

# Berry Beary Kind

**Book 8**

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*In a very kind town called,  
“Berry Beary Town”  
Lived a very kind Bear called,  
“Berry Beary Kind”*

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### **A Friendly Plan, for a Berry Friendly Town**

It seemed pretty impossible—trying to build a wagon, using only bits and pieces of wood they’d found at the beach, and a set of old wheels from a broken and discarded scooter. But the Friendly family, who were on vacation in Berry Beary Town, were a fun team.

They wanted to make something together, and had decided on a wagon. Four-year-old Mackie had suggested it, and the rest of the Friendly family agreed it was a great idea.

They had been off to a good start, but now it just seemed things weren’t working out.

Father Friendly went for a walk down the beach along with Mackie and seven year old Lisa to see what they would discover. Jogging along was a smiling and waving Berry Beary Kind. They stopped to chat for a while.

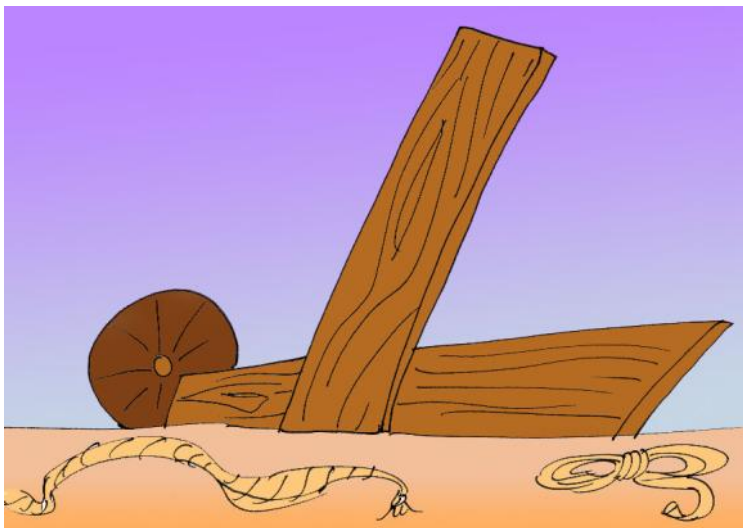
“I live not too far from here,” Berry Beary Kind told Father Friendly. “I’m headed there now, actually. You can follow me in your car, if you like, and bring your supplies. I might have just what you need to complete the wagon. I’ve got all sorts of tools and scraps and bits and pieces that I’ve collected, in my work shop.”

The children and all the Friendly family were delighted! Within 20 minutes they found themselves walking into a very interesting and gadget-filled work shop, in Berry Beary Kind’s shed.

Together they laid out all the supplies they had already found—some boards, a few wheels, a piece of rope, and some scrap wire.

“Hmm, let’s see. What’s missing?” Berry Beary Kind asked aloud. The children started to get some ideas. “I think we need some nails or screws, and a tool to put them into the wood with,” offered Mackie.

“Also some more wheels,” added Liza.



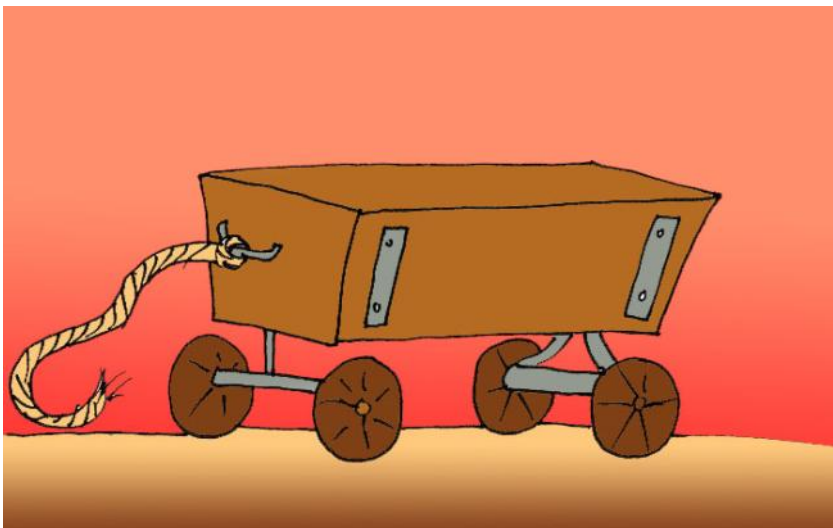
“Perhaps a few more boards to form the sides of the wagon, so nothing falls out of it?” Father Friendly suggested.

“I’d like to paint it red” said Mother Friendly, and the other’s agreed.

“I think I’ve got those things” said Berry Beary Kind, and started to look around and hand the items to the very eager children.

Since Berry Beary Kind was often fixing things up for town folks, he often had bits of this and that from his jobs. There was a set of wheels from an old trolley, in a box in the corner. There was a big piece of board that used to be part of a large wooden box, it could be cut to make the boards for the sides.

The paint he had plenty of—a large can of red paint he still had from his last project of painting the playhouse for the Happy Family who lived just down the street. And of course screws and nails, a hammer and screw driver, along with bolts, nuts and all the little things needed to attach the wheels, were in his tool kit.



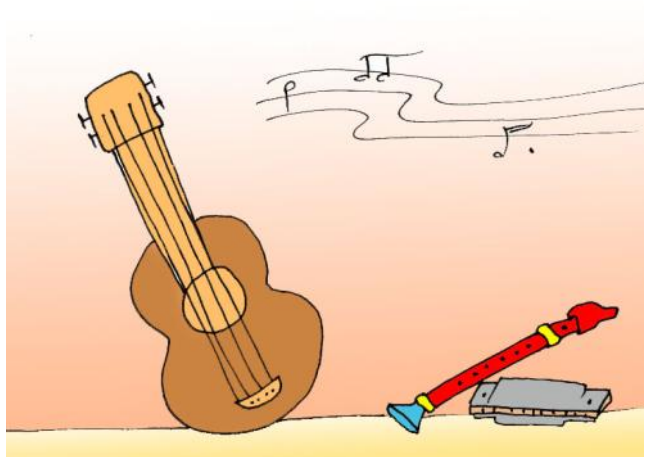
It wasn't long till the wagon started to take shape. With everyone working together, and Berry Beary Kind helping by offering what was needed, in about an hour-and-a-half it was rolling!

The children helped to paint it, and it looked great. Berry Beary Kind said they could keep it in his shed till it dried, and come back the next day to get it. So off the Friendly Family went to have their beach picnic and barbeque. They would come back the next day.

"Thank you so much!" each one told Berry Beary Kind. "And to show our appreciation, if you'd like to join us for dinner on the beach tonight, please be our guest!"

"I would love to!" Berry Beary Kind responded. And then he surprised the Friendly Family by showing up with a box of percussion and other types of instruments. Some made of wood, others with interesting items like shells or pot lids. There was a ukulele, a harmonica and a flute as well.

The Friendly Family were good at making up songs and keeping a beat. That night they called themselves "The Beary Beach Band". Some songs were so lively they thought even the fish in the sea could hear them!





“Good night,” they said, as the stars were starting to peek out, and Berry Beary Kind said good bye and headed home.

“We’ll see you tomorrow!” said Mackie, remembering to get their wagon.

Early the next morning, Mackie and Liza hopped on their bikes for a morning ride, while Father and Mother Friendly jogged beside. Berry Beary Kind had drawn them a simple map so they could easily find his house.

“Knock! Knock!” they sounded on the door.

“Hello! I see you are here bright and early to pick up the wagon!” Berry Beary Kind said to the cheery team.

Mackie wanted to be the first one to pull it—after all it had been his idea. It rolled just great! Then the two children took turns pulling it down the sidewalk, while Father and Mother Friendly helped them with the bikes.

“Do you know why I’m glad we made a wagon?” Mackie asked his family.





They were curious to hear what he had to say.

“Well, when we go home, I want to help people around town more. I’d like to be a bit like ‘Berry Beary Kind’, ready to help, and make things happier in our town. To make it more like its name, ‘Berry Friendly Town’.”

“Yes!” added Liza, starting to get ideas already. “We could help to pull home the shopping for our neighbour, Miss Grey, who’s getting older and has a hard time carrying her bags.”

“That’s a great idea,” Mother Friendly encouraged.

“I know!” Mackie piped up. “We could use it to collect trash that is left around the park or down the street. It would look so much better then!”

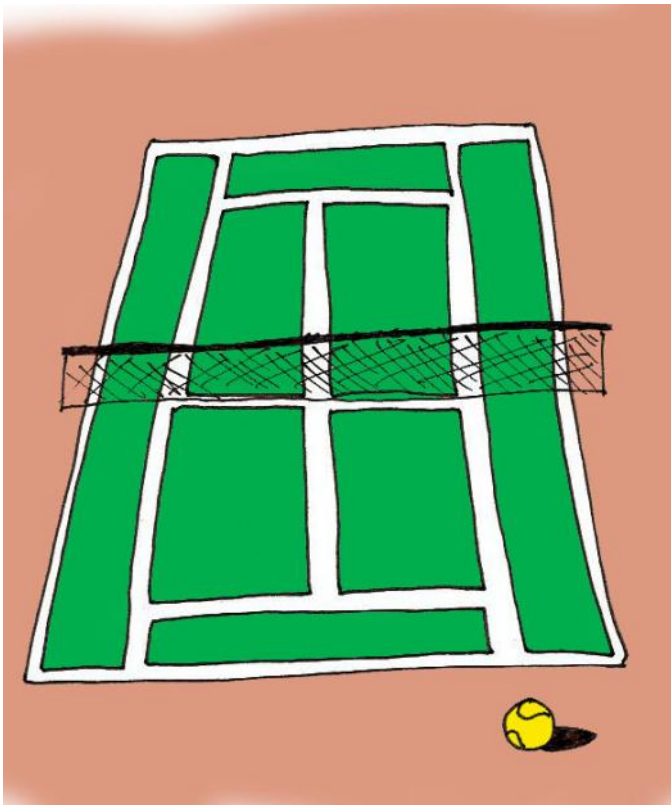
“You are getting such a fun plan!” said Father Friendly. “What a nice way to end our vacation! With a new family project to look forward to, as we head home. I can hardly wait to get started.”

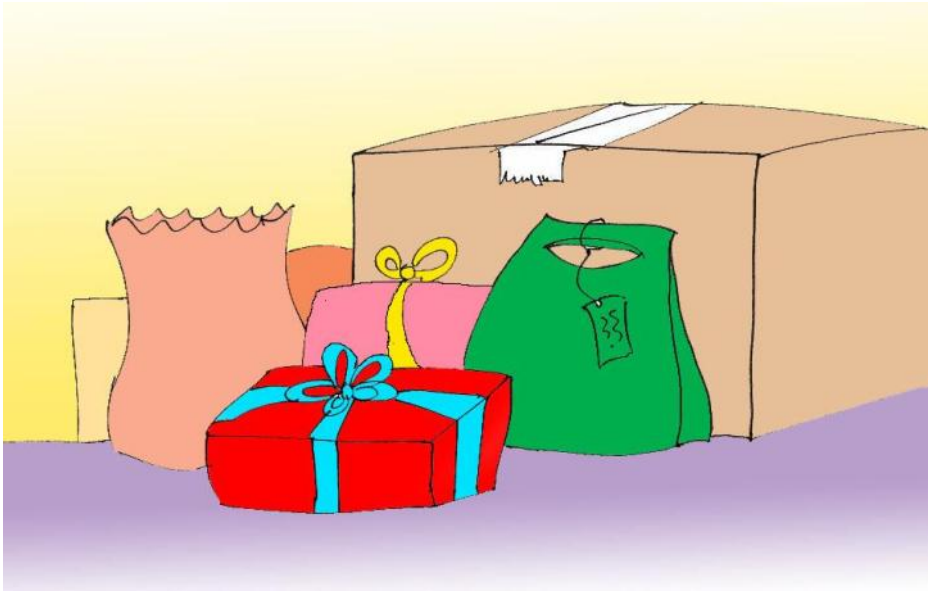
## Tennis and More

The court was empty, and looked as good as new too. All the best tennis players in town had made a project of fixing up the town's tennis court. It looked shiny and new, and ready to be used. It was just missing one thing—the players.

“I thought today was supposed to be the first game, and the townsfolk were going to come and watch and cheer. Did I get my dates wrong?” said a puzzled Berry Beary Kind, looking at the date on his watch, and again at the sign hanging there, advertising the event.

“Nope, it says it's for today...I wonder why no one else is here?”





Well, little did he know that a certain team of Wonderbears had been using their summer going around and doing plenty of surprises for folks all around. And today it was his turn to be surprised, in a fun way, real soon. Those Wonderbears wanted to see that people who did lots for others, were given extra appreciation this season.

Berry Beary Kind was about to leave when he heard what sounded like the noise of a marching band approaching. He turned around to see a grinning band leader Berry Merry Song, leading the song as they marched along.

It was a new song made all about him, and the kind things he'd done to cheer folks up. He sat down to watch and listen. He was very surprised. And as the song continued, people started to come, each team or family bringing something for Berry Beary Kind and giving it to him, singing along with each chorus, and then taking their places in the seats for the tennis match show that was still to come.

The chorus of the song said:

**We have a friend,  
Who lives in Berry Beary Town  
He's the Berry Kindest Bear  
There ever is around.  
When you need a bit of help  
Or something's hard for you  
He'll lend a helping hand  
And with a smile too.  
Oh! He's the Berry Kindest Bear  
He's Berry Beary Kind!**

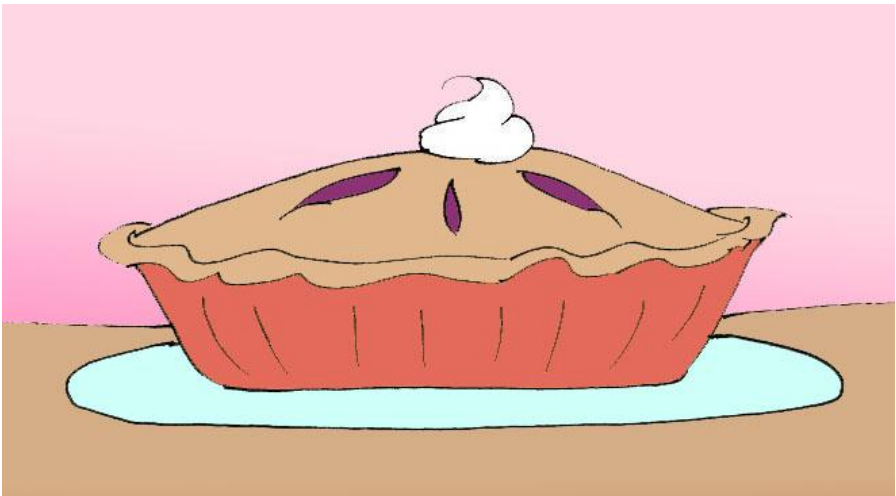


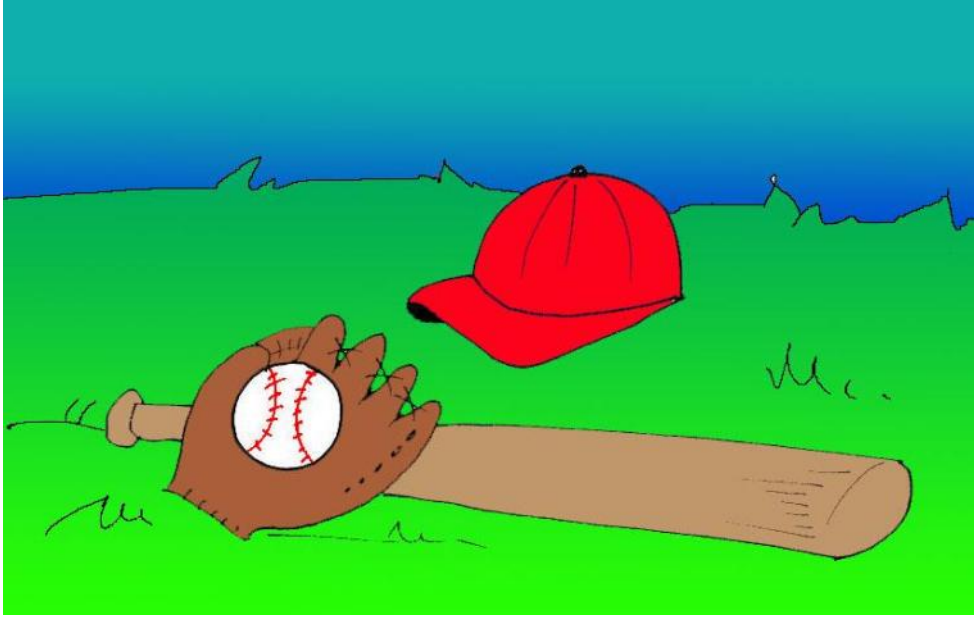
The Wonderbears were using every opportunity to surprise folks in ways that would cheer them, and encourage them to keep up the great jobs they were doing, in helping to make the town the happy, kind town that it was. Amazingly enough it had been kept a secret, and Berry Beary Kind hadn't found out that it was his turn this time.

A very happy, smiling, thankful Berry Beary Kind went home that day, with a load full of treasures. Actually he had to ask his friend, Berry Beary Fix-it, who always travelled in his pick-up truck, to bring many of the gifts for him, as it was more than he could carry!

Being the kind hearted, thinking-of-others Bear that he was, when he got home and put his new gifts away, he thought that many of them were "just what he needed" for some projects and jobs that he was in the middle of doing for others.

For example there was a pie, that he wanted to use for the tea party that afternoon, that he'd organized for girls at Miss Elderberry's house—since she couldn't really get around much.





Then there was a new set of baseball items—glove, bat, ball, and hat. He would add these to his “Travellers Tricks” bag, that he brought with him when he travelled to the mountain village, or for game days with the children in his own town.

He was given four boxes of used clothes that were still in good condition. “Here’s for my next trip to the mountain village,” he thought. He took some of them, as he did need some more clothes, and was thankful for the gift. But the rest he’d give away.

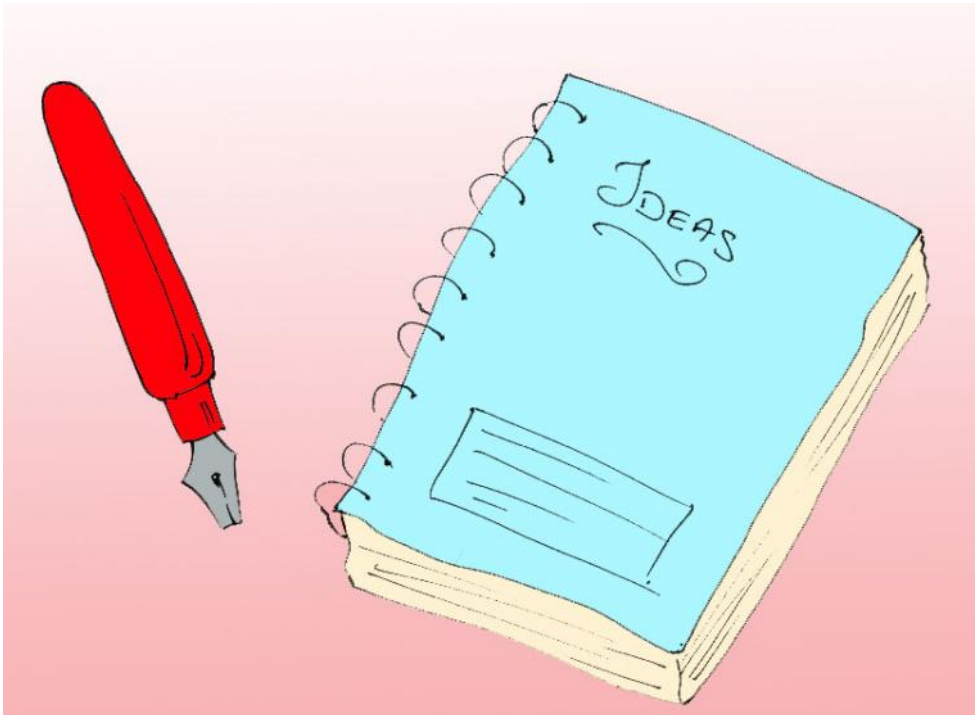
There was a large bag full of arts and craft type of materials. “Hmm, this looks like a load of fun for birthday party activities—and just in time. I have three planned in the next few weeks.”

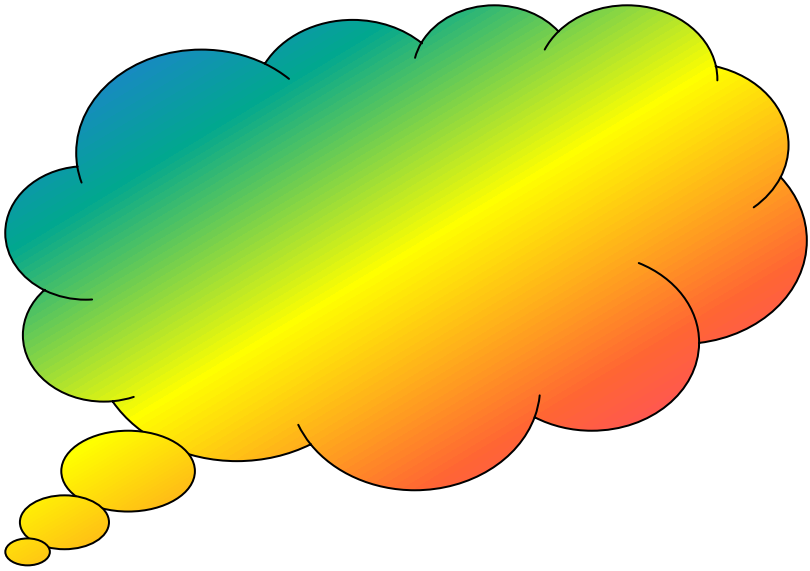
The many gifts he was given made him able to give more to others. And that berry kind thought, made him a berry glad Bear.

## Beary Fun Town

Berry Cute Beary, with his wife Beary Nice and their four little bears headed off for a picnic one sunny afternoon. There was a spot in the forest that Berry Cute Beary was particularly fond of. It's where he used to come with his parents, Berry Beary Inspired and Berry Beary Encouraging.

He remembered some days just resting under the trees looking up and taking in the beauty of it all. Then he and his dad would romp around climbing trees or playing hide-and-seek. He also noticed that his dad, Berry Beary Inspired, would always bring a notebook and pen, for being out here among nature just seemed to "get the inspirations and good ideas going" he would tell his son.



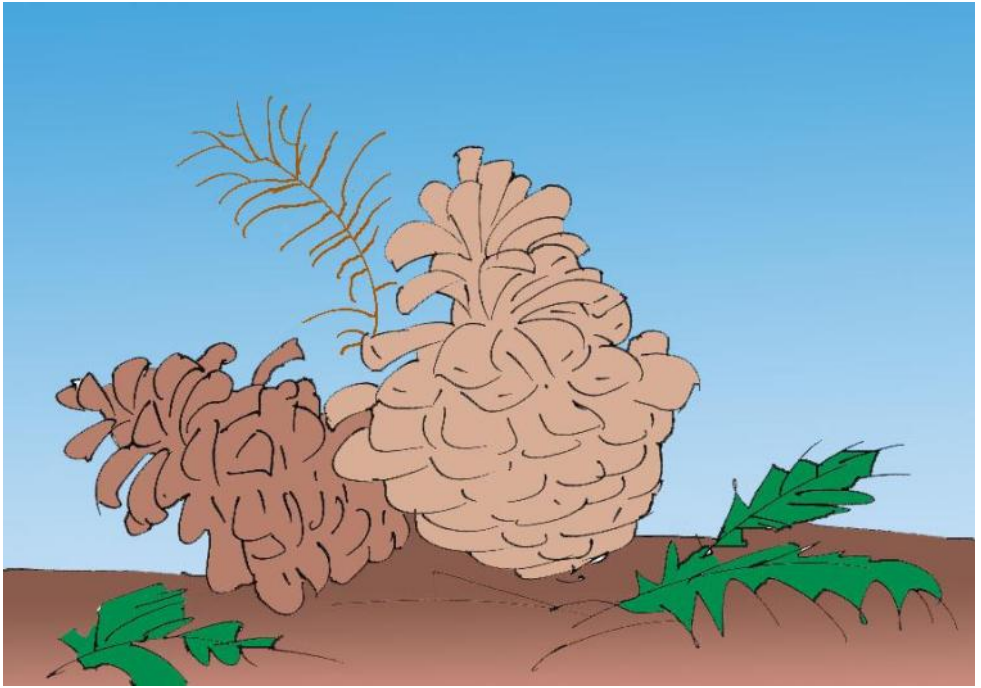


So today Berry Cute Beary, now a father himself, took his four young ones to enjoy this special spot. And of course he made sure to bring a notebook and pen—which for the most part was used by his youngest to draw and scribble on. But today he wanted to also use that book for the same reason his father used to bring one—to record good ideas.

Berry Cute Beary had something he needed to figure out. His father, Berry Beary Inspired was good at coming up with great ideas and solutions, that he said would just “come to his mind” when he would stop for long enough to pray and forget whatever else was going on around him.

Now, he probably could have come up with something to help his son, but instead he told his son to try out his plan first, of going somewhere out in nature, and taking time to get real quiet and pray for a good idea or two. –And, of course, to bring a notebook to write it all down in.





After he'd come up with some beginning thoughts, his father said they could meet to further think things out, and to offer any additional thoughts and advice that would be helpful.

So while Beary Nice was setting out the picnic, and Beary Cuddly, Beary Fun, Beary Happy, and Beary Smiley were collecting pinecones and pine nuts, Berry Cute Beary followed his father's advice and took his pen and paper with him to sit under a nearby tree.

"Lord," he prayed, "I need a solution to our house. With four growing bears it seems we need more room and places for them to play, to create and invent things, to do projects and to have fun. How can we make our house the best and most fun place we can?"

Laughter could be heard from his young bears, but he knew they were alright, and his wife Berry Nice was watching over them. So he began his quiet moment, that he said should always follow a prayer for guidance.

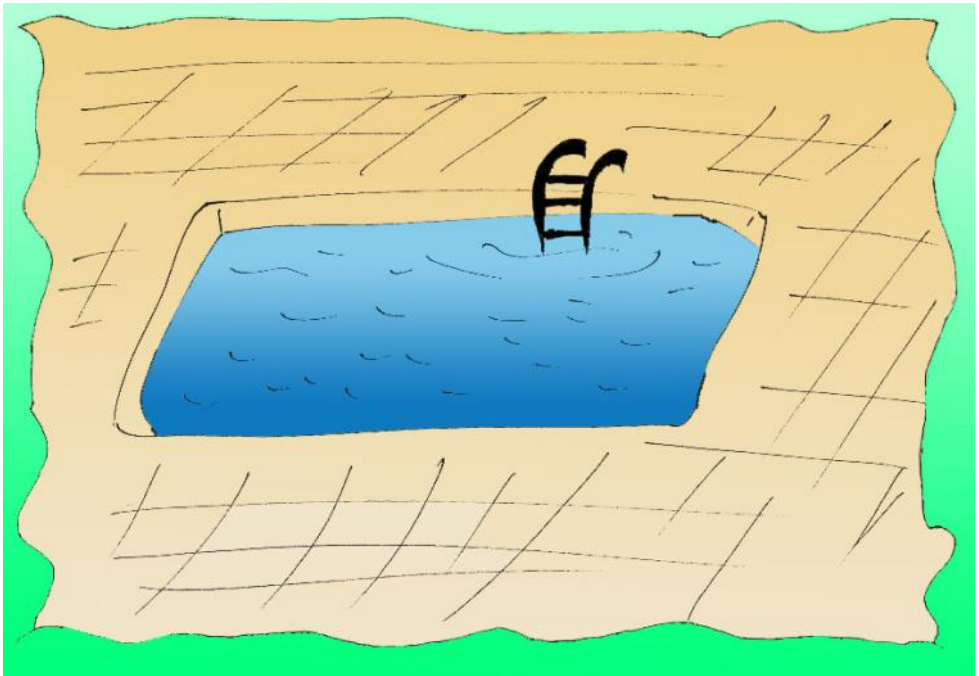
The first idea he thought of was to ask Berry Beary Workman and his team of helpers to help him build a sort of cabin that he'd call, "Berry Creative Workshop". In there his bears could learn so many things, and have a good place to keep what was needed to build, paint, create, invent, and so forth.



The second idea he got was to make an outdoor play area with a tennis court, playground made of logs, and a swimming pool.

These projects would of course take a lot of time, but also, once completed they would be a benefit to many other little bears in the town, if they ever needed a fun place to go. He wanted to make his property the best place for young bears that he could.

Then Berry Cute Beary got up, stretched his legs, and ran off to play a game of tag with his “Amazing Bears” as he called them. They had so many skills and interests, and in time, as they developed these skills and had the tool and opportunity to do so, they’d be able to do so many things, and be a great help both to their families when grown, and to the town as well.



The next day Berry Cute Beary and his dad Berry Beary Inspired went out for a walk and talk to share ideas and discuss the situation.

“Perhaps a meeting could be held with several others, as I’m sure you aren’t the only one wishing for a better set up for your young bears. As little ones grow, they have new needs, and so the parents need to continually be thinking up new ways to keep things happy, fun, and easy for their little ones to learn and enjoy their young days.

“Perhaps if everyone that could help, worked together each afternoon, they could help to set up places all over the town, either in people’s homes or in general areas, to meet the current needs of the young bears in the town now.”



That sounded like a great idea, and Berry Cute Beary went to talk about it with Berry Beary Kind.

“Let’s have a meeting here at my place tomorrow night to begin talking about what the needs might be, and who might be able to help. I agree! Every home that has young bears, should have all that it needs for giving great care and opportunities while raising those little ones. I’ll see you tomorrow!” Berry Beary Kind said.

“Thanks, I’ll see you then, and I’ll let others know to come— those who might have some good ideas on how to go about this new town project,” Berry Cute Beary said.

“We could call it ‘Project: Inspired and Growing Bears,’” said Berry Beary Kind.

“Sounds good. See you tomorrow,” Berry Cute Bear said as he left.

The next night a team of eight bears were present to begin talking about the situation.





Berry Beary Kind, Berry Beary Wise, Berry Beary Inspired, Berry Cute Beary, Berry Beary Workman, Berry Incredible, Berry Big Berry, and Berry Beary Gentle were sitting around the table, with notebooks in hand and smiles on their faces.

What did they talk about? Well, that was seen and made evident by the things the young bears around town started to see going on. Altogether, ten main projects were worked on and completed by the end of three months.

Here is what the news article in the town's weekly paper listed as having been accomplished with the, "Project: Inspired and Growing Bears":

Twelve new cubby houses, playhouses, or large play tents set up in the town—one in each yard that requested one.

An outdoor swimming area, down by the lake, shallow and safe for young bears to practice swimming while being refreshed on a hot day.

A “Creative Construction” place, equipped with all the tools needed for dads and mums to take their children who want to make anything from wood working carpentry projects to clothing making; from clay sculpting to beading or jewellery making.

A running track for those wanting to train in racing skills, or simply to jog for exercise.

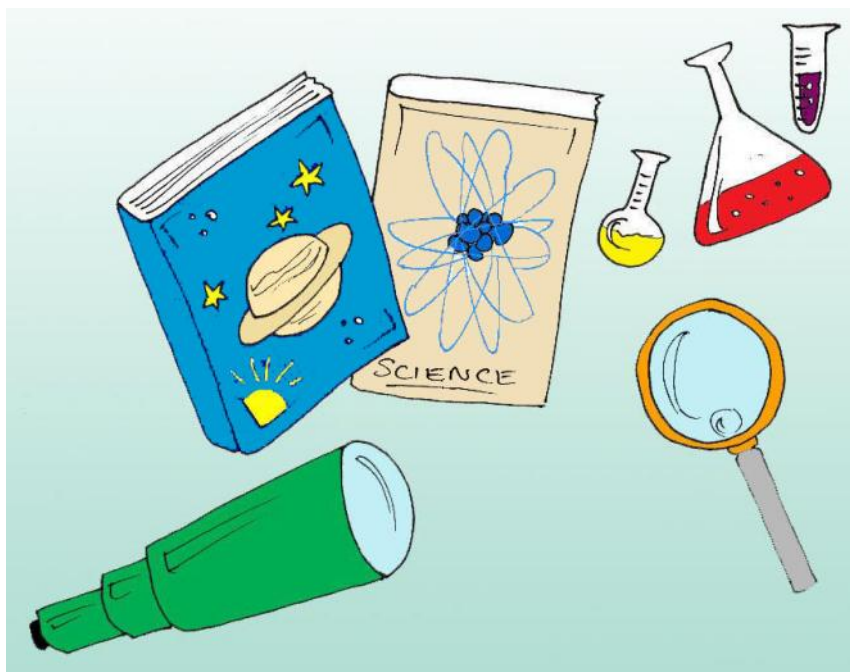
Six sand box areas in the back yards of those who requested them.

A “Young Gardener’s Greenhouse” set up, to help the families of those who want to learn how to garden to get started, with a team running it that know this skill well.

There are plants growing there from flowers and trees to vegetables, for families to choose from, along with someone available always to answer questions and give classes on how to be a good gardener, and what each type of plant need.







A whole lot of game equipment was gathered and made, and a “toys library” was set up. Just as in a library, families could borrow whatever play equipment, balls, toys or protective gear they wanted to use that day or week.

A “Travelling Science Learning Truck” was stocked and contained all that was needed to go from house to house, as was requested, to teach any interested bears all about science.

It had an awning that would open up, and was filled with things like microscopes, books, items for science experiments, documentaries to be seen, telescopes, and so many cool gadgets.

Berry Beary Astronomical offered to drive it on the weekends and go from place to place letting children learn great things, right in their own backyard, with all the latest equipment to do it.



A dance club was set up for all who wanted to learn to dance, or to just dance for fun and exercise. It was to take place in the large living room in the house of Berry Beary Gentle.

She would host whoever wanted to come, each Friday afternoon. Different ones could lead the classes or dance activities, so a lot of variety could be enjoyed, both in dancing as well as types of music used.



Berry Merry Song and his band often had music practice, and needed a larger area to practice in. There were many that wanted to learn more about music and learn to play different instruments, so a “Music Hall” was built.

This was a place where members of the band could help teach young bears musical skills, or others could just come and jam together with the band for fun, at times, or where the band could do their practicing.

The place was stocked with many instruments, so many could come to learn all they wanted to. On special days there could also be musical performances, with room for many to sit and watch.



When those in Berry Beary Town read the paper and found out all the wonderful new improvements, all for the benefit of the young bears, the air was a-buzz with excitement. Everyone wanted to do everything right away!

Berry Beary Kind helped to keep things organized and planned, so everyone would get a chance to do what they wanted to. A new “Berry Fun Town” flier would be posted in all the main areas of the town.

Everyone would know what was scheduled for the coming week, and who’s turn it was to get to see or do some of the activities or buildings that required turns to be taken.

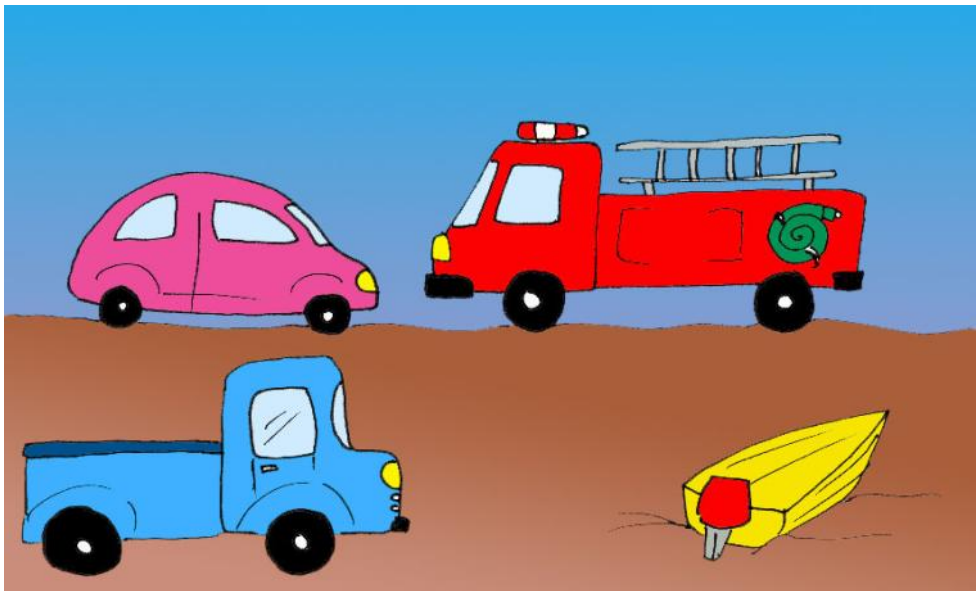
Lots of smiles were seen on the faces of the young ones—and their parents, too, of course—as each day held some new fun for each one.

There were plans for other additions to the town and family fun. Over the next few months those could be worked on.

There was talk of things like a mobile library and storytelling truck; circus acts training with the Wonderbears and regular performances; and monthly art packages with supplies for activities given out to families

An “Old Vehicles” playground, where old trucks, cars, boats, fire engines and so forth would be parked and set up in a safe way, and young ones could climb on and in them, and play all kinds of games.

The ideas could go on, and would. In this town there was never a dull moment, and the happiness and fun opportunities for young bears was on the top priority list.



*Imagine a place where fun things  
happen every day;*

*Where everybody is happy and  
helping each other;*

*A place that is safe, pleasant and  
welcoming to all;*

*Where everyone is friendly and has  
what they need;*

*A place where new and interesting  
ideas and solutions can be tried.*

*...Perhaps if we all do more than  
imagine, this dream can become  
a reality.*