

Happy Hannah

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"Hannah," said Mom, "after breakfast I am going to help Nan pick apples from her trees. We sure could use your help."

"Really?" Hannah grinned. Helping other people made her happy. Especially nice neighbors like Nan.



Then Hannah
What was she going
her friend. Suddenly

"We'll leave right

"I don't know
over and play with her

"Oh," said Mom

"Yes," Hannah
she brushed her hair

Mom stuck her
we can at least walk that far together."

"Okay." Hannah stuffed her feet into her tennis shoes, and the two set off down the country road. That's when Hannah got an idea. "Mom, do you think—" Hannah told Mom her idea.

"Sounds great to me," Mom said. "Ask Eve."

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So Hannah did. "Mom is going to help Nan pick apples," Hannah told her friend when she opened the door. "And I was thinking... Wouldn't it be fun if you and I helped?"

Eve pursed her lips. "Yes. It would! Wait while I ask my Dad." A minute later she was back. "Dad says I can!"

Hannah clapped her hands happily.

"There is one thing, though," Eve said.

Hannah sucked

Eve smiled. "Is

brother."

"Of course," Ha

"The more hel

Nan gave a big
today. My sister, Lil, i

Hannah giggled
you?"

"I certainly did
ever. And then we'll still have plenty of time to bake fresh apple pies."

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- 1) What was Mom's reaction when Hannah said she had promised to go play with Eve?
- a) Mom said promises should be kept.
 - b) Mom was angry at Hannah.
 - c) Mom asked her to talk to Eve about it.
 - d) Mom said Hannah could play with Eve.

- 2) Use these expressions in sentences.

the more the merrier

sounds great

I bet

- 3) This story has so
(Hint - names)

what it is?

- 4) Write about the

- 5) How does Nan express her happiness about having such a big unexpected help?

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