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Belle and Billy Stay at Home



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Chapter 3

Easter

It was Easter and both Belle and Billy had a chocolate egg. Belle decided she was going to break hers up into tiny pieces and make it last as long as possible, having a little piece every day. Billy on the other hand decided to eat his egg up as quickly as possible. “Yum, yum, that was tasty” he said with chocolate all around his mouth.



Usually at Easter time lots of families on Blyth Road would get together to hold an Easter egg hunt for the children.

The grown-ups would normally have hidden eggs and the children would have a basket or bag and go off looking in all of the hiding places, to find as many eggs as possible.

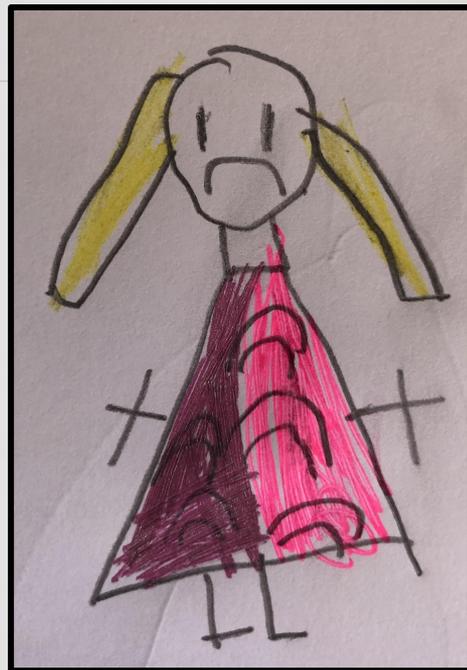


But today, things were different, the families weren't able to spend time with each other.

"I'm sad that we can't do the Easter egg hunt today, Mummy." said Belle.

"Well why don't we do our own version?" suggested Mum.

"Yeah!" replied Belle.



So Belle and Mummy decided to do a scavenger hunt around the local park.

“Because we don’t have Easter eggs to find, we can hunt for other things. How about we hunt for signs of Spring?” suggested Mum.

“Okay” said Belle “I will make a list of things I can search for.”



Belle found a pencil and a piece of paper and Mummy helped her to write a list.

buds

daffodils

lambs

birds nest

“Can I give my list to Billy too, so he can look for the same things with his Mummy and Daddy?” asked Belle.

“Yes” said Mummy, “I’ll take a photo and send it to Billy’s Daddy.”

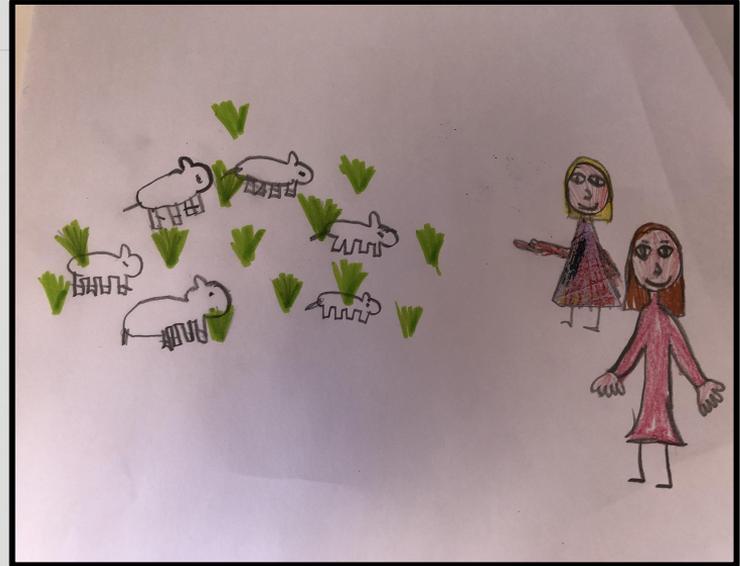


So off went Belle and her Mummy to look for the signs of Spring on her list.

Belle spotted the buds on a cherry blossom tree. “Look there are some daffodils over there too!” she shouted. Then, she noticed a field just behind the park, with 6 newly born lambs in. “Aww Mummy look, they’re so cute.”

“Why don’t we take a video of you counting the lambs in the field and we can share it with Jo?” suggested Mummy.

“Yeah!” squealed Belle, “Jo will love that.”



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Things to talk about with your child after sharing the story...

- ◆ Why could Belle not do the Easter egg hunt?
- ◆ Which items were on Belle's list to find?
- ◆ How many lambs did Belle see in the field?
- ◆ Could you do a scavenger hunt around your local area and make a list of items to find?"

What will happen in chapter 4? Continue sharing the story with your child each week to catch up with Billy and Belle.

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