Jelly

A Star for Dad

LITTLE READERS



"Dad will be home soon," says Mom.

Mia looks up and smiles.



"I want to make him
a little gift," Mia says.
The puppy wags his tail.



"What would Dad like?"
Mom asks. Mia thinks
for a moment.



"Something bright!"
Mia says. "Something
we can make ourselves."



Mia looks at the paper
on the table. There are
many colors to choose from.



She sees blue paper
and green paper.
She sees red paper, too.



Then she finds a sheet
of bright yellow paper.
It reminds her of sunshine.



"I have an idea!"
Mia says. The puppy
puts his paws on the table.



Mia takes a pencil.
She draws a line up,
then a line down.



She draws more lines
until they all meet.
What is it?



"A star!" says Mom.
"A star for Dad,"
says Mia with a smile.



The puppy sniffs
the yellow paper. Mia pats
his soft head.



"Can you help me
cut it out?" Mia asks.
"Of course," says Mom.



Mom follows the lines with the scissors. Mia watches from her chair.



Snip, snip, snip.
Soon the yellow star
is ready.



Mia holds up the star.

It has five points.

“It is just right!” she says.



Mia gets her crayons.
She puts little blue dots
on the yellow star.



She adds red dots, too.
The puppy watches
from under the table.



In the middle, Mia draws
a little red heart.
“This is for Dad,” she says.



Mom smiles at the star.
"He will love it,"
she tells Mia.



Mia folds a piece
of paper into a card.
She presses it flat.



She puts the star
on the front of the card
and tapes it in place.



Inside the card, Mia draws
a picture of Dad
holding her hand.



She draws the puppy, too.
"Now we are all here,"
she says.



Mia holds up her card.
"Where can I put it
until Dad comes home?"



She finds a little spot
behind a cushion.
The card fits there.



The puppy sniffs
the cushion. “Shh,” Mia says.
“It is a surprise.”



They wait together
by the window. Mia looks
down the path.



At last, Dad comes home.
He opens the door
and smiles at Mia.



“Hello, Mia!” he says.
“Hello, puppy!” The puppy
runs to greet him.



Mia gives Dad a hug.
Then she runs to get
the card.



She holds it behind her back.
"I made something for you,"
she says.



Mia gives Dad the card.
He sees the yellow star
and the little red heart.



"A star for me?"
Dad asks. "Thank you, Mia!
It is beautiful."



He opens the card
and sees the picture inside.
“There is our puppy!”



Dad gives Mia a big hug.
The puppy wags his tail
beside them.



Dad finds a place
on the shelf for his card.
The yellow star shines.



Mia stands beside Dad
and looks at her gift.
Mom comes to see it, too.



"It makes me smile,"
Dad says. Mia smiles, too.
The puppy gives a happy bark.



The family sits together.
Dad's yellow star
brightens the room.



Who does Mia want
to make a gift for?
Why is she excited?



What color paper
does Mia choose?
What does she draw?



Who helps cut out
the yellow star?
What does Mia do?



How does Mia decorate
the star?
Name two things.



What does Mia draw
inside the card?
Who is in the picture?



Where does Mia hide
the card?
Why does she hide it?



How does Dad feel
when Mia gives him
the card?



Where does Dad put the card? What happens at the end?



The End

