naturally formed black glass used by native tribes to make tools. At 4:45 p.m. a bell rang out, which signaled that the museum closed at 5:00 p.m.

“Oh no,” exclaimed Jacob. “We still didn’t get to see all of the museum.”

“That’s ok,” replied Grandpa. “We will just have to come back soon!”

“This child has a lot of knowledge of rocks,” said Grandma. “But next I shall have Isla as my guide to get facts on the Egyptian Pyramids.”

“Soon,” Grandpa added, “We shall go on a trip to Egypt see the actual pyramids.”

“Yay!” the kids yelled.

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