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Nina's New Bike

LITTLE READERS



Nina walks into the yard
with Dad. Something bright
is waiting there.



It is a little red bicycle!
Nina looks at its wheels
and shiny handlebars.




“Is it for me?”
she asks. Dad smiles.
“It is yours.”

Nina puts on her
blue helmet and fastens
the strap under her chin.



Dad checks the bicycle
before Nina rides.
He looks at the wheels.



He checks the brakes
and the seat, too.
“Everything looks good.”



Nina holds the handlebars.
"I have never ridden
a bike before," she says.



“I will help you learn,”
Dad says. “We can
take our time.”



Nina sits on the seat.
Both feet can reach
the ground below.



She puts her hands
on the handlebars. Dad
holds the back of the seat.




“I have you,” Dad says.
Nina takes a breath
and looks ahead.


“Let us go slowly,”
she says. Dad nods.
“Slowly is just fine.”

Nina pushes along
with her feet. The wheels
turn on the smooth path.



Dad walks beside her,
keeping one hand on
the back of her seat.




“Look where you want
to go,” Dad says.
Nina looks ahead.

The red bicycle rolls
a little farther. Nina
keeps her hands steady.



"Now try the pedals,"
Dad says. Nina puts
one foot up.



She pushes a pedal.

The bicycle moves forward.

Dad stays beside her.



Nina wobbles a little.
"Oh!" she says. Dad
holds the seat steady.



She puts her feet down.

“That felt hard,” she says.

“It takes practice,” says Dad.



They stop by a bench.
Nina rests her feet
on the ground.



Dad gives her some water.
Nina takes a drink
and watches the path.



“I wobbled,” she says.

“You kept trying,” Dad says.

“That is how we learn.”



Nina smiles a little.
"I would like to try
one more time."



Dad holds the seat again.
Nina puts her feet
on the pedals.



She pushes one pedal,
then the other. The red
bicycle rolls ahead.



“Look at the path,”
Dad says. Nina looks
straight ahead.



Dad walks close beside her.
Nina pedals slowly
and steadily.



The wheels turn smoothly.
Nina can feel the breeze
against her face.



Dad lets go of the seat for a moment. He stays nearby as Nina pedals.



“I am riding!” Nina says.
Dad smiles. “You are
doing it!”



Nina rides a little farther
along the clear path.
She keeps looking ahead.



Then Nina slows down.
She presses the brakes
and stops the bicycle.



She puts both feet
on the ground. Dad
walks up beside her.



“You practiced and learned,”
Dad says. Nina smiles.
“I want to ride again!”



"We can practice again
tomorrow," Dad says.
Nina holds her red bicycle.



It is time to go home.
Nina walks beside Dad
and pushes her bicycle.



Her blue helmet is
still on her head. The red
wheels roll beside her.



"I was worried at first,"
Nina says. "Then I tried
again and again."



"And I was right there,"
Dad says. Nina smiles.
"Today was a good day!"



What does Nina find
in the yard?
What color is it?



What does Nina wear on her head? Who helps her learn?



How does Dad help Nina when she first sits on the bicycle?



What happens when
Nina tries to pedal?
How does she feel?



Why do Nina and Dad
stop by the bench?
What does Dad tell her?



What does Nina do
when she tries again?
Who stays near her?



How does Nina stop
her bicycle safely?
Where are her feet?



What does Nina learn from practicing? Tell the story in order.



The End

