



Teacher instructions: Read this passage aloud to your learner.

HOW PATTY GAVE THANKS

Farmer Gray always shut his animals in the warm barn at night in the fall and winter. He wanted them to be snug and comfortable for the night. But in the morning he turned them all into the barnyard. One bright November morning, when the sun was shining warmly, the gentle old cow shook the bell that was tied to her neck until it rang and rang and rang.

All the other farm animals hurried to her to see why she was ringing the bell. "Good morning to you all!" she said. "I have something to tell you. Can you guess what it is?"

"Is it about a little girl?" asked Bob, the horse.

"Yes," answered the cow. "It is about a little girl. Can you guess who she is?"

Then one of the sheep spoke up and said, "Maybe it is Master's little daughter, Patty. Is it something about Patty?"

"Yes," answered the cow. "You made a good guess. It is about Patty."

"I want to hear about Patty," said Bob. "We all love Patty."

"Yes," said the sheep. "Tell us about Patty."

Then the gentle old cow began her story. She said, "What a good girl Patty is! She came to me this morning and began to stroke my forehead, and said, 'Good-morning, Cow. This is Thank-you day. You give me milk for my breakfast. I like your good milk, so I have come to say, Thank you, Cow, Thank you.' Then the dear child put a sweet juicy apple into my mouth and laughed to hear me crunch it. I am so glad that my milk is good and rich. I like to give milk to Patty."

"What you say is true, Friend Cow. What a kind little girl she is!" said Bob.

"Did you see Patty, Bob?" asked the sheep.

"Yes," answered Bob. "Patty came to me, too. She said, 'You dear horse! You give me rides. Thank you, Bob, thank you!' She patted me and patted me. Then, bless her heart! she gave me a big armful of nice, sweet hay. I tell you I will give her a ride soon."

When Bob had finished speaking, the gentle old cow said, "How kind Patty is! Bob likes to give her rides; I like to give her milk."

"Did Patty thank you, Sheep?" asked Bob.

"Yes," answered one of the sheep. "She came to us, too. I can tell you I was surprised when she brought me and the rest of the flock a dish of salt this morning. She said, 'Good morning! I know what you give me, Sheep. You give me wool. The wool keeps me warm. Our balls of worsted are made of your wool, and so is the dress I have on. Thank you, Sheep; thank you!' Then she gave us some water."

When the sheep had finished speaking, the gentle old cow said, "How kind Patty is! Bob likes to give her rides; sheep like to give her wool; I like to give her milk."

Listen.

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By and by the cow spoke up again. "Friend Bob," she said, "did Patty thank the hens, too?"

"Yes," answered Bob. "I heard her thank them. Then she gave them some corn."

"What do the hens give Patty?" asked the sheep.

"They give her eggs," answered the cow.

Then Bob said, "Patty told the hens that she liked their eggs for breakfast, and that her mother made cake with some of the eggs, too. Patty said 'Thank you' to us all. I wonder what put it into her head to come and thank us this morning."

"It was her good little heart that put it into her head to come and thank us all," said one of the sheep, wisely. "I heard Master say that this is Thanksgiving Day. I heard Patty's grandfather ask her this morning if she knew why Thanksgiving Day is kept. She answered, 'Oh, yes! It is the day to say Thank you, for everything, and that is why I hurried out into the barnyard this morning.' And her grandfather said, 'To whom did you say Thank you, out in the barnyard?' And Patty answered, 'Why, to all of them; to Bob, and the cow, and the sheep, and the hens!' Then I heard her grandfather say, 'I am glad that you remembered the kind, useful animals that give us so many things to make us happy and comfortable.'"

And when the sheep had finished speaking, the gentle old cow said, "How kind Patty is! Bob likes to give her rides; sheep like to give her wool; hens like to give her eggs, and I like to give her milk. Moo, moo! Good Patty."

—EMILIE POULSSON in *In The Child's World*.

Discuss.



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Teacher instructions: Discuss the illustration and the passage with your learner.



What do you see in the illustration?

What do you remember from the story you just listened to? Tell me the story using your own words.

Read.



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Read this silently and then out loud.

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Write.



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Copy the passage.

“It was her good little heart that put it into her head to come and thank us all,” said one of the sheep, wisely.

Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed midline.

Write.



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Use the illustration as inspiration to write a sentence.


