COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Nora Night-Light Stays Close

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Nora helps a friend feel brave by staying nearby during a dark moment.

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

Sam Squirrel was sleeping at Grandma’s tree house. Nora Night-Light glowed softly beside the bed while Grandma read an acorn story.

Part 2

A strong wind shook the branches. The room lamp blinked and went out. Sam pulled his blanket close.

Part 3

Nora still had a small warm glow. “I am here,” she said. Sam asked, “Will you stay close until the wind is quiet?”

Part 4

“Yes,” Nora answered. She did not tell Sam there was nothing to fear. She listened while he explained that the moving shadows worried him.

Part 5

Together they named the shadows. One was a chair. One was a coat hook. One was Sam’s fluffy tail on the wall.

Part 6

Sam’s breathing slowed. Nora suggested they finish the acorn story. Her glow was bright enough to see every picture.

Part 7

By the final page, the wind had softened. Sam was no longer watching the shadows. He was smiling at the sleepy acorn in the book.

Part 8

Sam thanked Nora for staying. Nora learned that courage can grow when a caring friend stays close and listens.

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. Where was Sam sleeping?

A. A train station	B. A sunny beach	C. Grandma’s tree house

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

2. What made the lamp go out?

A. Strong wind	B. A duck	C. A paintbrush

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

3. What did Sam ask Nora to do?

A. Open the window	B. Stay close	C. Sing loudly

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

Questions 4 to 5

4. What was one shadow?

A. A dragon	B. A giant	C. A chair

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

5. What helped Sam feel brave?

A. Nora stayed and listened	B. He ran outside	C. He hid the book

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 - Grandma’s tree house

Sam was sleeping at Grandma’s tree house.

2. A - Strong wind

Strong wind made the lamp go out.

3. B - Stay close

Sam asked Nora to stay close.

4. C - A chair

One shadow was a chair.

5. A - Nora stayed and listened

Nora stayed close and listened.

Keep exploring

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