



Teacher instructions: Read this passage aloud to your learner.

NED VISITS GRANDMOTHER

Little Edward Wilberforce McKay was going on a journey. It seemed like a very long journey to Edward Wilberforce McKay, or little Ned, as he was generally called. The fact of the matter was that Ned was walking down the road to his grandmother's house, and he was going alone, and he had never gone alone to visit his grandmother before. He was going to show her his new red cart that his father had brought him.

Before he started out he said, "Mother, I'd like to take Grandmother something in my little red cart. What shall I take her?"

Ned's mother thought a moment and then she said, "Perhaps she would like some cookies for her supper. Take her some of these I have just baked. Take her an apple, too."

"That will be the very thing," said Ned. So he put the apple and the cookies into his little red cart, and off he went down the road that led to Grandmother's.

Soon Ned came to a meadow by the roadside. In the meadow was a little, fat, curly-tailed pig. When the pig spied Ned and his cart, and smelled the cookies and the apple, he put out his snout and ran right toward the little red cart. "Good morning, Little Pig," said Ned.

Little Pig said, "Wee, wee! I want some cookies." But Ned shook his finger at him, and said, "No, no, Little Pig! They are for Grandmother. Come with me to her house. She will give you some dinner." So Little Pig followed on behind Ned as he trudged along the road toward Grandmother's.

It wasn't long until they came to an old brown barn. A white hen was standing near the barn gate. She saw Ned and Little Pig coming down the road, so she got upon the gate to meet them. When they came near her, she smelled the cookies. "Good morning, White Hen!" said Ned. White Hen said, "Cluck cluck! I want some cookies." But Ned shook his finger at her and said, "No, no, White Hen! They are for Grandmother. Come with us to her house. She will give you some dinner." So White Hen went with Ned and Little Pig as they trudged along the road to Grandmother's.

Soon they came to a house right by the side of the road. Lying on the doorstep was a little gray kitten. The gray kitten opened its eyes and saw Ned and Little Pig and White Hen coming down the road. The kitten got up from the doorstep and went out into the yard to meet them. "Good morning, Gray Kitten!" said Ned. Gray Kitten said, "Mew mew! I want some cookies." But Ned shook his finger at him and said, "No, no, Gray Kitten! They are for Grandmother. Come with us to her house. She will give you some dinner." So Gray Kitten went with Ned and Little Pig and White Hen, as they trudged along the road to Grandmother's.

Listen.

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After awhile they came to a big tree. A little bird, sitting in the branches, saw them as they walked along the road. Down he flew from the tree and peeped right into the little red cart. He saw the cookies there and was just thinking he would peck at them when Ned said, "Good morning, Little Bird!" Little Bird said, "Peep peep! I want some cookies." But Ned shook his finger at him and said, "No, no, Little Bird! They are for Grandmother. Come with us to her house. She will give you some dinner." So Little Bird went with Ned and Little Pig and White Hen and Gray Kitten, as they trudged along the road to Grandmother's.

Grandmother happened to be looking out through the window. All at once she spied the queer procession coming down the road. She looked and looked. She took off her glasses and rubbed them, put them on and looked again. "What do I see?" she said. "Oh, it is Little Ned, sure as can be—bless his little heart! But what's all that coming behind him?" she said. Then she hurried out through the gate and saw coming toward her, Little Ned, and behind him the little red cart, and behind the little red cart the little fat pig, and behind the little fat pig the little white hen, and behind the little white hen the little gray kitten, and behind the little gray kitten the little fluffy bird. "Good morning, Ned! Well, did I ever, did I ever!" was all Grandmother could say, for she was so surprised.

Ned said, "Good morning, Grandmother! See my little red cart! I have some cookies for you. Mother baked them just before I started out from home. I have an apple for you, too." Grandmother said, "Thank you, Ned! I like cookies and apples."

When Ned gave Grandmother the cookies and the apple, she said to him, "Now, Ned, tell me what I can give you and all your little friends."

"Oh, give us some dinner, Grandmother!" said Ned. Then he told her how Little Pig and White Hen and Gray Kitten and Little Bird had wanted to eat the cookies and the apple, and how he had told them that Grandmother would give them something to eat. When he had finished, Grandmother said, "I will get you all some dinner, Ned, but first tell me what you and your little friends like." Ned said, "Little Pig and White Hen like corn; Little Bird likes bread; Gray Kitten and I like milk."

So Grandmother told them all to sit down at the big table in the dining room. Soon she brought a bowl of milk for Ned, a saucer of milk for Gray Kitten, some corn for White Hen and Little Pig, and some bread for Little Bird. They all ate and drank and had a pig-hen-kitten-bird-boy picnic in Grandmother's dining room. And when it was over, Ned kissed his Grandmother and said, "Good-bye, Grandmother." And Grandmother said, "Good-bye, Ned!" and she kissed him as he started down the road with all his little friends following on behind the red cart.

Listen.

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As they trudged along, Ned said to Little Pig and White Hen and Gray Kitten and Little Bird, "Now you see why I would not let you eat the cookies and the apple." And they all said, "Yes, yes—we had a better dinner at your Grandmother's. What a fine picnic we all had together!"

Soon they came to the big tree. "Good-bye, Little Bird," said Ned. "Peep, peep," said Little Bird. Next they came to the house. "Good-bye, Gray Kitten," said Ned. "Mew, mew!" said Gray Kitten. It wasn't long until they came to the barn. "Good-bye, White Hen!" said Ned. "Cluck, cluck!" said White Hen. Next they came to the meadow. "Good-bye, Little Pig!" said Ned. "Wee, wee!" said Little Pig. Then Ned ran home to his mother as fast as his little legs could carry him.

—MARION WATHEN in *Story-Telling Time*.

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.

Ned has a little red cart.
He wanted Grandmother to see it.
His mother gave him an apple.
She gave him some cookies too.
He put the apple and the cookies
into the cart.
Then he went to see Grandmother.

Write.



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Copy the passage.

Soon they came to a house right by the side of the road. Lying on the doorstep was a little gray kitten.

Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed midline, repeated seven times.

Write.



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Use the illustration as inspiration to write a sentence.


