

Read.



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Read this silently and then out loud.



THE LITTLE CHRISTMAS TREE

Once there were three trees.

They lived on a hill.

One tree was big.

One tree was not so big.

One tree was little.

The snow came down upon them.

They said, “Christmas is coming!

We want to be Christmas trees!”

Read.



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Read this silently and then out loud.



A little bird came along.

The little bird was lost.

He could not find his mother.

He went to the big tree.

“Are you a kind tree?” he said.

“May I sit in your branches?

The snow is so cold!”

The big tree said, “No, no!

I don’t want birds in my branches.

I am going to be a Christmas tree!”

Read.



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Read this silently and then out loud.

“How cold I am!” said the bird.

“I wish I could find a kind tree!

It would keep me warm.”

He went up the hill.

Soon he came to the next tree.

“Are you a kind tree?” he said.

“May I sit in your branches?

The snow is so cold!

I am lost, dear Tree.

I cannot find my mother.”

Now the tree was not kind.

It was like the big tree.

It said, “No, Little Bird, no!

I don’t want birds in my branches.

I am going to be a Christmas tree!”

Read.



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Read this silently and then out loud.



“How cold I am!” said the bird.

“I wish I could find a nice tree!”

He went on up the hill.

Soon he came to the little tree.

He said, “Little Tree, I am lost!

May I sit in your warm branches?

The snow is so cold!”

Now the little tree was kind.

It was not like the other trees.

It said, “Oh, yes, dear Bird!

You may sit in my branches.”

How happy the little bird was!

Read.



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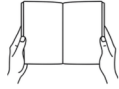


Read this silently and then out loud.

By and by the bird heard something.
A sleigh was coming up the hill!
It did not stop at the big tree.
It did not stop at the next tree.
On it went to the little tree.
“It has come to us!” said the bird.
A man jumped out of the sleigh.
Can you guess who he was?



Read.



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Read this silently and then out loud.

“What a pretty tree!” said the man.

“I want it for a Christmas tree.”

So, he took it with him in the sleigh.

He took the little bird, too.

He said, “I will take you to Patty.

She will keep you warm.”

Away they all flew in the sleigh.

How happy the little tree was!

How happy the little bird was!

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Discuss.



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



What do you see in the illustration?

How did the three trees treat the bird?

What did the trees want?

Who came to the trees?

Which tree was picked?

Write.



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Copy the passage.

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Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed middle line, repeated for copying the text.

