

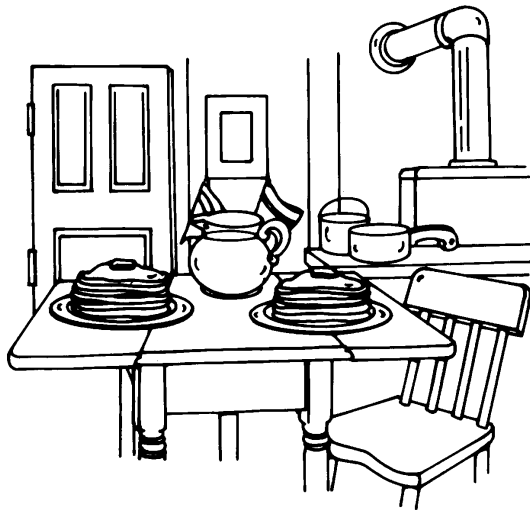
Family Times

Name _____

Summary

Boy Finds Cooking Is Not “Women’s Work”

Growing up in a house full of women, Justin feels frustrated by his mother and sisters, who are always after him to help with the household chores. He thinks doing dishes and making beds is “women’s work.” When Justin complains to his grandfather, Grandpa invites Justin home with him. With no women to cook and clean and make the beds, Justin discovers that it doesn’t matter who does the work—and that it’s not so hard after all.



Activity

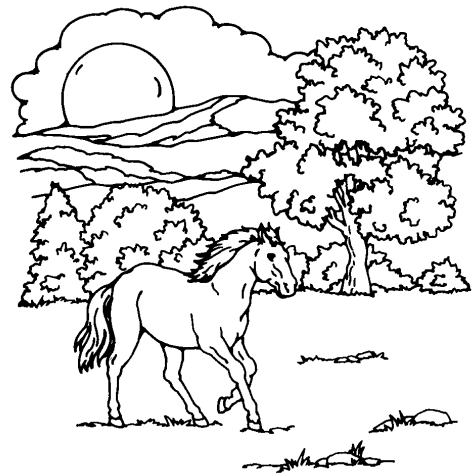
Act It Out. Now that Justin sees that cooking can be a man’s work, he wants to help. Act out a scene in which Justin and Grandpa make biscuits together. You can make real biscuits or make-believe ones. Don’t forget to clean up!

Reading Skills

Setting

Setting is the time and place in which a story occurs. Sometimes pictures give clues to the setting of a story. Sometimes you need to use details the author has written. You may not always be able to determine the exact time a story takes place.

When Justin and his Grandpa go “riding fence,” the author uses vivid details to help readers picture the setting, such as: **The early sun shone fiery red on the hilltops while the foothills were cast in shades of purple.**



Activity

Name That Place. Have your child use details to describe a place both of you know. See how quickly you can guess the place. If it takes many clues to guess the place, talk about the clues.

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Tested Vocabulary

Words to Know

Knowing the meanings of these words is important to reading “A Visit with Grandpa.” Practice using these words to learn their meanings.

biscuits a kind of small, round, raised bread

dough soft, thick mixture of flour and other ingredients for baking

prairie large open grassy area with no trees

raisins dried grapes

rumpled crumpled, crushed, wrinkled

teasing trying to annoy or anger by unkind jokes or tricks

wrinkled ridged or folded irregularly; creased

Grammar

Sentences

A **sentence** is a group of words that makes a statement, a question, a command, a request, or an exclamation. Begin a sentence with a capital letter, and end it with a punctuation mark. You can tell whether a group of words is a complete sentence by checking to see if it expresses a complete idea.

These are sentences:

Justin made the bed.

Grandpa was a cowboy.

These are not sentences:

Riding fence.

Shirt for the festival.

Activity

Finish My Sentence. Pair up family members or friends. Take turns starting sentences that the other finishes.

Tested Spelling Words

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