
The Reward
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It was Sal's birthday, and the table
was covered with presents.
She had already opened a few of them.
Sal had received a brown teddy bear
and a blue alarm clock,
but she had not yet opened
her most special presents.
She had asked for some scrapbook paper,
wool, and beads.
Making crafts was what Sal liked to do
best of all.

"Make a wish!" said Mum.
"Think carefully about what you want most."



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What Sal wanted most
was someone to make crafts with her.
However, her mum had a very important
and busy job, so she did not have time.
She was a doctor at the hospital.
She helped saved people's lives.

Sal blew out the candles and made her wish.
They were still eating birthday cake
when the phone rang.
Sal's mum was needed at the hospital.



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"Sorry, darling, I think this is serious,"
said Mum.
"I won't be back until late.
You'll have to stay with Josie again."

Josie opened the apartment door.
"Hi, Sal," she said.
"I was thinking of making spaghetti tonight,
but I have no tomatoes for the sauce.
Do you mind coming
to the supermarket with me?"



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