

A Great Idea

Millie and Billy are playing with a ball in the garden when Millie suddenly stops and says, “I have an idea.”

“What is it?” asks Billy.

“Why don’t we ask mummy if she can put the tent up for us,” Millie says. “We can stay in it until tea time.”

“But what about our lunch?” Billy asks.

“We can have a picnic in the tent,” Millie replies.

“What about our afternoon nap?” Billy asks next.

“We can use the sleeping bags,” Millie says. “So, what do you think?”

“I think it’s a great idea,” Billy says.

But, when they ask her, mummy is not so sure that it is a great idea. “I think it’s going to rain,” she says, looking up at the grey clouds. But it isn’t raining yet.

“Oh please, mummy,” Millie and Billy plead, and a little reluctantly, she agrees.

Millie and Billy help mummy to put up the tent and put the sleeping bags inside.

They also help her to make their picnic lunch. They prepare two lunchboxes, each containing a cheese sandwich, a piece of cake, a drink and an apple.

Once Millie and Billy are out in the tent it starts raining. But it doesn’t matter. They eat their lunch listening to the pitter patter of the rain on the outside of the tent. It is lovely.

After lunch Millie and Billy both feel a bit sleepy. They take off their shoes, clamber into their sleeping bags and have a doze.

It is still raining and mummy comes out under the cover of an umbrella to see how Millie and Billy are getting on. She peeks into the tent to find them both snuggling up in their sleeping bags, snoozing happily. Mummy agrees that Millie and Billy are right. It was a great idea to put the tent up.