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The Barnyard Promise

12 Chapters

Day 1—

Read the story. Then think about each question.



Chapter 1: A New Pig on the Farm

VOCABULARY pig, farm, hello, friends

A little pig named Pip arrived. He carried a tiny bundle. The farm was new and big. Pip felt a bit shy. Wooly the lamb saw him first. "Hello! I am Wooly," she said. Pip smiled and waved. ★ **A pig met friends.**

THINK Who arrived at the farm?

Chapter 2: Four Kind Faces

VOCABULARY calf, goose, hen, friends

Soon another friend arrived. Daisy the calf had brown spots. She gave Pip a soft nudge. Then Gigi the goose flapped over. She had bright orange feet. Last came Penny the red hen. She clucked a happy welcome. ★ **A little pig met new friends.**

THINK Who had brown spots?

Chapter 3: Under the Oak Tree

VOCABULARY apples, joke, laughed, tree

It was afternoon now. The five friends sat under a tree. They shared sweet red apples. Wooly told a silly joke. Daisy showed off her spots. Gigi sang a goose song. Pip laughed for the first time. ★ **A little pig met new friends on the farm.**

THINK Where did the five friends sit?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



Chapter 4: A Circle of Friends

VOCABULARY promise, circle, nodded, agree

The sun was warm and bright. The five friends sat in a circle. Pip looked at each one. "I want to say something." "Let us make a promise." Wooly nodded with a soft smile. Daisy, Gigi, and Penny agreed too. ★ **The animals made a promise.**

THINK Where did the friends sit?

Chapter 5: "We Will Help"

VOCABULARY hard, quiet, help, brave

Pip looked very serious now. "If hard times come, what then?" The friends were quiet for a moment. Wooly was first to speak. "We will help," she said clearly. Daisy and Gigi said it too. Penny gave a brave cluck. ★ **The animals promised to help.**

THINK Who spoke first?

Chapter 6: Each Other

VOCABULARY together, hooves, wings, promise

Pip raised his small head. "Each other," he said clearly. "Not one alone. Together." The friends moved closer. Five hooves and wings met in the middle. A soft wind blew gently. The promise felt real and true. ★ **The animals promised to help each other.**

THINK What did Pip say?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



Chapter 7: A Cry in the Storm

VOCABULARY rain, wind, duckling, brave

The sun went down early. Heavy rain began to fall. Wind shook the wooden walls. Then they heard a small cry. A baby duckling was lost. The friends looked at each other. Their hearts were beating fast. ★ **The friends were brave.**

THINK What began to fall?

Chapter 8: The Little Lantern

VOCABULARY lantern, rain, together, behind

Pip lit a small lantern. He stepped into the dark rain. Wooly came right behind him. Daisy walked beside Gigi. Penny stayed close at the back. The mud was cold and deep. But no one turned back. ★ **The friends helped together.**

THINK Who lit the lantern?

Chapter 9: Behind the Log

VOCABULARY log, duckling, wing, drizzle

Behind a wet log they looked. A tiny duckling shivered there. Daisy lifted it onto her back. Penny wrapped a wing around it. The friends turned home together. The rain slowed to a drizzle. Their hearts were full of warmth. ★ **The friends showed courage together.**

THINK Where was the duckling?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



Chapter 10: A Party in the Yard

VOCABULARY party, garlands, flowers, song

The big storm was gone now. Sunshine returned to the farm. The friends planned a small party. Wooly hung paper garlands. Penny brought a basket of flowers. Gigi sang a happy goose song. Daisy mooed to start the music. ★

They celebrated.

THINK What did Wooly hang?

Chapter 11: Music on the Farm

VOCABULARY music, cat, horse, dance

Music drifted across the farm. Other animals heard it too. A farm cat came purring softly. An old horse came for cake. Even dragonflies joined in. Pip's heart was full of joy. Wooly danced with Daisy. ★ **Everyone celebrated.**

THINK Who came purring?

Chapter 12: My Family Now

VOCABULARY thank, friends, together, hay

The sun began to set. The sky turned soft pink. Pip stood on a small hay bale. "Thank you all," he said. "You are my true friends." The friends gathered close. They all hugged together. ★ **Everyone celebrated their friendship.**

THINK Where did Pip stand?