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The Best Gift of All

LITTLE READERS



Mia wants to give Mom
a special gift.
She thinks and thinks.



“What should I make?”
she asks her puppy.
He wags his tail.



Mia looks in her box
of craft supplies. There is
paper in many colors.



She finds a red ribbon
and a little jar of glue.
There are crayons, too.



"I could make a picture,"
Mia says. She chooses
a piece of paper.



She draws her family
on the paper and adds
a bright yellow sun.



The puppy comes to look.
Mia draws him beside them
with a happy tail.



"What else would Mom like?"
Mia asks. She looks
around the room.



On the shelf, she sees
a small empty frame.
An idea comes to her.



Mia puts her picture
inside the frame. It fits!
She holds it up.



"It needs something more,"
she says. She ties
the red ribbon on top.



The ribbon slips off.
Mia tries again, but
the bow looks crooked.



She feels a little sad.
"I want it to be perfect,"
she tells Puppy.



Dad looks at Mia.
"What are you making?"
he asks.



Mia shows him the frame.
"It is for Mom, but
my bow will not stay."



Dad sits beside her.
"May I help you?"
he asks. Mia nods.



Dad holds the ribbon.
Mia pulls one end
through the little loop.



Together they make a bow.
It is not perfectly even,
but it stays in place.



Mia looks at the picture.
"Mom might like it,"
she says.



"I think she will,"
Dad says. "You made it
with care."



Mia carries the frame
to the living room.
Puppy walks beside her.



Mom is sitting on the sofa.
Mia hides the frame
behind her back.



“I have a gift for you,”
Mia says. Mom looks up
and smiles.



Mia gives her the frame.
Mom sees the picture
and the red ribbon.



"That is us!" Mom says.
"And there is Puppy, too."
She looks at every detail.



"I made the bow with Dad,"
Mia says. "It is a little
crooked."



Mom touches the ribbon.

"I love it," she says.

"Thank you, Mia."



She puts the picture
on the shelf where
everyone can see it.



Mia looks at the frame.
The little red bow
makes her smile.



Mom gives Mia a hug.
Puppy squeezes in close
and wags his tail.



"May I give you
something, too?" Mom asks.
Mia looks surprised.



Mom makes room
on the sofa beside her.
“Come sit with me.”



Mia curls up by Mom.
Dad sits on the other side.
Puppy settles at their feet.



Mom picks up a book.
"Shall we read together?"
she asks.



"Yes, please!" Mia says.
Mom opens the book
to the first page.



The story is about
a little family of bears
who live in the woods.



Mia points to a baby bear.
Puppy rests his head
on her shoe.



When the story ends,
Mia leans against Mom.
The room is warm and quiet.



Mia looks at the picture
on the shelf and smiles.
Mom smiles, too.



The picture is a gift.
The time together
feels like a gift, too.



Who does Mia want
to make a gift for?
What does she make?



Who does Mia draw
in her picture?
What is in the background?



What problem does Mia have with the ribbon? How does she feel?



Who helps Mia make the bow? How do they work together?



How does Mom feel
when Mia gives her
the picture?



Where does Mom put
the framed picture?
Who can see it?



What does the family do
together on the sofa?
Who listens?



What gifts do you see
in the story?
Which is your favorite?



The End

