COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Ollie's Pocket Hug

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Ollie misses Grandma at preschool and carries a small reminder of her love through the day.

Read, talk, and discover

The complete story is followed by questions and a separate answer guide. Read aloud together, pause to talk, and take your time.

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Part 1

Ollie the otter waved as Grandma left the preschool door. Then his chest felt heavy, and tears filled his eyes.

Part 2

He told his teacher, "I miss Grandma. I want her to come back right now and hold me."

Part 3

The teacher stayed close while Ollie cried. She said missing someone shows how much love lives inside him.

Part 4

Ollie opened his backpack and found Grandma's little heart patch. She called it a pocket hug for school days.

Part 5

He pressed the soft heart against his paw and remembered Grandma saying, "I always come back after snack and play."

Part 6

Ollie carried the heart to the art table. He painted a purple flower to show Grandma at pickup time.

Part 7

After snack and play, Grandma returned just as she promised. Ollie ran to her with his flower held high.

Part 8

Ollie still missed Grandma sometimes, and that was okay. His pocket hug helped him remember he was loved.

Draw, tell, or write

Draw your favorite part of the story. Tell a grown-up what happened before it and what happened next.

My favorite part, and why I chose it

STORY QUIZ

Think about the story

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Read each question and all the choices. Circle one answer. A grown-up can read aloud; you can point or say your answer, too.

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1. Why did Ollie cry at preschool?

A. He lost a bicycle	B. He wanted snow	C. He missed Grandma

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

2. What did the teacher say missing someone can show?

A. Love inside him	B. A broken toy	C. A secret map

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

3. What did Ollie find in his backpack?

A. A blue whistle	B. Grandma's heart patch	C. A tiny sandwich

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

Questions 4 to 5

4. What did Ollie paint for Grandma?

A. A yellow bus	B. A black cloud	C. A purple flower

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

5. When did Grandma return?

A. After snack and play	B. Next winter	C. Before Ollie arrived

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

ANSWER GUIDE

For the grown-up

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Keep this page separate from the child's activity. Read directions aloud when helpful, and invite the child to explain their ideas.

1. C - He missed Grandma

He missed Grandma

2. A - Love inside him

Love inside him

3. B - Grandma's heart patch

Grandma's heart patch

4. C - A purple flower

A purple flower

5. A - After snack and play

After snack and play

Keep exploring

Draw your favorite part of the story. Tell a grown-up what happened before it and what happened next.