

Berry Beary Kind

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Lived a very kind Bear called,
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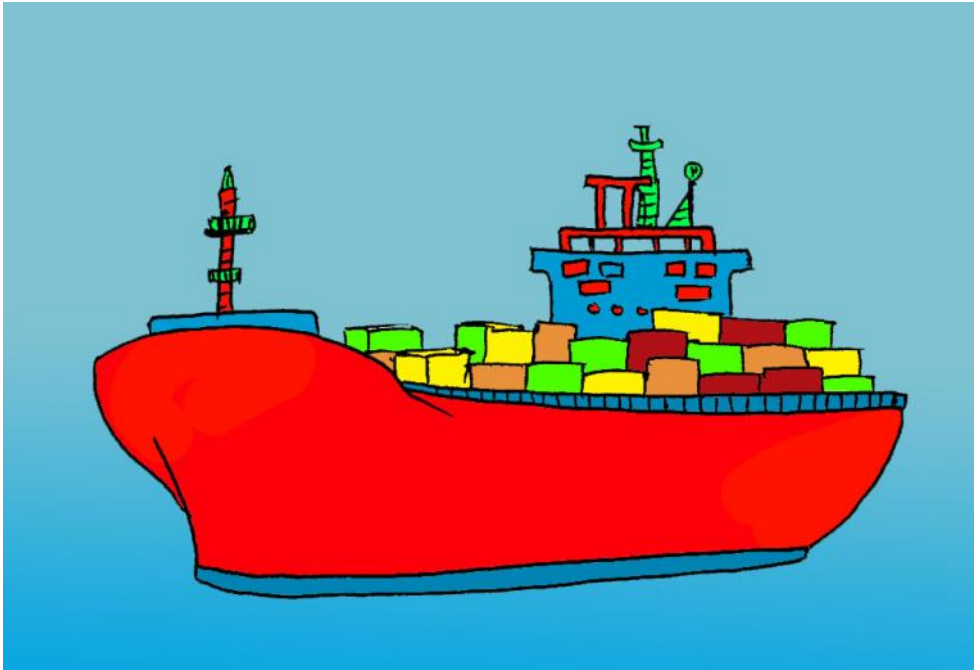
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Catylina's Garden

Susan was invited to attend her friend's going away party. Catylina and her family were going to be gone for three months.

Their daddy did missionary work, and it had finally worked out for Catylina's whole family to travel to a new country for awhile.

They had been working on gathering clothing and supplies to give to a poor village, and had even collected scooters and bicycles; toys for the children; a large chalkboard; and many books and pens.

There were boxes of cleaning supplies, napkins, soap, sponges, and towels too. All this, together with some food and clothes, was loaded onto a train. It filled a whole box car!

This was then taken to the port and put onto a ship. It was sent in advance of Catylina and her family's trip so it would arrive in time for them to distribute the supplies on their mission.

Catylina and her family were going on a big aeroplane first. Then they were going to take a smaller ship to the island where the village was.

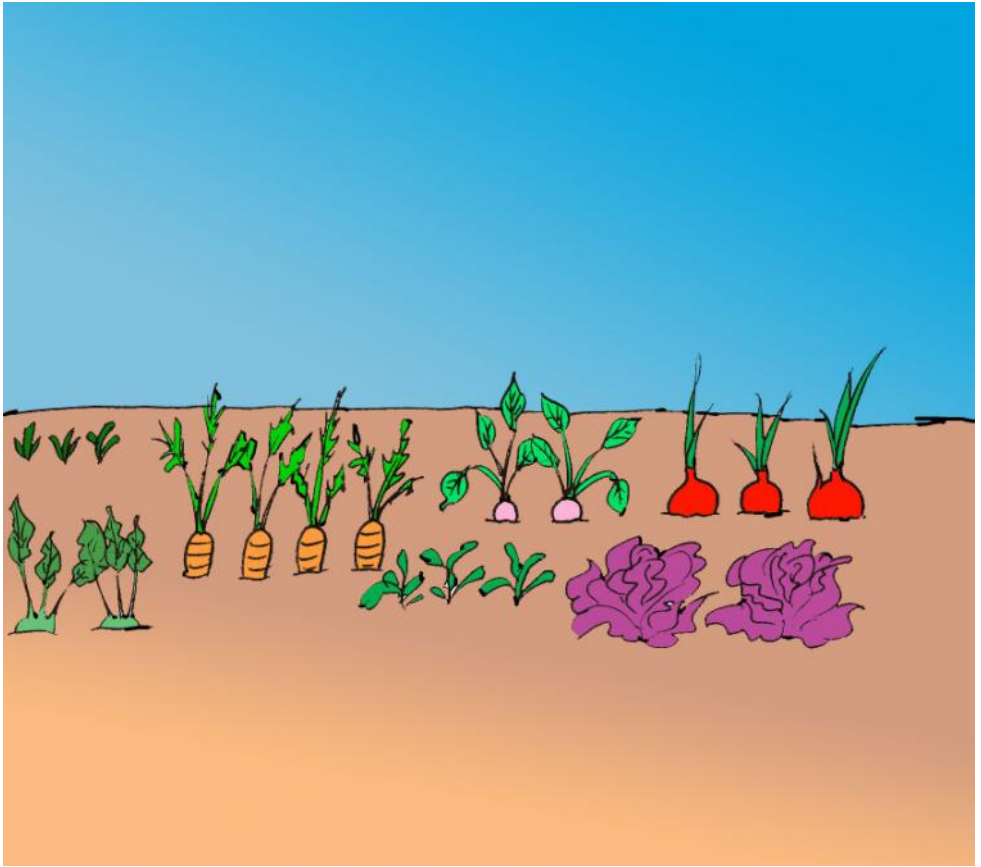
Each time they were to go across to the village, they were going to load up more of the supplies they'd sent, and bring it to the island. Bit by bit, it would all be given out to those they were ministering to. It was going to be pretty exciting.

Susan was so happy it had worked out for her friend to do this, but still wondered if she would miss Catylina while she was gone. Just as Susan was thinking this, Catylina surprised her by asking if she'd like to help with her garden while she was gone—otherwise it might not do so well.

Susan was thrilled! This would be her first time to take care of a whole vegetable garden and not just a plant in a pot. The next morning, before Catylina left with her family on the aeroplane, Susan came over to get the instructions on how to care for the garden.

She wrote it all down: How much water to give, how to weed the garden, where to put any ripe food that could be picked, and what she could use for her own family.

Susan was excited. This gave her something fun to do when she missed her friend, but she was also looking forward to the stories and pictures of the trip when Catylina would return home again.



One day Susan was sitting outside on the step of her house, looking rather sad. Berry Beary Kind was riding past on his scooter and stopped to see what was going on.

“I’m trying to take good care of my friend’s garden,” she said. “However, some of the plants seem to be getting withered, and I don’t know what to do.”

“What type of plant is it?” he asked.

“Well, I’m not exactly sure what it is. I forgot. There are so many.”

Berry Beary Kind offered to go with her to check things out.

“Let’s first go into my gardening shed and load up the wheelbarrow with what we’ll need for a special gardening check-out mission,” he suggested.

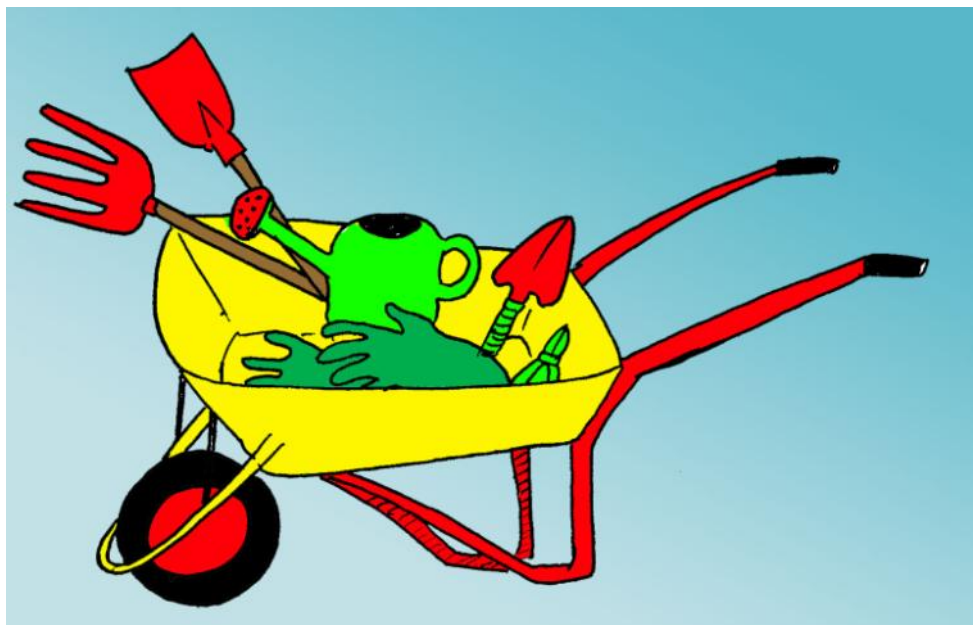
They loaded it up with some small gardening tools, a watering can, gardening gloves, a pitchfork, and shovel.

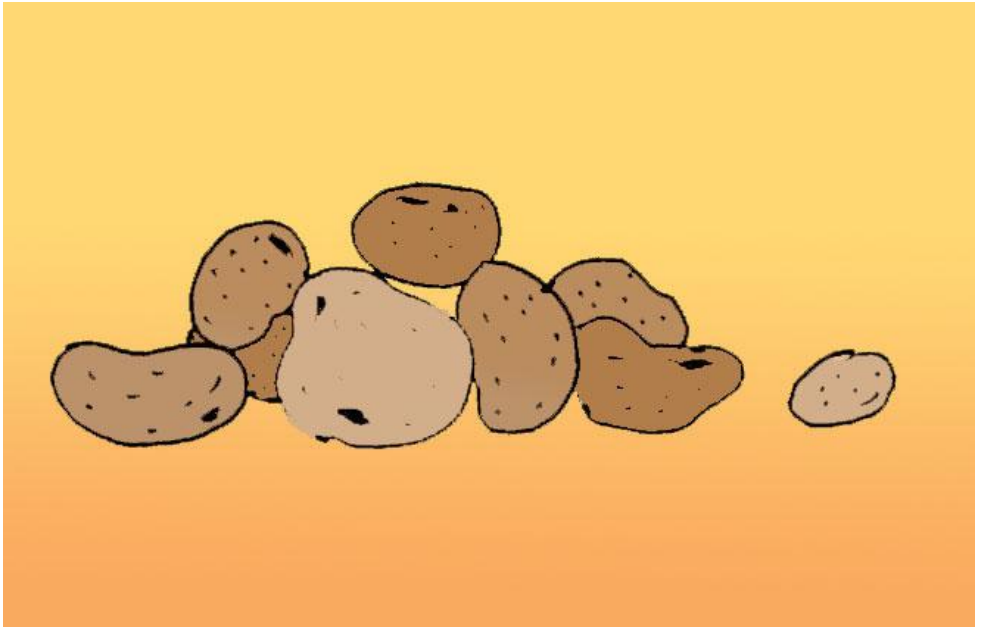
Susan’s house was right beside Berry Beary Kind’s house, and Catylina’s house was on the other side of Susan’s. So it was quick and easy to go there.

“Wow, what a great garden!” he exclaimed.

“Looks like you’ve been taking great care of it. Are these the plants that you are talking about?” Berry Beary Kind pointed at some withering leaves.

“Yes,” Susan said. “I’ve given them lots of water, but still they won’t improve.”





“Well, let me have a look... Ha!” he laughed.

“You can be glad, Susan. They are only withering because the food of that plant is ready to be dug up! Let’s take a look under the ground and see what it is, shall we?”

So they did, and to Susan’s surprise there were ready-to-be-harvested potatoes! So it all worked out for good in the end.

She had done her best, and gotten help when she needed it. Susan was happy that there would be good potatoes to show her friend!

Maybe they could have a celebration feast together, with the garden food, when Catylina returned. —A story and snack celebration!

Summer Fun

Berry Beary Kind was mowing the lawn in his front yard when a bird came and landed on his shoulder. It seemed to have a note in its beak.

The note then fell to the ground, as the bird dropped it and flew again to a high tree branch.

“Hmm, I wonder what this is?” he thought, and put it into his pocket. Berry Beary Kind would read it when he got into the house.

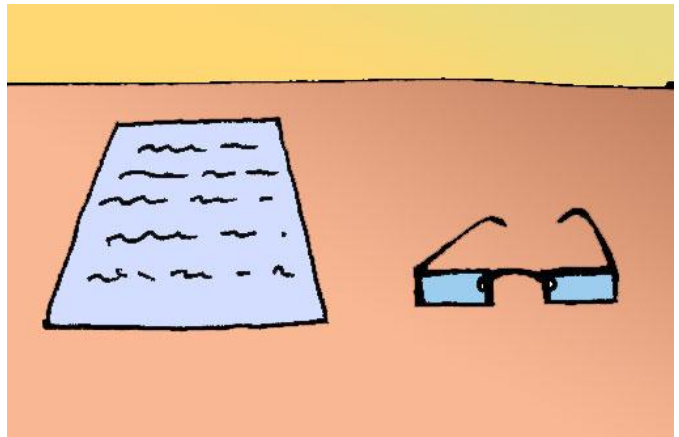
He’d need his reading glasses to see it properly, as it was written in rather small text.

“Good! There, it’s all done!” Berry Beary Kind said as he finished the job and put his mower away.

“Now what does this note say. I’m real curious,” he thought as he walked into the house and got his glasses case. But when he opened the case he saw that the glasses were gone.

“Oh my, where could they be now? I guess the note will just have to wait.”

Then, as he sat down on the couch, he felt something.



“Yes! There they are!”

It was indeed his glasses, and after putting them on he read:

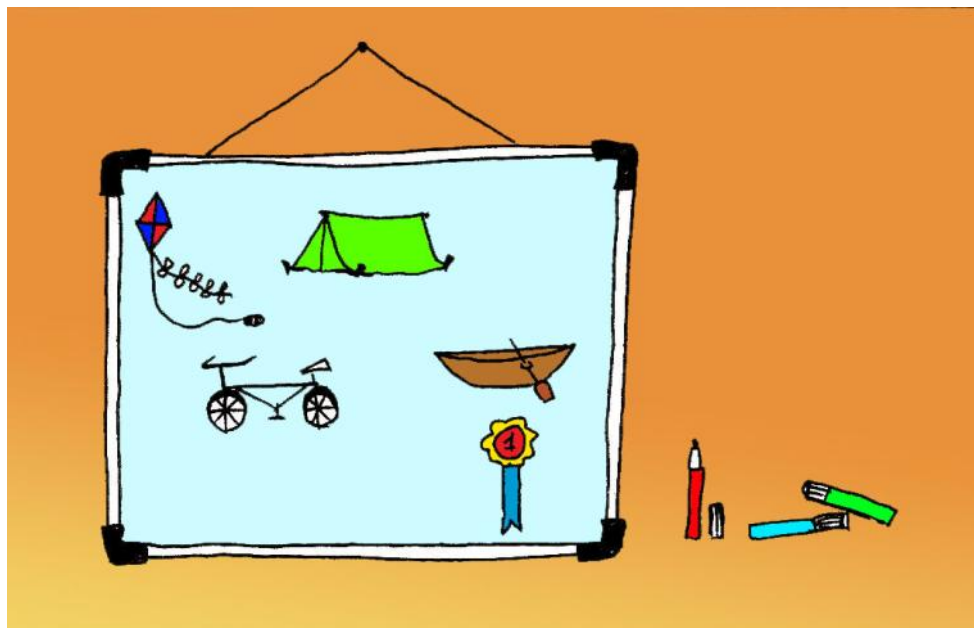
“Dear Jesus, I pray that all the children in this town will have a happy summer this year. Please inspire people with good ideas of fun activities for us all to do. Amen.”

“Hmm, I wonder who wrote that prayer. I guess the bird was like an angel, making sure I got the message.

“Jesus wants to answer that child’s prayer, and I think He wants me to do something about it. I think I shall have to call a meeting of the Bears. Perhaps we can help to make this the best summer there ever was.”

And so the meeting was held the very next night. There was Tiny Tony—the boy who wrote out the prayer, he was invited to the meeting too.

Also attending was Berry Beary Fit, Farmer Beary, Berry Beary Incredible, Berry Beary Friendly, the Wonderbears, and a host of others as well.



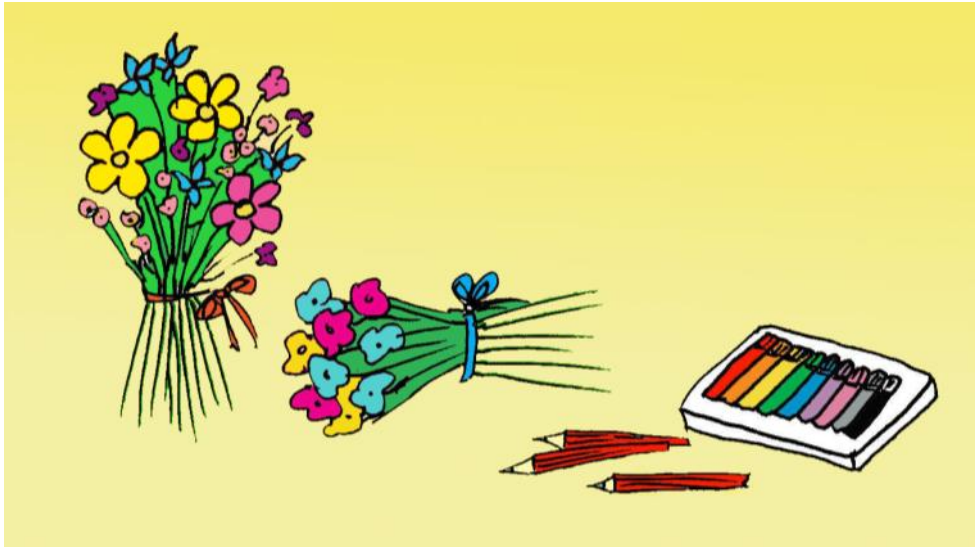
They made plans and lists and came up with all kinds of ideas. Here were some of the fun things they wanted to help make happen over the summer holidays:

- *Bicycle races and contests
- *Boat rides on the lake
- *Plays and dramas acted out in the park
- *Food contests
- *Birthday party celebrations
- *The Grand Circus with the Wonderbears
- *Kite-making activities, and kite-flying competitions
- *Camping and hikes

...And so much else!

The “Summer Fest”, as they called it, would need to be written up and put in a booklet. It would be passed out to people, so everyone could know about the fun activities that were to going to be happening.





After the booklet was made, and many printed at the print shop by Berry Beary Printer, it was then given to Berry Fast Postie.

He then delivered it to all the houses while he drove around putting mail into people’s letter boxes.

“Mummy, Mummy!” exclaimed Jellina.

“Look at what is in our mail box! It looks like something fun!” And indeed it was.

There were fun activities listed for everyone—all the sorts of things that each one would enjoy.

“Mummy, can I do this?” she asked, as she saw the colourful page advertising ‘Rainbow Day’. It was a fun activity at a certain park.

The children would dress up in colourful clothing, and do colourful activities—colouring, painting, play dough, even flower picking and making bouquets for others.

Then there was Lottle, and his brothers and sisters. When they looked at the booklet and saw all the events, they each chose one thing that they most wanted to enjoy.

Lottle wanted to go to the balloon-flying parade. There were going to be tons of balloons, of all sorts of colours. Everyone would hold several of them on strings as they walked or danced down the pathway.

A marching band, led by Berry Merry Song, was going to play music. At the end, whoever wanted to would let some of their balloons go into the air and watch them fly high into the sky—making a very colourful sky, filled with balloons.



Lottle's sister Nancy wanted to watch the sunset on the hillside, while listening to beautiful music with the music teacher.

Alan, his older brother, wanted to help Farmer Beary at the farm for a few days, seeing how the farmers did their work and learning what he could.

Lottle's youngest sister Tarina, wanted to go hiking with Daddy. They would pitch a tent for the day, enjoying the mountain forest, along with a few other friends and their parents. A team of them would go together.

In another house there was excitement as well.

"Jimmy, look what I just saw. Something you have been wanting for a long time!"

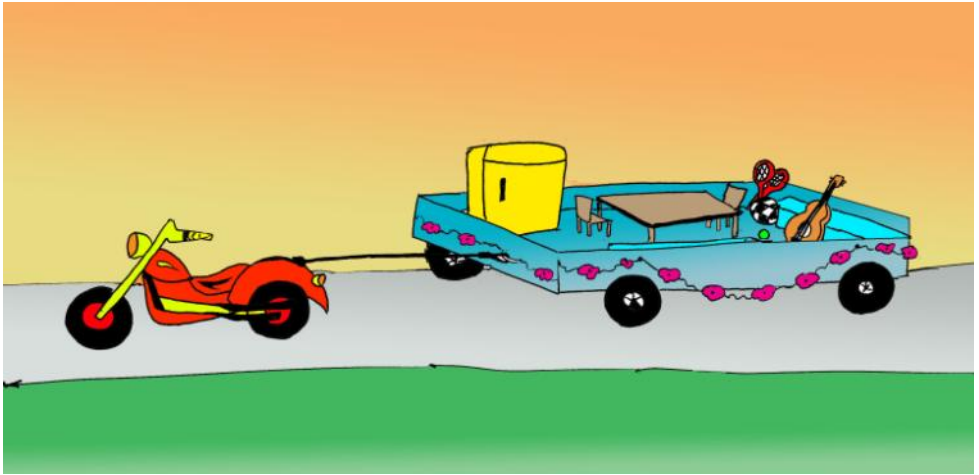
"What is it?" Jimmy said, as he came quickly to see what his daddy was talking about.

"There's a 'Water Day' fun event happening near the lake in two days. We can wear our bathing suits, and bring lots of toys to use in the water.

"There will be boat rides, water splashing games, and pools to swim in too. There's even a slide that can go into one of the pools."

"Oh, wow! That will be great!" said Jimmy. He could hardly wait.

Berry Beary Kind was busy for about a week, with some of neighbourhood children—like Susan, Catylina, and a few others. They were stringing many flowers together in long chains, and were decorating his Summer Fun-mobile.



It was like a wagon with a motorcycle attached to it. It was going to be driving around seeing who needed something fun to do.

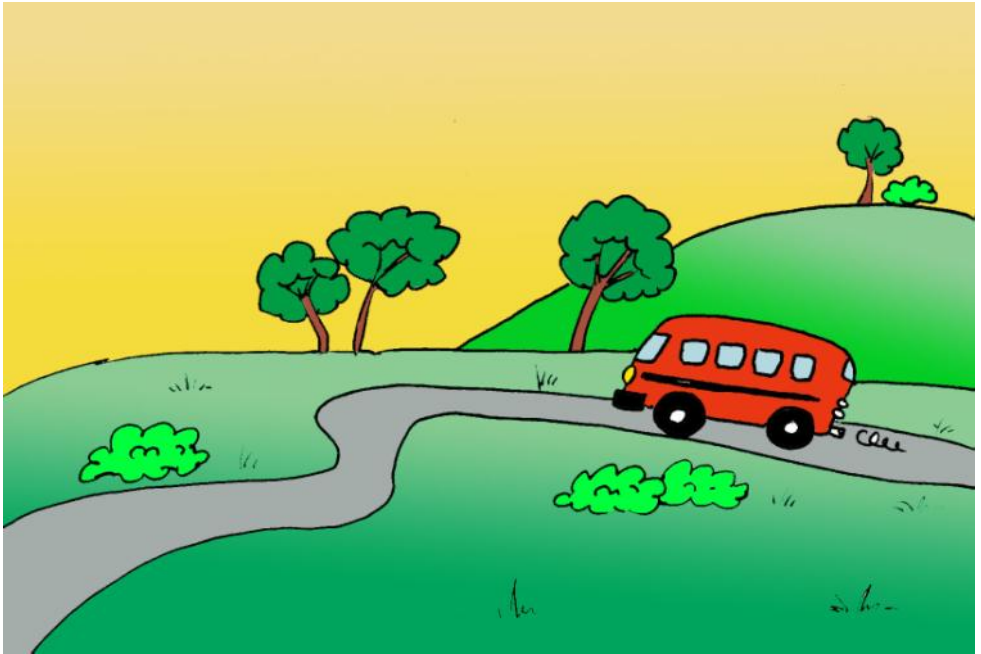
The Summer Fun-mobile would then stop for those who wanted to have a fun activity right then and there. The benches on the wagon opened up and had supplies inside.

There were games, toys, balls and other outdoor play equipment. There were art supplies and a table with chairs, musical instruments, and even a small refrigerator with snacks and refreshments—even cake!

Berry Beary Kind was going to have a great time all that summer doing the activities, whenever he wasn't busy helping those in need.

He would even put on funny music to play whenever he was driving his Summer Fun-mobile, so the children would know that he was in the area.

A fun summer would be had by all!



Fruit Picking

It was the time of year when there were lots of foods to be harvested at Farmer Beary's farm. Berry Beary Kind had asked for volunteers to come along and join in on the fun.

There was a busload of willing and eager helpers who were heading off to the farm.

"Welcome!" Farmer Beary said, as everyone arrived at his farm and climbed out of the bus.

"First, we'll have a special tour of my farm, and you will get to sample some of the delicious treats God provides us all with.

"Perhaps you see things sold at the town market and you wonder where it comes from. Well, today is your chance to see where much of the produce comes from."

Farmer Beary led the enthusiastic and happy team through his farm. Their tour led them through the fields of corn, and past all his farm vehicles and equipment used for harvesting all sorts of crops.

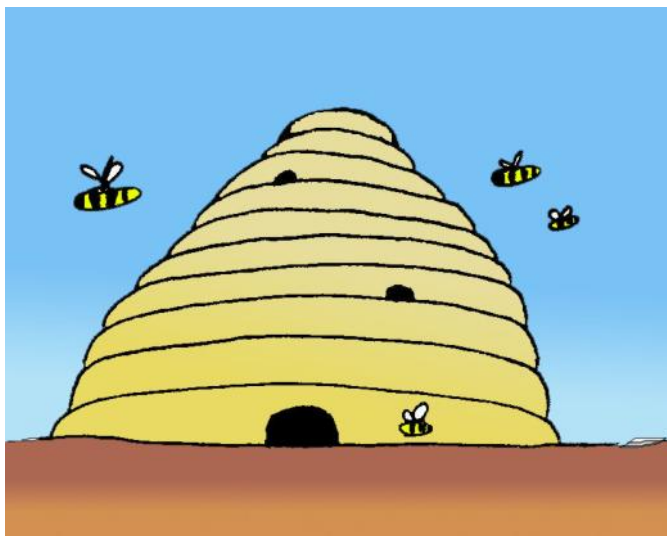
He showed them the barn and the animals, and what each one ate. He explained about the care needed, and benefits of each type of animal he kept on his farm.

Samples of goat's cheese were given, as well as a bit of real sheep wool to bring home.

Next, Farmer Beary asked, "Would you like to see where the honey comes from, and where I collect it and put it into jars?"

"And don't worry about the bees, we won't get too close their hives. Come this way and you can get a good look at where that amazing sweet food comes from."

There were several hives, and plenty of flowers around for the bees to make more than enough honey for both the farmer and for themselves.



“The bees work real hard to make that honey, but that’s what God made them to want to do. They get to keep plenty of it too, and get to have all that they need!”

The team was eager to sample the honey on their tour, and soon enough they were all given a big spoon of honey to try.

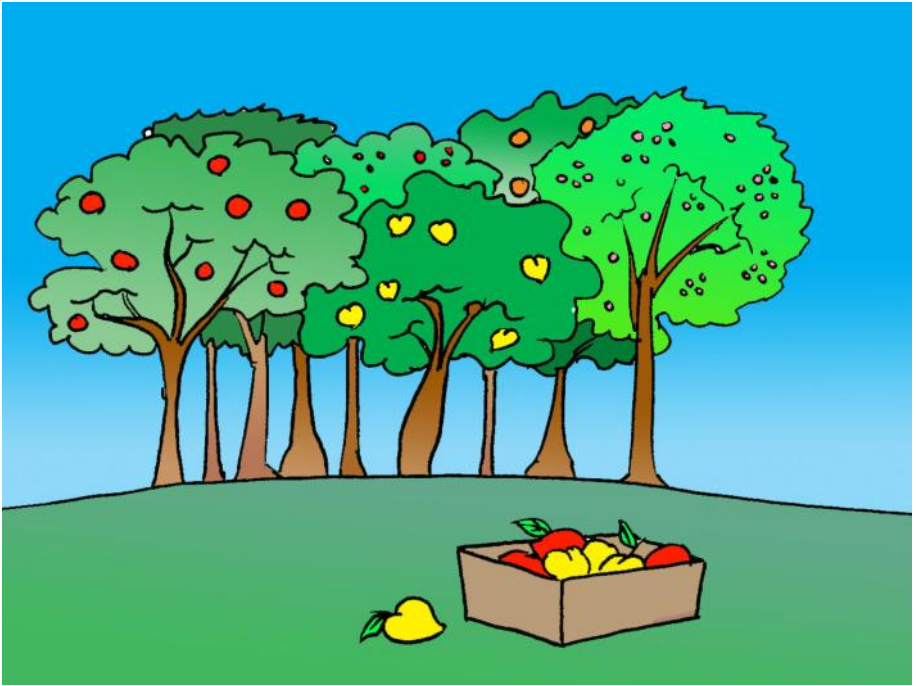
Farmer Beary showed everyone the machines that were used to spin the honey out from the removable parts of the hives, and to strain it. There were many clean glass jars on the shelf, ready to be filled and taken to the market.

“So this is where this takes place!” Farmer Beary said, as the volunteers happily licked their spoons.

The large vegetable gardens were shown next, as well as the greenhouse where seedlings were beginning to grow in their small containers.

Farmer Beary answered questions about which types of vegetables grow in the different seasons of the year, as well as the watering and fertilizing needs of the vegetable garden crops.





“Take your pick!” said Farmer Beary.

“There are several veggies ready for eating right now. Pick one and take it home with you to eat with your supper tonight!”

The volunteers spent a few minutes wandering through the many rows of growing veggies, and picking out a fresh vegetable for their evening meal.

“Thank you so much!” they said to the kind and generous farmer.

“And now, off to the orchard to begin our fruit picking! Are you all ready?” Farmer Beary asked.

“Yes!” said the willing team, eager to get going.

Baskets and boxes were brought and filled by the many helping hands working fast to pick as much ripe fruit as they could.

Some fruit could be picked just standing on the ground, others needed to be reached with ladders or with shorter step stools. It was tiring, but fun work.

“Look at all this!” Farmer Beary said in pleasant surprise, while looking at all the filled boxes and baskets. “I could never have done this alone, and the market wouldn’t have had enough for you and your families!

“Fruit would have gone bad on the tree while waiting for someone to pick it! Thank you so very much for all your help!”

After the baskets and boxes were carried into a cool and dry room and placed on shelves, Farmer Beary gave each of the volunteers a small empty bag.

“In return for your work today, each of you can fill a bag with your choice of fruit and take it home as a gift from me to you!

“Also, after that, I think there’s been a special picnic snack prepared for all of us to enjoy together!”

The happy team of helpers bagged some fruit and headed out to the garden near the farmer’s house.





There was a table with freshly made juice and cookies. Cheese, fresh bread, olives, grapes, and pickled vegetables were also some of the goodies for their snack.

“Everyone has had such a wonderful day, Farmer Beary!” said Berry Beary Kind to his farmer friend. “You’ve made the work such a pleasure! I’m sure we’ll be eager to return again, the next time you need help! Just give us a call, and we’ll be here to help!”

“Thank you all for your help! I’ll see you next time!” Farmer Beary said with a wave as he hopped on his tractor.

“I’ve got a few things to do before the sun goes down—some animals to round up and so forth. Bye then!”

“Bye, and thanks again for the great day!” they said, while loading into the bus with their samples of the fresh veggies and fruit, and with stories to tell their families.

“It’s going to be fun going to the market next week,” someone was heard to say. “We’ll get to see the fruit we picked, and everything else the farmer brings! Now we know how much work goes into all that the farmer brings to us in town!”

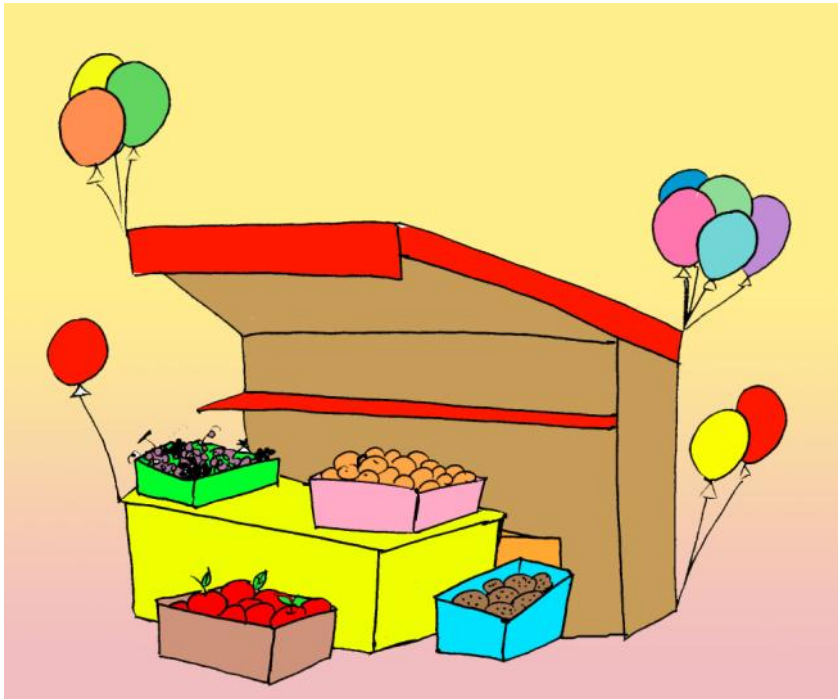
The next week Farmer Beary came driving his truck to the market, and began to unload his produce. “What’s this?” he smiled and asked aloud.

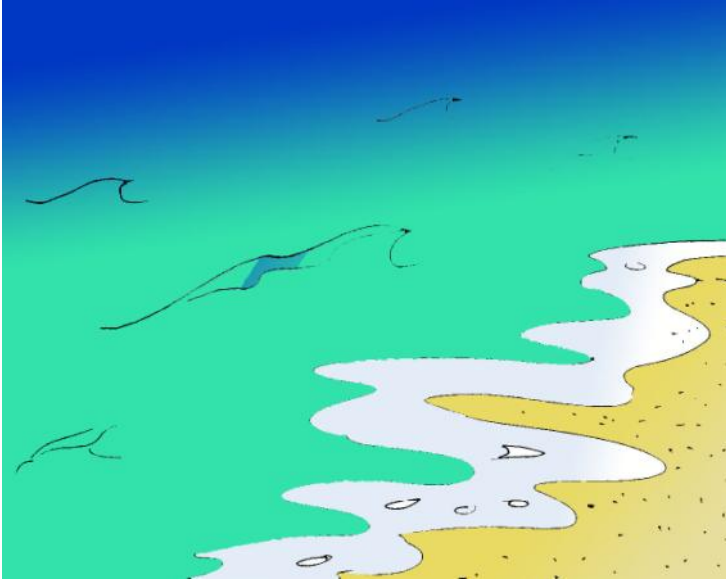
A surprise was there for him!

The volunteers had decorated his stall with balloons and a very big “Thank you for all you do!” sign hanging from the awning.

He was swarmed with hugs and words of appreciation for all he’d done that week to make it possible for the town’s folks to have what they needed.

An extra happy Farmer Beary went home that evening glad to be doing what he did, as hard as it was, knowing that he was very appreciated.





Fun and Fit at Berry Beach

“Hmmm, the surf is just right!” Berry Beary Kind thought, as he and Berry Beary Fit headed off for an early morning swim.

They, along with their families, had come to relax for a few days, camping near “Beary Beach”.

Today, the two were getting an early start on some water fun.

Berry Beary Brave had checked things out, and marked the signs safe for swimming, as the water wasn’t too choppy.

After praying together for safekeeping, and promising to keep an eye on one another, Berry Beary Kind and Berry Beary Fit headed out into the water.

“Oh... it’s a bit cold!” Berry Beary Kind said while bravely entering the water. But soon he didn’t mind the temperature as he was on his boogie board. Next, Berry Beary Kind tried his new swimming ring, and after that put on his flippers to swim.

Berry Beary Fit had spent time recently doing some scuba diving off a boat, with Berry Beary Brave and some other divers.

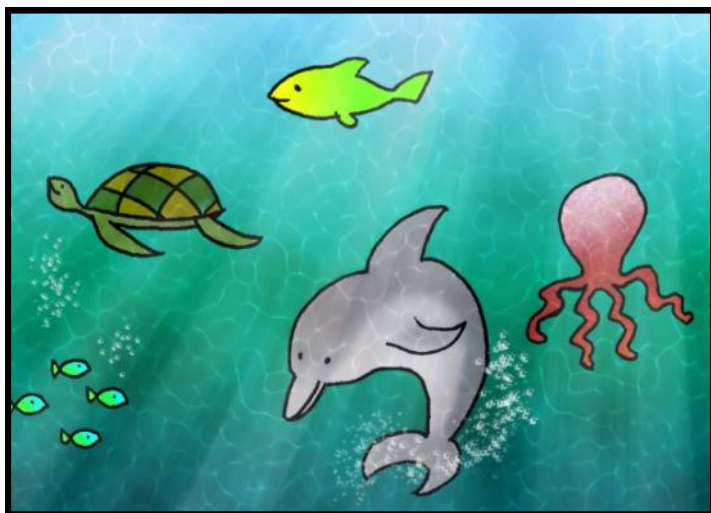
He told Berry Beary Kind about his adventure under water.

“The fish I saw were amazing!” he recounted, while he and Berry Beary Kind took a rest from the waves, drank some water, and dried off a bit under the warm sun.

“It’s like a whole new world under the sea, with new animals, plants, and scenery.” Berry Beary Fit described more of his experience.

“Of course, you need to know what you are doing and what to watch out for. But if you are doing it together with those who are trained and you have your gear on right, it can be pretty amazing.”

Just then, the rest of their families came to join them at the beach. Berry Beary Kind and his sister Berry Bella, as well as his younger brother Berry Beary Fun, worked together to build a great looking sand castle.



First they had to decide what kind to make, then work together to do it. Sometimes parts of it would fall down and they had to redo it, but with patience and teamwork the job was at last finished.

Berry Beary Gentle and Berry Big Beary, their parents, admired it and took photos. “You worked together well,” said Berry Beary Gentle.

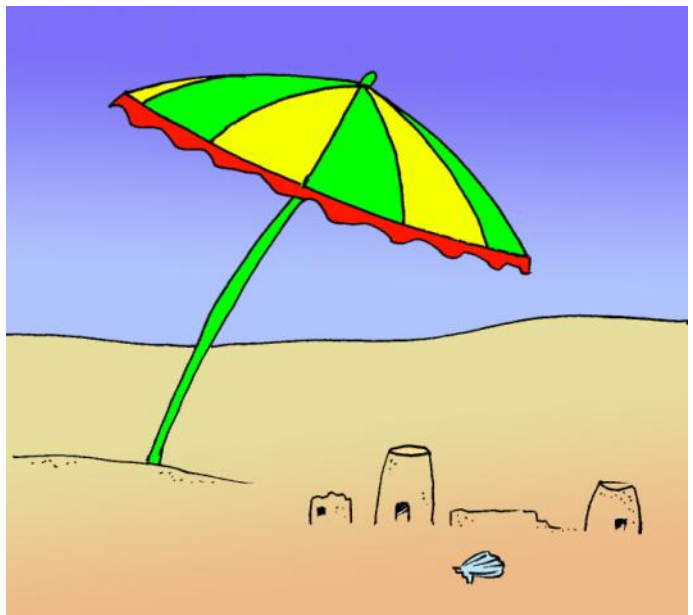
“Anyone up for a game of frisbee on the beach?” asked Berry Big Beary. Berry Beary Fun joined his dad to play frisbee, while Berry Bella sat under the umbrella with her mother to chat and have a snack.

“I think I’ll go back to the camp for a bit,” Berry Beary Kind said. “That’s about all the sun I need for now. I’ll see you all later!”

He waved good-bye to his family and then to Berry Beary Fit, who was nearby playing a game of chess under a beach umbrella with his dad, Berry Beary Wise.

“Okay, see ya!” Berry Beary Fit called out.

On his way back to the camper, Berry Beary Kind was looking forward to a nice shower and a bit of a rest.



“That’s funny,” he thought. “I just realised now, that there were no emergencies to take care of! It was a fun, calm morning.”

Then he remembered what the Wonderbears had told him one time:

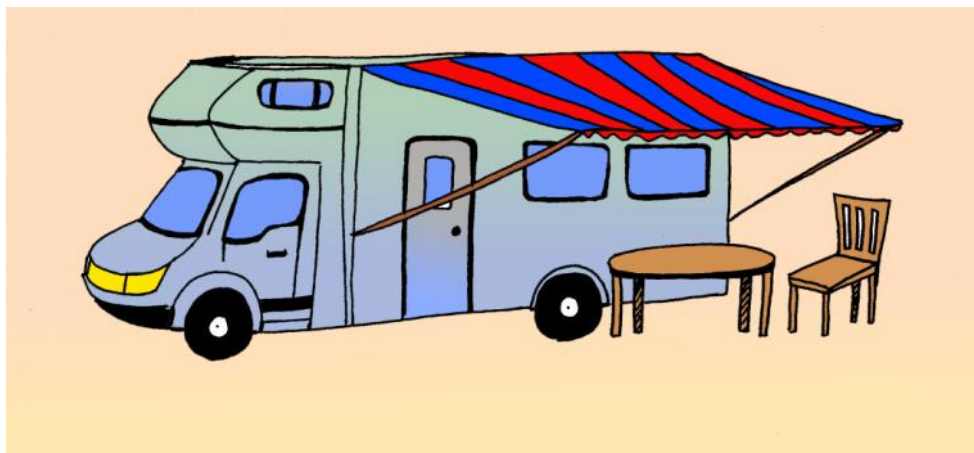
“It’s good to keep busy doing great things and trying to make the town the best it can be.

“But you also need to take time for recreation, just doing something fun with others to relax and enjoy a day of rest every now and then.

“Otherwise you’ll get weary and tired, and before long you’ll have a hard time helping others too.

“You need to do both—to be ready to help and do the best that you can, and also to take time to rest and get refreshed.”

So with these words still in his mind, he had a great nap, after having such a fun and enjoyable morning.



Mowing Marathon

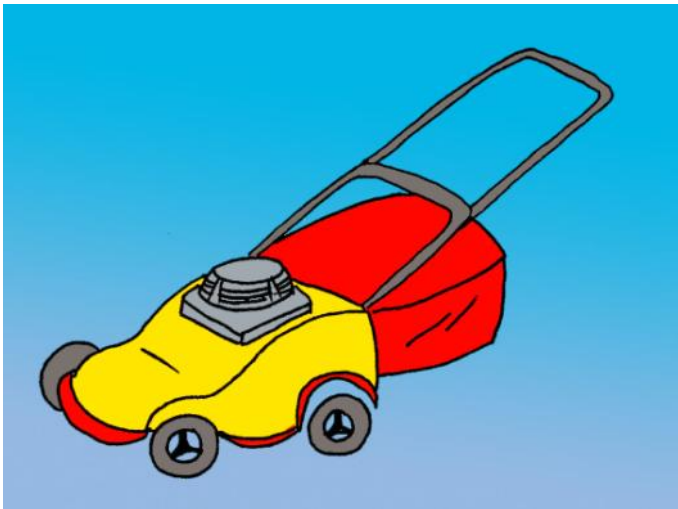
“There that should do it!” Berry Beary Kind said, as he was fixing up his lawnmower. “Should be as good as new!” And it was. It worked great for the rest of the time he used it.

Berry Beary Kind had organized a team to help in a “mowing marathon”. Several helpful volunteers had formed a team to go to everyone in the neighbourhood that week, that needed help to mow their grass and fix up their yards a bit.

Each day they met early in the morning to tune up their machines, fill them with fuel, and decide which homes to help that day.

After breakfast and a prayer they were off to start, while the sun wasn’t too high in the sky. The chorus of lawnmowers could be heard all around.

After lunch the “mowing marathon” team would continue their work. —This time using a grass trimmer to tidy up the edges of the grassy lawns, as well as pruning shears for branches and bushes that needed to be trimmed back.



Then the truck driver came around. He went to each house where work had been done that day, loaded up all the garden waste, and took it away.

The mowing marathon team then met for games and play at the park, in the afternoon. Others often joined in.

One day there was a soccer match. Another day races and relay games were played. Today was to be basketball and volleyball!

What a fun way it was to get great exercise and have fun with friends, fix up the neighbourhood and help others.

Berry Beary Kind looked at his notes of all the other things planned for the coming weeks.

Volunteers were offering to help with different projects during this summer month. After the “mowing marathon” it was going to be “painting week”.

Fences, walls, park and bus stop benches, furniture, playgrounds, and whatever looked run-down or the paint was chipping away, would get looking all shiny and great again.

The following week was “Old things away day”. People could get rid of old, broken, or unusable furniture and machines, carpets, and so forth.

Trucks would come to take them away to either be discarded, or go to a shed where they could be fixed up.

Others in the neighbourhood could come to see what was there and help to fix it, if it was something they wanted to have. What some people didn't want was just what others might need.

Any trash lying around the streets or parks would also be cleaned up, and enough bins were to be placed around the town.

To celebrate the great summer and the shiny new look to Berry Beary Town, there was planned to be a picnic held at the park each night for whoever wanted to come.

It was “pot luck” style. Whoever wanted to eat there together with others from the town, would bring some food to add to the picnic.

Everyone would share the food—a bit of this and a bit of that. “It is going to be a great month,” Berry Beary Kind thought as he closed his notebook.

“Let me finish up the work on this yard I’m fixing up to day, before heading off to the park for those ball games!”

