Jelly

A Gift for Mom

LITTLE READERS




Ben watches Mom in the garden.
She takes care of the flowers.
They look bright and happy.


Mom takes care of Ben, too.
She helps him every day.
Ben wants to thank her.


Max sits beside Ben.
"What can we give Mom?"
Ben asks his little puppy.


Ben thinks for a moment.
Then he has an idea.
"Let us make her a gift!"


Ben finds colored paper.
He chooses pink and green.
Mom loves pretty colors.

Ben looks for his crayons.
They are on the shelf.
He carries them to the table.




Ben finds a red ribbon, too.
He puts it beside the paper.
Max watches him work.


Ben gathers everything.
Paper, crayons, and ribbon
are ready on the table.


Ben folds a piece of paper.
He presses along the edge.
It will be a card for Mom.


Ben draws a big heart.
He puts it on the card.
"This is for Mom," he says.


Max watches Ben draw.
His tail goes swish, swish.
He wants to help, too.


Ben colors the heart red.
He takes his time.
He wants it to look nice.


Ben makes a paper flower.
It has soft pink petals.
Mom will like this flower.


Ben folds green paper.
He makes a stem and leaves.
The flower is almost ready.


Ben puts the flower on the card.
It sits beside the red heart.
"It looks lovely," he says.


Max looks at the card.
He gives a little bark.
Ben smiles at his friend.


Ben needs a box for the card.
He looks around the room.
Where can he find one?


Ben finds a little box.
It is just the right size.
He brings it to the table.


Ben puts the card inside.
He closes the box carefully.
The gift is nearly ready.


Max brings the red ribbon.
He holds it very gently.
"Thank you, Max!" says Ben.


Ben wraps the little box.
He uses bright paper.
Max watches from his seat.


Ben puts ribbon on the box.
He tries to tie a bow.
The ribbon slips away.


Ben tries once more.
But the ribbon comes loose.
"Oh dear," he says.


Ben looks at the ribbon.
"This is tricky," he says.
Max comes closer to help.


Ben takes a deep breath.
"Let us try again," he says.
He picks up the ribbon.


Max holds the ribbon gently.
Ben pulls the other end.
They work together.


Ben ties a little bow.
This time it stays in place.
"We did it!" he says.


Ben and Max look at the gift.
The red bow is on top.
They are ready to find Mom.


Mom comes into the room.
"What are you doing?" she asks.
Ben gives Max a look.


Ben hides the box behind him.
"We have a surprise!" he says.
Mom smiles at Ben.


Ben gives Mom the box.
"This is for you," he says.
Max wags his tail.


Mom looks surprised.
"For me? Thank you, Ben!"
She holds the little box.

Mom opens the gift.

She lifts off the paper.

What will she find inside?



Mom takes out the card.
She sees the flower and heart.
"It is beautiful," she says.




Ben smiles at Mom.
"We made it for you," he says.
Max gives a happy bark.


Mom gives Ben a big hug.
"I love my gift," she says.
Ben hugs her back.


Mom puts the card on a shelf.
She can see it every day.
The paper flower looks bright.


The family looks at the card.
Mom smiles at the red heart.
"It makes me happy," she says.


Ben smiles at Max.
"We made Mom happy," he says.
Max wags his tail.


Ben sits with Mom and Max.
They are happy together.
What a lovely day!


Why does Ben want
to give Mom a gift?
Tell a friend.


What does Ben find
to make his gift?
Name two things.


What does Ben put
on his card?
Look at the picture.


Who brings the ribbon?
How does Ben thank him?
Tell the story.


What is tricky for Ben?
How does he try again?
Talk about the picture.


What happens when
Mom opens the gift?
How does she feel?


Where does Mom put the card?
Why does it make her happy?
Share your idea.


What happens first, next,
and at the end?
Tell the story in order.


The End