Ron – Part 1

Ron’s favorite holiday is Halloween because he gets lots of candy. This year he wants to dress up as a ghost. Then he will go out and get lots of chocolate. He could eat chocolate all day, but mom says no. She lets him eat a few pieces each day after Halloween. She says he will feel sick if he eats any more.

On Halloween night, Ron put on his ghost costume. He went trick or treating until his candy basket was full. He was happy about all of the chocolate he got. His mom saw it and reminded him about her rule. He could only eat a few pieces each day. Ron was mad, because he wanted to eat lots of chocolate. He did not think candy could make him sick.

Word count: 132
Ron – Part 2

After his mom went to sleep, he snuck into the kitchen. He pulled out the candy basket and ate ten pieces. The next day, Ron had a bad tummy ache. He stayed in bed until his mom came into his room.

She knew he had eaten too much chocolate. She saw the candy wrappers by his bed. She was not too mad because she knew his stomach hurt. Ron said that he was sorry for eating the chocolate. He discovered that his mom was right. Eating too much chocolate made him feel sick. He decided to never eat too much again.
Ed - Part 1

Once there was a town called Flying. Everybody there was born with wings. People had all kinds of wings. Some had tiny wings, underwater wings, gold wings, rainbow wings. All except for a little boy named Ed. Ed did not have wings like the other kids. He was sad because he could not fly at recess.

Ed’s dad took him to the wise man on the hill. They asked the wise man if someone could help Ed fly. He said that everyone in town must give a special belonging. Soon people made a big pile next to the town fountain. Ed was surprised to see everyone’s favorite things in the pile. The wise man walked around the pile of favorite things. He suddenly turned the pile into a pair of wings.
Ed – Part 2

Ed put on the huge glowing wings. They lifted him up high into the sky. He was flying just like the other kids! But he saw somebody's favorite ball in the wings. Ed decided to give it back. Then he saw somebody's kitten in the wings. Ed took the kitten and handed it back.

Soon, Ed had given too many things back. The wings quickly began to fall apart! Ed started to fall out of the sky. All of the kids flew over to save him. They caught him just in time. They decided to take turns carrying Ed during recess. So now, Ed could fly at recess too.
Holly – Part 1

It was close to Halloween time at school. Holly’s class was going to have a big party that day. There was one important rule for the party. Each student had to make his or her own costume. Holly wanted to dress up as a black cat. So, she started looking around her house for ideas.

The fur part of the cat was easy to make. Holly had a black outfit with sweater, pants, socks and gloves. Holly even found a way to make a black fuzzy tail. She used an old pair of black tights. She stuffed one leg of the tights full of black socks. That was the tail part of the costume. Then she tied the other, empty leg around her waist.

Word Count: 124
Holly – Part 2

Next, Holly found some black paper. She cut out two small pieces of paper to be ears. Holly stuck them onto a black headband with some tape. Now she could wear the ears on her head. Holly also cut paper claws for her hands and feet. She pinned some to the finger parts of her gloves. The rest went on the toes of her socks.

The last things that Holly needed were a nose and whiskers. With black face paint, Holly painted her nose black. She drew thin lines on her cheeks for the whiskers. It was hard for Holly to draw on her own face. When she made a mistake, she just washed it off. When her whiskers were finished, Holly was ready for the party.
Sister – Part 1

When I was eight-years old, my sister moved away. She went to study at a school in another state. That was the first time I lived apart from her. The house was quieter and her bedroom was empty. I began to miss my sister very much. My parents told me I could write her a letter. I thought that was a very good idea.

I never wrote a letter before so my mother helped me. My mother gave me a pad of paper and a pencil. She told me I could use all the paper I wanted. I asked my mother what I should write about. She said I could write about school, friends, and playing. I sat down to think about what to write. Then I picked up the pencil and started to write.
Sister – Part 2

First I wrote about my school and my teacher. Then I wrote about a big game of basketball. I wrote about my friends and the games we play. I wrote that I hope to see my sister soon. When I finished, my mother helped me fold the paper. She helped me fit the paper in an envelope. I licked a small stamp and placed it on the envelope.

After that I put the letter in a blue mailbox. I waited for my sister to write me a letter back. One day, the mailman brought an envelope for me. I opened it and inside was a letter from my sister. In the letter, my sister thanked me for writing to her. She said she could not wait to see me. I will write her another letter very soon.
Jan – Part 1

It was summer and Jan wanted a new pair of rollerblades. She asked her mom for money, but she said no. Her mom said she should open a lemonade stand. Then Jan could sell drinks and make money to buy rollerblades. She thought it was a good idea and decided to try. She really wanted those new rollerblades.

Jan started preparing for her lemonade stand. She asked her mom for a small table and a chair. Her mom gave her lemons, sugar and cups for the drink. Then Jan made a sign with the price of her lemonade. Finally, she made the lemonade by mixing the lemons and sugar. Then she added just the right amount of water and ice. She tasted it and then the drink was ready.

Word count: 129
Jan – Part 2

The lemonade stand was almost ready to go. Jan put up her table and chair and hung the sign. She set up the cups and the pitcher of lemonade. Then, she waited for her first customers to arrive. A thirsty man walked by and bought two cups of lemonade. More thirsty people came by and they all bought lemonade. She was making a lot of money and having fun, too.

At the end of the day she closed the lemonade stand. She counted all the money she had made. Jan had a lot of money, but not enough for rollerblades. She needed to keep making her own money to buy them. She decided to sell something extra the next day. She wondered if more people would come if she sold cookies. Tomorrow she would sell cookies with her lemonade.
Sam and Rob – Part 1

Sam was excited to go to a friend’s birthday party. His friend was Rob and they were in the same class. They sat together in the back of the classroom. Both liked reading time and learning about sharks in science class. They even played together everyday at recess. Sam knew the party would be great. He did not want to miss it.

Rob was having the party at his house. Then everyone was going to a swimming pool in the park. After that, they were going to have pizza. Then they would eat cake and ice cream. The cake was going to be like a big pirate ship. Everyone would get a pirate patch and other toys. Sam was even more excited for the big day.
Sam and Rob – Part 2

His mom took him to the store to buy a gift. Sam knew that his friend liked dinosaurs and playing football. He decided to buy him an orange colored dinosaur. The dinosaur was funny because it made a loud roaring sound. He knew Rob would like it a lot. After it was wrapped, he put it into a bag. That is how he would carry it to the party.

Sam got to the party early because he was so excited. But he could not find the gift. The only thing in the bag was the birthday card. Sam was very upset and he told Rob what had happened. Rob told him he was just glad Sam was at the party. The present turned up later in Sam’s swimming bag. He had it all along, so everyone was happy at last.
Cam – part 1

Cam wanted to get a new bike. He always rode his bike to and from school. After school he loved to ride around his neighborhood with friends. But lately, he was having less fun on his old bike. It was too small and had a crooked tire. It also had a broken handle bar. Cam had to decide what kind of bike he needed.

The next day he stopped at a bike store. In the window was a shiny blue bike. Cam knew that it was the perfect bike for him. He raced home to tell his Dad about it. At home his Dad said it sounded like a good choice. They decided to go back to the store that night.

Word count: 121 words
Cam – Part 2

Later, at the bike store, they talked to the salesman. Cam’s dad asked to see the blue bike. Cam was very excited and hoped his dad liked it too. Then he saw how much the bike cost. Cam did not have enough money to buy it. He asked his dad to get it, but he said no. He said they would plan how to buy the new bike.

Cam was disappointed that he could not get it that day. His dad told him not to worry. They would figure how to split the cost of the bike. When they saved enough money, they would go back. Cam realized he was going to get a new bike soon. He hoped it would not take too long.
Pam – Part 1

Friday was show-and-tell day at Pam’s school. Her dad had just made her a doll out of cloth. She was going to bring her new doll to show-and-tell. She took out her blue sweater to wear that day. It was her favorite and she wanted everyone to see it. But her dad told her the sweater was dirty. Pam decided she was old enough to wash it herself.

She never used the washer before, but she wanted to try. Pam watched her dad wash clothes every week. She tried to do the same things that he did. First, she took the sweater downstairs to the washer. She opened the washer door and put it inside. She added soap and turned on the washer. Pam watched her blue sweater spinning around through the glass door.
Pam – Part 2

When the washer was done, Pam opened the door. She took out the wet sweater. Then she put her wet sweater into the dryer. The dryer took a long time, but finally it was done. It always made a buzzing sound at the end. That buzzing sound told her the sweater was dry.

When Pam opened the dryer, she was surprised. Her favorite blue sweater was very small! It was much too small for her to wear now. She learned that sometimes clothes get smaller after you clean them. Suddenly, Pam had an idea. The next day, she brought her new doll to school. Everyone liked the doll’s brand new, blue sweater.

Word count: 112 words
Anna – Part 1

There was a park across the street from Anna’s house. In the park was a stream that flowed into a forest. Anna was curious about where the stream would lead. The only way to find out was to follow the stream. Anna would have to be an explorer. She asked her dad if she could go and follow it. He said they would explore the stream together the next day.

Anna and her father got ready early in the morning. First, they packed a picnic lunch. Her dad made sandwiches and she put them in her backpack. Then Anna and her dad put on their hiking boots. They sprayed each other with bug spray. Soon they were off to explore the stream.
Anna – Part 2

Anna led the way across the street and into the park. She knew the way to the pond where the stream began. They walked around the pond until they came to it. The start of the stream was just a small trickle. The two explorers followed the flowing water. It ran past pine trees and oak trees. As they followed, they noticed the stream was getting wider.

At noon, the two explorers stopped to eat lunch. They saw a pair of ducks swimming in the water. Anna fed them some bread from her sandwich. After lunch the two continued to follow the widening stream. Finally they came to a big lake. Now Anna knew where the stream began and ended. She felt like a real explorer.
Bill – Part 1

Bill and his friends liked to play baseball in his backyard. They played every day after school. One day Bill hit the ball really hard. It flew over the fence and landed in the neighbor’s yard. Without their ball, the friends could not play the game anymore. They decided they had to get the ball back.

This neighbor had a big, scary, mean dog. Everyone knew it was scary because of its loud bark. All the kids at school were afraid of it. Bill knew that the dog would be in the yard. That meant he could not climb over the fence. He had to think of another plan to get the ball.

Word count: 113
Bill – Part 2

Bill went to the neighbor’s front door and rang the doorbell. He was a little scared about what would happen. He was afraid that the dog might be inside. Maybe the owner would be big and mean like the dog. Soon, a lady with red hair opened the front door. She asked what he wanted and Bill told her about the ball. The lady told Bill that he could get the ball.

She watched as Bill opened the gate to the backyard. He saw the dog and was sure it would bite him. Instead, it wagged its tail and licked Bill’s face! The dog was not mean at all. Bill happily picked up his baseball and ran back to his yard. He could not wait to tell his friends about his adventure.
Jody – Part 1

Jody wanted to feed ducks because they were her favorite animals. One time she saw children feeding bread to ducks at a pond. The ducks came close when the children threw bread to them. Maybe ducks would come close to her if she fed them. She went into the kitchen to find some bread. There was a whole loaf on the counter. She picked it up and went into her backyard.

Jody remembered that the children broke the bread into little pieces. She broke her bread and threw the pieces into the grass. Then she waited for the ducks to come. Jody waited for hours, but no ducks came into the yard. She was sad that her plan had not worked.
Jody – Part 2

Her dad came home from work and walked into the yard. He was surprised to see all the bread in the grass. Jody told him that she hoped some ducks would come by. Her Dad told her that ducks lived near the water. She told her Dad how ducks came close to other children. That is why she wanted to feed them herself. Her Dad told her they would go find some ducks.

After dinner, Dad and Jody took some bread to a park. There was a pond where lots of ducks were swimming. The two ran down to edge of the water. They found a big tree and sat under it. They threw pieces of bread into the water nearby. Many ducks came over to eat, and Jody was happy.
Debby – Part 1

Debby wanted to get a present for her Grandma’s birthday. She did not know what to get her. So Debby decided to look for some clues at Grandma’s house. The clues she found would give her ideas for presents. Then shopping with her parents would be easy. She asked to go to Grandma’s after school the next day.

After school, she was ready to hunt for clues. Grandma was waiting on the front porch. The two of them went into the house to have a snack. Debby saw that the plates in her house were very old. She wondered if Grandma would like some new plates.
Debby – Part 2

After they had their snack, Grandma helped with her homework. Debby worked very hard to finish all her math problems. It took a while for Debby and her grandma to finish. When they were done, Grandma asked if she wanted to play. Debby loved to play in Grandma’s backyard. There were pretty flowers and a big tree with a swing. She liked to smell the flowers and swing under the tree.

When they went outside, Debby saw that the tree was gone. She asked Grandma what happened to the tree. Grandma told her that the tree had to be cut down. She could tell her Grandma was sad about the tree. Debby knew what to get her grandma for her birthday. Her family would get Grandma a young tree. She was sure Grandma would be happy with that present.
Pat – Part 1

Pat loved riding his blue and gold bicycle. He would ride it everywhere. He also enjoyed flying his kite at the park. He loved watching the kite bob up and down. It was a windy day, which was good for flying kites. Pat rode his bike to a park. He left it against a tree and went to the field.

After an hour he was tired and ready to go home. He walked back to the tree, but his bike was gone! Pat looked around it to make sure it was really gone. The bike was not there, and he was upset. He wondered if someone stole his bike. He looked around for other people who might have seen something. There was no one around to ask.
Pat – Part 2

Pat decided to call the police after he walked home. He described his bike to the police officer. They said they would call him if it was found. Pat waited by his phone for news. He hoped that he would be lucky and get it back. A week passed by, but nothing happened. Another week passed, and he realized the bike was gone.

Weeks later, Pat decided to get a new bike. He was about to go shopping when the phone rang. The police had found the person who stole his bike. The police also had his bike at the station. Pat was so happy he ran to the station right away.
Janet wanted to make a sandwich. She thought of all the ingredients she needed. She looked around her refrigerator to see what was there. In the vegetable drawer, there was a tomato and some lettuce. She found the cheese and the mustard in another section. Janet found the sliced turkey at the top of the refrigerator. The only other thing she needed was bread.

Janet looked in the cabinet, but there was no bread. She did not know what to do. She searched through all of the cupboards. She opened all of the drawers. Janet finally checked if the bread was in the fridge. It was not there, so she checked the other rooms.
Janet – Part 2

The loaf of bread was not in the living room. It was definitely not in the bathroom or in her bedroom. Janet was about to go to the store when her phone rang. It was her neighbor, Kelly, asking for some eggs. She was making a cake and ran out of them. Janet had plenty of eggs and asked Kelly for some bread.

The two agreed to trade two slices of bread for two eggs. Janet carefully carried the eggs next door to Kelly’s house. The two exchanged the food and thanked each other. Kelly continued making her cake. Janet went back home and made her delicious sandwich. She had made it without even going to the store! It was lucky she had a good neighbor.
Sam – Part 1

Sam loved robots more than anything else. He liked how robots talked, and he liked their buttons and gears. He read books and watched movies about them. He even dreamed of building a robot someday when he grew up. One morning, Sam had a great idea. Halloween would be coming very soon. He would make a costume that shows his love of robots!

He asked his grandma for old boxes, scissors, paint, and tape. She helped him cut holes in the box for his arms. They made holes in a smaller box for his eyes. Sam and his grandma painted the boxes. Soon the whole costume was shiny with silver paint. When it dried, they added red, blue, and yellow buttons. When Sam wore the costume, he looked like a real robot!
Sam – Part 2

He went trick-or-treating with his friends on Halloween. They wore costumes, but nobody else looked like a robot. People opened doors to give candy to Sam and his friends. They said they loved Sam’s costume. His friends told him he looked like a real robot.

Sam got lots of candy that night. His sack was filled with chocolate, bubble gum, and other sweets. He came home tired and happy. He took off his costume and put it in his closet. He knew he would want to wear the costume again. The costume was almost as good as having a real robot.
Mike – Part 1

Mike wanted to have a special talent like his brother. His brother was good at everything and always won trophies. He won them for basketball, football, and playing his trumpet. Mike wondered what it would be like to win something. Mostly, Mike wanted to find something he loved to do.

Mike started trying all the things his brother did. First, he tried playing basketball after school. It was kind of fun, but not his favorite. Next, he thought he would try football. He did not like tackling, and the pads were heavy. Finally, he tried his brother’s trumpet, but that was no good. All he could do was make a terrible noise!
Mike – Part 2

One day, Mike’s art teacher saw him drawing on his folder. It was a drawing of a pirate ship on the ocean. The art teacher told Mike that his drawing was really good. She said there would be an art contest soon. She told him to enter his best drawing into the contest. Mike started a new drawing and worked very hard on it.

On the day of the contest, Mike turned in his drawing. They put his picture on the wall with other pictures. All of the families and friends came to see the artwork. Finally, it was time to announce the winner. The judge said that Mike won first place! Even though there was no trophy, Mike was excited. He went home that afternoon and drew some more.
Max – Part 1

It was fall and Max loved picking apples. One tree in the woods grew lots of them. He passed the tree on his way home from school. Now that it was colder outside, the apples were ripe. Big red apples were on the ground by the tree. When Max returned from school, he brought some in his backpack.

His family loved the apples, but Max brought home too many. The kitchen was filled with apples. The crates on the porch were full of them. There were even apples in Max’s bedroom! But he kept bringing them home. He did not want them to go to waste.
Max – Part 2

One day his mom said that there were too many apples. She did not know what to do with all of them. Max did not know what to do with them either. He could eat one apple a day but not twenty! Then his mom had an idea for using the apples. She said they could bake them into pies. There were so many apples, baking would take a whole day!

Max helped his mom make the pies. He washed the apples and helped her make the pie crust. By the time they were finished, there were twenty pies! His mom said they could keep one pie for themselves. They would give the rest away to all their neighbors. Max and his mom took the pies to their happy friends. Everyone was excited to share the apples he had gathered.

Word count: 140
Emma – Part 1

Emma was excited about the first day of summer. She was ready to play outside with her friends. She had studied hard all year long and needed to relax. She quickly ate breakfast and went outside. Her friends were waiting for her on the corner. As Emma went outside, it started to thunder and rain. She had to leave her friends and go home.

The next morning, Emma woke up and looked out the window. She was sad because it was still raining out. She needed to find a way to have fun indoors. She asked her mother if she could invite friends over. Her mother agreed, as long as Emma planned the activities herself.

Word count: 115
Emma – Part 2

She needed to buy games and food for her friends. She asked her mother to take her to the store. Emma bought some popcorn and a deck of cards. She also bought a new movie to watch. When she got home, she found many other games in the closet. She was glad she had activities for her friends to enjoy.

Emma invited her friends over to her house. They played cards and many different board games. Then they ate popcorn and watched movies all day. The rain did not stop the friends from having fun. Emma and her friends forgot all about the rain. They decided to meet at Emma’s house every time it rained.

Word count: 115
Kara – Part 1

Kara loved to chew bubble gum. One time, she even won a bubble gum chewing contest. Another time, she chewed a piece of gum for seven hours. It was a new school record. Every night, Kara took the gum out of her mouth. She did not want to swallow it when she was sleeping.

One night, Kara fell asleep quickly and forgot about the gum. When she woke up, she found it in her hair. She showed her mother and they tried to pull it out. It was too sticky, so they rubbed ice on the gum. The ice hardened the gum, but it stayed in her hair. Then, Kara washed her hair, but the gum was still there.
Kara – Part 2

She did not know what else to do. Her mother told her that she had to cut Kara’s hair. That was the only way to get it out. Kara was sad because she loved her long hair. Now her hair would have to be short. She took a deep breath and closed her eyes. Her mother began to cut her hair.

Kara was nervous about her new haircut. She looked in the mirror when her mother was finished. She was surprised because she looked very different. She loved the new haircut, and she thought she looked pretty. When Kara went to school, her friends liked her hair, too. She decided that she would keep her hair short. She also decided not to chew gum in bed again.

Word count: 127
Nash – Part 1

Nash wanted to buy his mother a birthday gift. He knew she loved pretty rings and necklaces that sparkled. He decided to get her a new necklace for her birthday. But Nash did not have a lot of money. He knew that buying it would be expensive. He wondered how he would get enough money for the gift.

First, he looked in his piggy bank. He wanted to see how much money he had. Nash counted and saw that he had twenty dollars. That was a lot, but not enough for the necklace. He thought about how to get more money. But then he got a better idea. He was going to make a necklace for his mother instead.
Nash – Part 2

Nash went to the store to buy what he needed. He used the money from his piggy bank. First, he bought different colored beads. Then, he bought string to hold the beads together. Last, he bought a wooden box for the necklace. Nash wanted to paint the necklace box. At home he had red and yellow paints to use.

He went home and made the necklace for his mother. First, he cut the string and put on the beads. After that, he painted yellow and red flowers on the box. Finally, Nash made a bow and tied it around the box. The next day, Nash gave his mother the necklace. His mother loved the necklace. She said that she would wear it every day.
Jenna – Part 1

On a cold fall day, Jenna was riding her bike. Suddenly, snow started to fall down in big flakes. She started home, but noticed a puppy sitting by the sidewalk. She got off her bike and walked over to the puppy. She stroked its fur and it licked her fingers. It started to shiver in the snow because it was cold. Jenna carried it home under her coat.

She asked her dad if they could keep the puppy. Her dad said it might belong to someone else. Jenna made signs to put up about the missing puppy. She took a picture of him with her dad's camera. Jenna and her dad hung the signs around the neighborhood. Soon, the puppy started barking because it was hungry. They fed it leftover ham sandwiches from lunch.

Word count: 134
Jenna – Part 2

That night, the puppy curled up on Jenna's bed. It kept her cold feet warm. In the morning, she fed it and it chewed her sock. Later, there was a loud knock at their front door. It was a little boy and his dad.

The puppy jumped onto the little boy and started licking him. It was clear that the puppy belonged to the little boy. He was so excited to see his puppy. But Jenna was sad to see the puppy go. She really liked having a pet for a day. The little boy thanked her for taking care of his puppy. He said she could come visit them, so she did.

Word count: 113
Matt – Part 1

It was the day before Matt’s birthday and he was excited. Number one on his birthday list was a puppy. He went with his dad to get groceries that afternoon. When they walked by the pet store, a puppy barked. Matt asked his dad if he could go in. Matt asked if he could have it for his birthday. His dad said he had to wait and see.

The next morning, Matt turned seven years old. Downstairs, there was a box in the middle of the floor. Matt ran over, lifted the box, and saw a fish bowl. Matt was disappointed that it was not a puppy. A fish could not bark at him. He could not take a fish for a walk.
Matt – Part 2

Matt decided to take the fish upstairs to his room. He wondered if it could do any tricks. He tried to pet it, but the fish swam away. The fish squeaked for Matt to be careful. She said she was a fish, not a dog! To Matt’s surprise, it was a talking fish! Matt said he was sorry and gave her some fish food.

Everyday, Matt came home and told the fish about his day. Then he took her outside in her bowl for a walk. As a joke, sometimes she barked at him. Very soon Matt and the fish were good friends. Matt was happy he had gotten a fish for his birthday.
Kitten – Part 1

Late one night, I heard a scratching at my window. I was in my bed under my covers. I was scared because it was dark in my bedroom. I tried to fall back asleep but I heard it again. I called for my mom but she did not hear me. I decided to find out what it was. I went to the window but did not see anything.

I decided to open it up. But when I opened the window, there was nothing there. I thought it must have been a tree branch. There was a big tree next to my house. But then I heard a loud meow. A tiny orange kitten walked by my window. It licked my hand then it jumped into my room.
Kitten – Part 2

The kitten was really hungry and would not stop crying. It needed someone to take care of it. So I snuck downstairs and got it some tuna. The kitten was so happy it started purring. I hid it in my room and kept feeding it tuna. The next morning, my mom said my room smelled fishy.

That afternoon, my mom was sitting on my bed. She was petting the orange kitten. She had heard it scratching and came into my room. She asked why I did not tell her about it. I said because I was worried she would give it away. Mom said I should always tell her what is going on. I promised I would and she let me keep it.

Word count: 123
Jenny and Grace – Part 1

Jenny’s family had a cabin near a lake. She liked to go fishing when they stayed at the cabin. Her friend Grace had never gone fishing before. But she wanted to try to catch a fish. Jenny invited Grace to come to the lake. The next day, Jenny’s parents drove them to the cabin. Grace was excited about catching her first fish.

Before fishing, the girls had to get ready for the event. They each got a fishing pole and a bucket of worms. The worms squirmed as they walked down to the lake. When they arrived, Jenny showed Grace how to use the pole. They put hooks on the lines and Jenny added the worms. The worm was for the fish to bite. When the girls were ready, they went to the water.
Jenny and Grace – Part 2

Grace thought that a fish would bite right away. However, a long time passed without any fish biting the worms. Jenny told her that sometimes it takes all day. The two girls waited, and sometimes they checked their hooks. They did not want the worms to fall off. Then Grace felt something pull on her line. She thought it might be a fish.

Jenny showed Grace how to pull on the fishing line. Grace kept pulling and pulling on the line. Then she saw her hook, but there was no fish! It was a stick that had gotten stuck on the hook. Grace was sad that she had not caught a fish. But she knew she would keep trying.
Ella – Part 1

The kitchen at Ella's house had a big window. Ella liked watching the birds eat from the feeder outside. One day, there was a crash at the window. On the grass below the window was a red bird! It was not moving because one of its wings was broken. The little bird must have hit the window and gotten hurt.

Ella wanted to take care of the hurt bird. She knew that it would need a safe place to heal. She put an old towel in a small box. Then she set the bird on the towel. The box would keep the little bird safe. The towel was soft for it to lie on. Carefully, Ella carried the little bird inside the house.
Ella – Part 2

The bird also needed something to eat and drink. So Ella went outside and got some seeds from the feeder. She also got a little cup of water. Ella put the food and water in the box. The bird would get hungry and thirsty. This way it would have what it needed.

A few days later, the bird’s wing looked strong again. Ella carried the box to a place in the sun. For a while, Ella watched the little bird. Slowly, the bird began to move one wing. Then it moved its other wing. A minute later, the little bird flew away. Ella was glad that she helped the bird get better.
Ann – Part 1

Ann liked to explore the forest next to her house. She climbed trees and built forts out of fallen branches. Sometimes Ann went into the forest and explored until dinner time. Her favorite thing in the forest was a giant oak tree. The tree was very tall and full of branches. She liked to climb as high as she could go.

One day, Ann had an idea. She wanted to build a tree house in the oak tree. Ann took her father and showed him the tree. She asked if he could build a tree house in it. Ann’s father said yes if she would help him. This made Ann very happy and she gave him a hug.
Ann – Part 2

Her father took his tool box to the big tree. He used new wooden boards to build a floor. He also made four walls and a roof for the top. Ann helped her father measure and cut the wood. Then her father nailed the floor to branches of the tree. He even made a new ladder for Ann to climb up. Ann and her father were very careful as they worked.

Ann and her father worked very hard for many days. It was a lot of work to build a tree house. When it was finished Ann painted a sign for the door. The sign said “Welcome to Ann’s tree house.” Ann climbed up the ladder and explored the new tree house. Now, Ann can do lots of things in the tree house. She likes to read books and draw pictures.

Word count: 141
Lisa – Part 1

It was the perfect day for a trip to the beach. It was a very hot day in the middle of summer. At home, Lisa and her family put on their bathing suits. They packed a picnic basket full of sandwiches and soda. They packed a soccer ball, beach towels, and playing cards. When everyone was ready they loaded up the car. Then they started to drive to the beach.

Her father used a map to find his way. It was his first time driving to the beach. Lisa was very eager to get to the ocean. She thought about all the things she would do. She wanted to swim and play soccer. She wanted to build a sand castle. She hoped they would get to the beach quickly.

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Lisa – Part 2

Then something went wrong with the trip. Lisa’s father said they must have missed a turn. He did not know where they were. He stopped the car in a gas station parking lot. He got out of the car. A man was telling him how to get to the beach. Lisa hoped they would find their way soon.

Finally, her father came back to the car. Now he knew the right way to drive to the beach. He told Lisa they were very close. Soon, Lisa and her family were at the beach. They stayed until the sun began to go down. Lisa got to do all the fun things she had planned.
Mary – Part 1

Mary was having a birthday soon. Her mom said she could do something to celebrate. She really wanted a sleepover party with her friends. Her mom said that sounded like a good idea. Mary sent invitations to all her friends. She asked them to bring sleeping bags and pajamas. Then she started to plan for the party.

She made a list of games and food that she wanted. The list included watching movies, playing board games and relay races. She selected foods like cake, ice cream, hamburgers and potato chips. She showed the list to her mom. Her mom said these looked like good choices. She told Mary they would have to go to the store.
Mary – Part 2

The next day the two of them went shopping. All the food on her list went into their cart. They also found some balloons to decorate the house. Mary picked out a funny movie too. Her mom paid for everything and they hurried home. Mary blew up the balloons while her mom fixed the hamburgers. After cleaning her room she was ready for the party.

Soon, all of her friends came over. Each girl remembered to bring sleeping bags and pajamas. They also brought birthday gifts for Mary. Everyone had fun playing games and eating cake and ice cream. Mary and her friends watched the movie and stayed up late. The next day, she thanked everyone for a great birthday.
Rose – Part 1

Rose loved to take care of her garden. One day she noticed a rabbit in her vegetables. It was brown and white and kept far away from her. Rose watched as the little animal hopped around her vegetables. When the rabbit began to eat them, she shouted. The rabbit did not notice her at all. Rose wondered how to keep the rabbit away from her vegetables.

She asked her mom how to keep the rabbit away. Her mom said they would catch the animal with a trap. Then they could put it in a new home far away. Rose was worried about moving the animal away from its family. Her mom said the rabbit would be okay. It would find lots of new friends.
Rose – Part 2

They went to the store and bought a special trap. The store owner showed them how to use it. Putting food in the trap would make the rabbit go inside. The rabbit would go inside to eat the food. Then the door would close and the rabbit could not leave. Best of all, the rabbit would not be hurt.

Rose helped her mom set up the trap in the garden. They picked carrots and placed them in the trap. Rose watched the rabbit enter the trap to smell the carrots. Soon, the trap snapped shut and the rabbit could not escape. Rose and her mom took the trapped rabbit far away. Rose released it into its new home. Now the rabbit had a new home and the vegetables were safe.
Josh – Part 1

Josh loved going to the library to look at different books. One day he was looking for something good to read. As he looked, he found a map stuffed between two books. Josh quickly saw that it was a map of the library. The map showed him a trail he could follow. It seemed to end at a treasure chest in the library. Josh decided to follow the map and get the treasure.

The trail in the map started exactly where he was standing. He had to go past the checkout counter to the stairs. He followed the stairs up to the second floor. There were a lot of very tall shelves on this floor. He had never been to this part of the library. A lot of adults were looking for books. The map led him to a bookshelf he had never seen.

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Josh – Part 2

He walked up to the bookshelf and looked around. The map showed that the treasure was on the bookshelf. Josh followed the map’s direction to a strange-looking book. He pulled the book off of the shelf. It was old and falling apart. The book was about a boy his age and pirates. The pirates and the boy were looking for buried gold.

Josh was glad he found the book. He always wanted to read a book about pirate adventures. Josh felt like he found a different kind of treasure. He found a good book to read.
Rich and Hank – Part 1

When my dad was a kid, he used to race turtles. I told my friends about it. My friends and I decided to have our own turtle race. John was in charge of building a racetrack out of sticks. Kate said she would borrow a stopwatch from her sister. I was in charge of training my pet turtle, Rich.

Rich would race against a turtle named Hank. Hank looked very tough, with a scar over his eye. Rich was only a year old. Most of the time, he liked to nap in the sun. He was a good turtle, but sometimes he was lazy. He would have to train for many hours to beat Hank.
Rich and Hank – part 2

On the first day of training, I got all my supplies. My dad said turtles need lots of food to be strong. So I got a piece of lettuce for Rich. Next, I found a whistle in my room. Every great coach had a whistle. Finally, I went and got Rich from his tank. I blew my whistle and told him he was a winner.

Rich and I trained for three days. On the fourth day, we had the race in my backyard. John had built a good track and Kate brought a trophy. At the starting line, we let the turtles go. We wondered who would be the winner. Hank and Rich were more interested in eating grass, though. Maybe we should have had a food-eating contest.
Harry – Part 1

Harry the bear was famous in the forest where he lived. Every day after breakfast, he posed for pictures and signed autographs. He wrote letters to his fans. But Harry was ready for a vacation. His hand hurt from signing his name. His eyes hurt from all the camera flashes. He was ready to leave the forest.

He wondered where he should go. Harry asked the forest animals for their help. First, he asked the wise owl. The owl told him he should fly to the ocean. Harry said there were two problems with that idea. One, he did not have wings to fly. Two, he did not want to get sunburned on the beach.
Harry – Part 2

Next, he went to the lake and found a frog. He asked the frog where he should go. The frog hopped up and down. He told Harry to come swim in the lake. Harry stuck his big toe into the water. The lake was so cold, and he shook his head no. Besides, he did not know how to swim.

Harry felt sad he had not found a good vacation place. He walked and walked until he stopped by a big tree. At the bottom of the tree was a blue door. Inside, a pie and Harry’s favorite book were on the table. He realized this was his house. Yes, there was his nice soft bed and blanket. Everything was just right, so Harry took his vacation at home.
Lola – Part 1

Lola had two favorite hobbies when she had free time after school. One of them was arts and crafts. The other was playing with dolls. There was a new doll coming out in the toy store. It was just what Lola wanted. The doll looked like her and it had black hair. It also came with some doll clothes.

One day, her mother took her to the toy store. Lola saw the doll and asked her mother to buy it. Her mother looked at the price of the doll. She told Lola that the doll was too expensive to buy. Lola was very sad because she wanted the doll. She had never wanted anything more than this doll.
Lola – Part 2

The two of them left the toy store. Her mother saw Lola was sad and had an idea. She took her to the arts and crafts store. She told Lola that she could make her own doll. Lola could use the fabric and buttons at the store. She could make a better doll than the one for sale. This doll would be special because Lola made it herself.

Lola picked out the materials for the doll. She started making it the next day. She made the body out of a colorful fabric. Her mother helped her sew it together. They stuffed it with beans to make it soft. Lola made three dresses from the fabric she picked. Now she had her very own doll.
Tim – Part 1

Tim enjoyed going to school very much. He loved to learn new things. There was just one little problem. Tim could not see what his teacher wrote on the board. He tried sitting closer to the front of the room. But that still did not help. No matter what he did, he could not read the board.

One day, his teacher saw he was having trouble. She asked if he had been to the eye doctor. Tim said no, his parents had never taken him. His teacher said she would talk to them that night. Tim was glad because the doctor might help him see better. However, he was also a little bit worried. What if he needed glasses and they made him look different?
Tim – Part 2

The next day, his mom took him to an eye doctor. The doctor asked Tim to look at all kinds of charts. Tim told him about the pictures and letters he saw there. Some of the things were easy to see. Other things were very difficult to see. Later, the doctor said it was time to choose some glasses.

He was still worried about how he would look with glasses. But then he saw how many different kinds there were. This made him feel so much better. Tim found a pair that he really liked. The next day, he wore his new glasses to school. To his surprise, all of his classmates loved his new glasses. Plus, he could see everything the teacher wrote on the board.
Dad – Part 1

My dad took our family camping last weekend. Before we went, I was so excited. Dad said it was going to be a lot of fun. We would start our own fire and cook our own food. We would even get to sleep in tents. I could not wait until we were on our way.

Finally, our family headed out for the woods. When we arrived, Dad gave me a job to do. I had to go look for sticks to make the fire. I walked into the surrounding woods to find some. There were all kinds on the ground, so I grabbed them. Once I had a lot I brought them back to camp.

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Dad – Part 2

Next, we worked to set up the tent. Sleeping in a tent keeps the bugs and rain away. I do not like bugs or getting wet when I sleep. There were a lot of directions for putting up the tent. It was big, so the whole family could fit in it. It took us a really long time. Dad and I worked together, though, so we figured it out.

Before long, the stars started to come out. We sat around the fire eating and telling stories. We even roasted marshmallows for dessert. Everyone thanked Dad and me for setting everything up so nicely. I was happy I got to help. I was even happier that everyone was having fun camping.
Mom – Part 1

Every morning there are so many things for me to do. It often takes me a long time to finish it all. Mom gets mad because she does not like to be late. But I cannot help it. It is hard to remember everything I have to do.

Then one day I had a great idea. I would make a list to hang on my wall. That list would help me be faster in the morning. It would tell me everything I had to get done. When I finished something I could check it off my list. The next day I could erase the checks and start over. I told my mom and she liked my idea.
Mom – Part 2

So that afternoon, I worked on my morning task list. I wrote down everything I had to do in the mornings. First, I had to wake up and get dressed. Then I had to brush my teeth and comb my hair. Last, I had to eat breakfast and pack my school bag. When I finished, I decorated the list so it looked nice.

The next morning everything went great. With my list on the wall, I did not forget anything. I finished everything so quickly, too. I was even ready to leave for school before my mom. She was so proud of me. She promised to take me for ice cream after school. I think this list is the best idea I ever had.
Max – Part 1

One day Max spilled glue on the floor in his room. It made a really big mess. He did not think he could clean it up by himself. He was scared that his mom and dad would see it. If they saw it, they might be upset with him. He already spilled paint in the garage last week. He did not want to get in trouble again.

Max decided to hide from his parents. He went into a little closet and shut the door. He thought they would never be able to find him there. The closet was dark and he did not like being there. But he did not want to be in trouble either. He decided to wait and see what happened.
Max – Part 2

Soon his parents came looking for him. From inside the closet Max could hear them talking. They were saying how much they missed him. They were saying that it was okay to spill things sometimes. After hearing his parents kind voices he decided to stop hiding. He opened the door and went to find them.

His mom and dad were happy to see him. They smiled and laughed and gave him hugs. Max told them about the big mess he had made. He told them about how he got scared. He said he could not clean up the mess all alone. His parents said that they would help him clean the mess. Soon the mess was gone and Max was on another adventure.
Walking – Part 1

My friend told me she knew about a special place. Her mom told her about it. She said this place was full of beautiful things to see. I asked her to tell me more about the special place. She said you never get bored there. And you never stop having fun. She said this special place was not far away at all.

We decided to find it and began walking around the neighborhood. We walked past a pond and a bunch of pretty trees. We could see colorful birds in the trees. And the pond looked good for swimming. I thought this might be the special place. But my friend did not think so.
Walking – Part 2

We kept walking and soon came to a park. The park was full of people playing and having fun. We went to join them for awhile. I thought for sure this must be the special place. My friend said that this was not the special place either. So we kept walking and trying to find it.

Soon we got tired of walking. We did not find the special place, but we had fun. We saw many beautiful things and were never bored. We decided to turn around and walk home. When we got home we played together and had more fun. Then we remembered that the special place was not far away. We realized that the special place was with a friend.
Jake – Part 1

One day Jake was playing when he saw a big bug. It was crawling slowly up the wall. He was very scared and he moved far away from it. He thought that the bug might hurt him. He was so scared that he did not want to move.

Jake wanted to make the bug go away. He realized he would not be okay until it was gone. He thought he might be able to push the bug away. But Jake did not want to touch it. Then he thought about smashing it with a toy. But he did not want to break any of his toys.
Jake – Part 2

Finally he decided to ask his friends for help. They came and looked at the bug. They agreed it was a scary bug. They thought about what to do. One friend wanted to use his shoe to smash it. Another friend wanted to take the bug and put it outside. They decided that taking it outside was the best idea.

After trying a few times, they finally caught the bug. They put it in a cup and took it outside. Once they were outside, they let the bug go. The bug crawled away slowly in the grass. When the bug got to a tree it started to climb. Jake was glad the bug was gone. The friends decided to look for more bugs outside.
Greg – Part 1

Greg had a special green ball that could bounce very high. He liked bouncing it outside because he would not break anything. One day he bounced it as high as he could. It went so high that it never came back down. He thought it got stuck somewhere in the clouds. Greg was very sad he had lost it.

He decided to go up into the clouds to find it. But he needed a ladder to get up to the clouds. Greg decided to get his dad’s biggest ladder. He went to the garage and found the tallest one. But it was too big for him to move. He decided to ask his dad for help. His dad said he would climb into the clouds for Greg.

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Greg – Part 2

They headed to the garage and dad easily lifted the ladder. Then he asked Greg to show him where the ball went. Greg pointed to the spot in the clouds. Then his dad climbend very high onto the ladder. But he did not reach for the clouds. Instead, he reached out for the roof. Soon, the green ball bounced down from above.

It had been on top of the roof all along. It was not in the clouds at all. His dad climbed down and put the ladder away. He told Greg that balls usually cannot go into clouds. Greg was happy to know this. Now his green ball would never be too far away.
Tom – Part 1

Tom liked going to the playground with his friends. There were slides, swings and sand to do some digging. He liked swinging the best of all. But he did not like the big slide. It was scary to think of climbing up that high. Then the only way down was the slippery slide. He thought he would fall or get hurt.

All his friends told him that the slide was safe. They said it was so much fun too. They said he should stop being scared and try it. Tom asked if they ever fell off or got scared. They said no and that it was fun to zoom down. His friends seemed to be okay with it. He decided maybe it was time to try.
The next day at the playground, Tom told all his friends. He was finally going to try the big slide. He started to climb up to the top of it. When he got there he was very scared. He closed his eyes, held his breath and slid down. He made it all the way down and was safe. His friends cheered for him and he ran to go again.

Now he knew that there was nothing to be afraid of. He wished he had not spent so much time being scared. Tom thought that the slide was a lot of fun. Now he could go down the slide anytime.
Jess and Chuck – Part 1

Jess was scared to dive into the water. Her swimming teacher said diving was fun. It was like jumping into the water, but a little different. To dive you needed to jump where the water was deep. You needed to bend your legs and tuck your head down. Jess wanted to learn how to dive without being scared.

She watched the other kids take their turns. One boy named Chuck was very good at it. He did not look scared at all. He bent his knees and put his head down. When he dove, there was not a big splash. There were only a few little circles on the water’s surface.
Jess and Chuck – Part 2

When Chuck got out of the pool Jess said hello. She told him she liked the way he could dive. Jess also told him that she was scared to try it. He asked what she was afraid of. She said she did not want water in her nose. He said he had been afraid of that too. He said if she relaxed, she would be fine.

The swimming teacher and Chuck helped Jess. The teacher showed her how to bend her knees. Chuck taught her how to hold her hands together. When the two of them helped her, Jess was not scared. She knew she would do her best. She finally dove into the pool and it was easy. When she got out Chuck and her teacher clapped.

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Lonnie – part 1

Lonnie was happy that it was finally fall. He liked wearing sweaters and having hot chocolate. He especially liked to see the colors of the trees changing. He would run and jump in piles of leaves. Running around outside was better now because the air stayed cool. He could run and play all day and not get hot.

One day, his dad said it was time to get pumpkins. They took a trip out to a farm in the country. The farm had a stream that ran through it. The farm also had many fields full of corn and hay. Next to these fields were large rows of pumpkins.
Lonnie – Part 2

Lonnie was excited and wanted to get the biggest one. The farmer said they could pick any one they liked. Lonnie looked out at the rows of bright orange pumpkins. Picking one was not going to be easy. They started walking through the rows to locate their favorite. At the end of one row, he found a wonderful pumpkin.

The pumpkin Lonnie liked had a funny shape. It was not as round as the other pumpkins. It was more tall and skinny. He picked the pumpkin because it was different than the rest. Besides, it would be easy to carve a face in it. They paid for the pumpkin, and then took it home. Lonnie could not wait to put it on their front porch.
Bobby – Part 1

One day Bobby’s parents took him to a music concert. At the concert several people played different instruments. Bobby liked the violins the best. A violin is small and has strings. People use a big stick called a bow to play it. When the bow moves over the strings, you hear music. He wanted to learn how to play music on the violin.

First Bobby had to get a violin. He did not know where to buy one. His parents told him that there was a special music store. He wanted to go right away, but the store was closed. His mom said they would go after school the next day. He was disappointed, but knew tomorrow would come soon. He fell asleep thinking about the beautiful music he would play.
Bobby – Part 2

Bobby had a hard time at school the next day. He kept thinking about the violin. He could not pay attention in class. He thought about going to the music store all day. Finally, Bobby and his mom went to the store to buy the things he needed.

Of course, Bobby picked out a violin first. There were many other things to buy, however. Bobby would need a book on playing violin. He would also need a case to keep his violin safe. At last, Bobby had everything he needed. It was time to start practicing. He was ready to become a musician.

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Joe wanted to get a cat. He told his parents, but they did not like the idea. They told him that cats take a lot of work. He needed to show that he could take care of one. He thought for awhile and finally came up with an idea. He would show that he could take care of a cat.

He had a stuffed animal cat named Mittens. He planned to act like Mittens was real. He put food and water bowls on the kitchen floor. Then he pretended that Mittens ate and drank from the bowls. He checked the food and water every day. He even pretended to add more. Joe spent time playing with Mittens and brushing her fur.
Joe – Part 2

His parents saw that Joe was ready for a real cat. So one day they drove to the animal shelter. They let him pick out a cat to take home. Joe saw all kinds of cats at the shelter. There were big orange cats, and small black ones. There were cats with brown and white spots. Some cats were meowing and others were playing with toys.

Joe saw a tiny white cat sitting in a corner. He picked up the little cat and petted her fur. The little cat started purring, which showed that she was happy. He knew that this was the cat he wanted. He named the little white cat Snowflake. Joe knew that he and Snowflake would be best friends.