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This is mother.



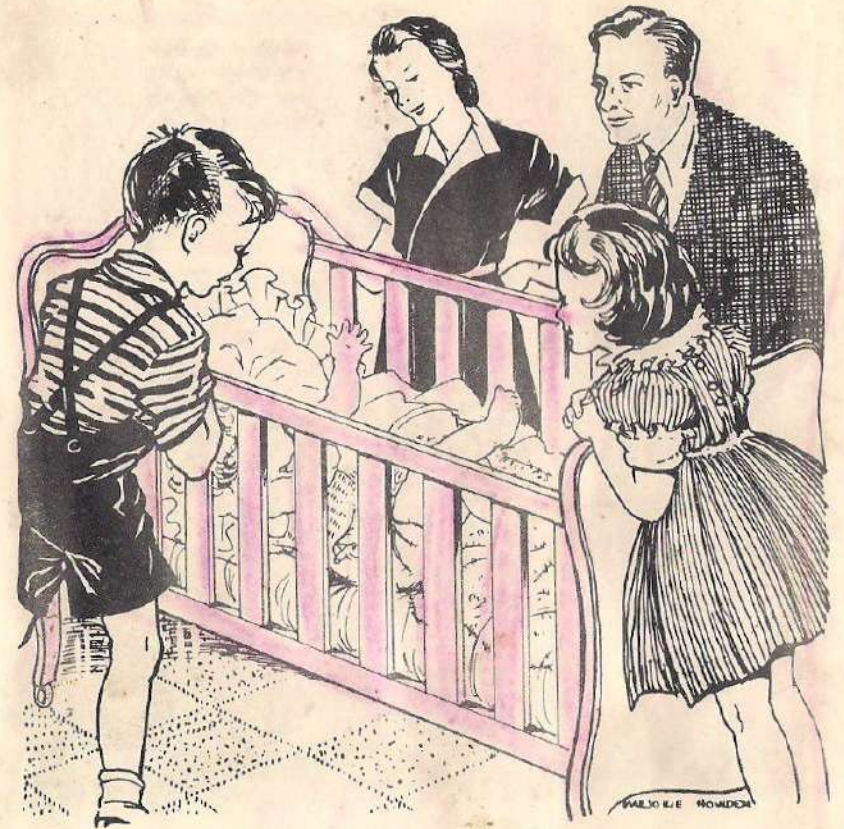
This is father.

This is baby.





Betty likes to help mother.
John likes to help mother, too.
Betty likes to help father.
John likes to help father, too.



Baby likes to see Betty.
Baby likes to see John, too.
Mother can see baby.
Father can see baby, too.



Baby likes to see Scottie.

“Woof, woof!” says Scottie.

Baby likes to see Fluff.

“Mia-ow, mia-ow!” says Fluff.



Betty has a kite.

John has a spade.

Betty has a doll.

John has a drum.

Betty has a pram!

John has a truck.

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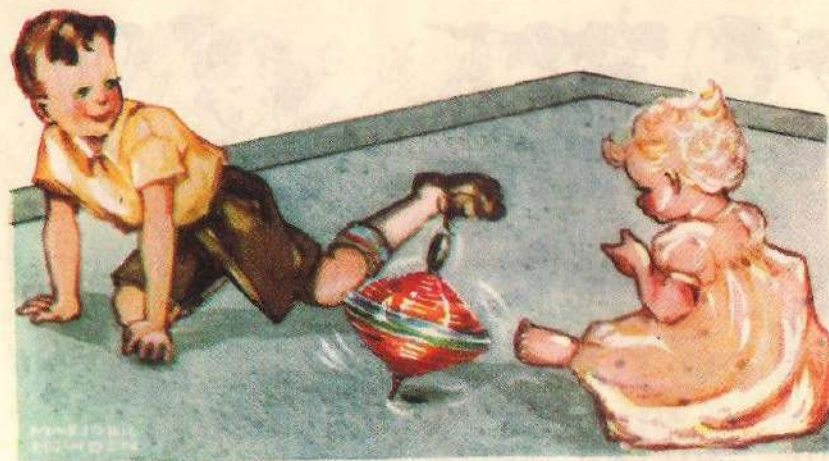


Baby can play with John's drum.
He can play with Betty's doll.
Baby can see Fluff.
He can see Scottie, too.



John is big.
Baby is little.
Betty is big.
Betty's doll is little.

John is big.
He can help father.
He can dig with his spade.
Betty is big, too.
She can help mother.
She can water the garden
with her little can.



Baby, can you see John's top?
Let it spin, John.
Baby, can you see Betty's kite?
Let it fly, Betty.
Baby, can you see John's truck?
Let it run, John.
Baby, can you see Betty's doll?
Let it jump, Betty.



Betty can skip.

She can run in.

She can run out.

John can dig.

He can spin his top.

He can run after Scottie.

Baby cannot run.

Baby cannot skip.

Baby cannot dig.

He is too little.



Baby is in the garden.

Mother plays with baby.

She says, "Walk, little baby."

Baby can walk to father.

Father plays with baby.

He says, "Jump, little baby."

Fluff can run up a tree.

Scottie cannot run up a tree.

Betty says, "Fluff, Fluff!"

Fluff can see her milk.

She runs to Betty.

John says, "Let Scottie have
his milk, too."

Scottie runs to John.





Scottie runs after a bird.

Fluff runs after the bird, too.

“You cannot have it, Scottie.
You cannot have it, Fluff,”
says John.

The bird can fly into the tree.



John says, “I can dig the garden.”

Betty says, “I can water
the garden.”

Baby says, “I can play
in the garden.”

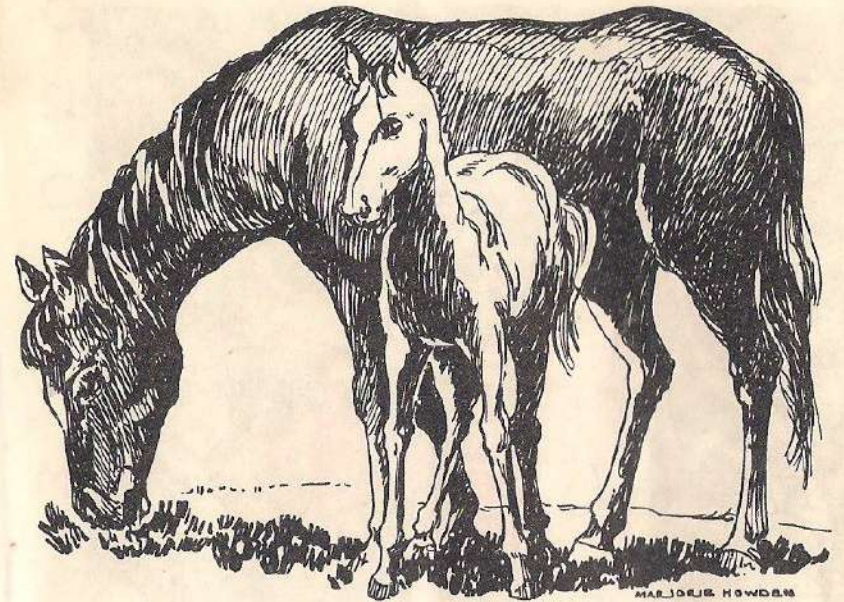
The little doll says, “I can walk.”

The little kite says, “I can fly.”

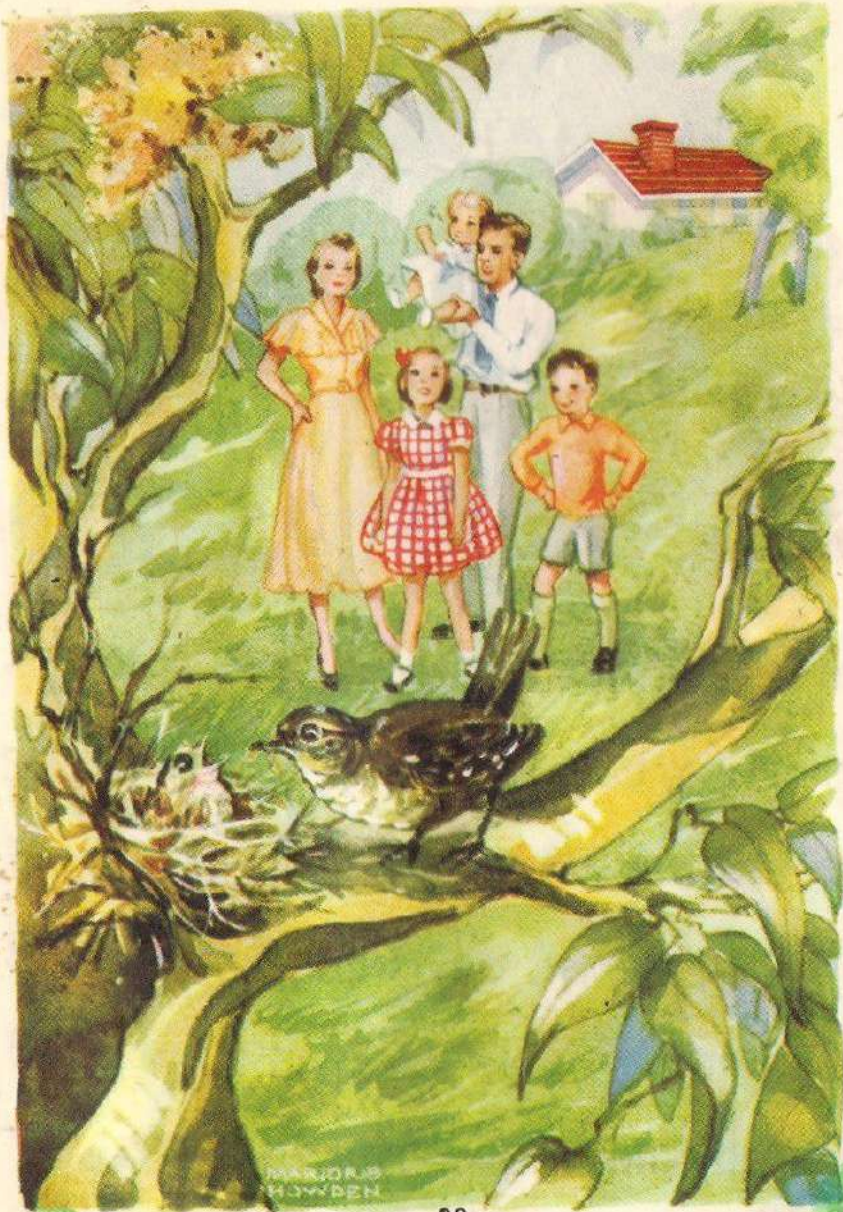
The little top says, “I can spin.”



“Let us go out,” says mother.
She has baby in the pram.
Betty likes to walk with father.
Scottie likes to walk with John.
Baby cannot walk with John.
He is too little.



Here is a mother horse.
Here is a baby horse.
The mother horse can walk.
The baby horse can walk, too.
The mother horse can run.
The baby horse can run, too.



Can you see a mother bird?
She is up in the tree.
Can you see a baby bird?
The mother bird can fly.
The baby bird cannot fly.
Mother says, "Let us go home,
father."

John says, "Let us go home,
Scottie."

Betty says, "Let us go home
to Fluff."



Betty plays with her doll.

She says, "Walk, little doll."

John plays with his truck.

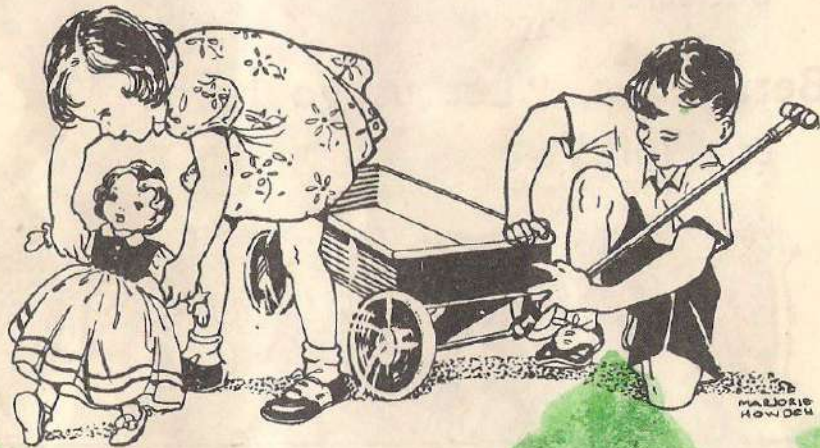
He says, "Run, little truck."

Baby plays with the kite.

He says, "Fly, little kite."

Mother plays with baby.

She says, "Jump, little baby."



John and Betty go to school.

John says, "Good-bye, mother.
Good-bye, baby."

Betty says, "Good-bye, mother.
Good-bye, baby."

Fluff and Scottie cannot go
to school.

"Good-bye, Fluff," says Betty.

"Good-bye, Scottie," says John.

"Woof, woof!" says Scottie.

"Mia-ow, mia-ow!" says Fluff.

This is John's school.

This is Betty's school, too.

Betty likes to play with Ann.

"Let us skip," says Betty.

John likes to play with Peter.

"Let us have a slide," says John.

"Up you go, Peter. I can slide after you."





John and Betty like to draw.

Peter and Ann like to draw, too.

John says, "I can draw a big fish
in the water."

Betty says, "I can draw a baby
in a pram."

Peter says, "I can draw John
on the slide."

Ann says, "I can draw a little bird
in a tree."



"I can make a rabbit," says John.

"I can make a duck," says Betty.

"I can make a bird," says Peter.

"I can make a doll," says Ann.

John and Betty go out to play.

Peter and Ann go out to play.

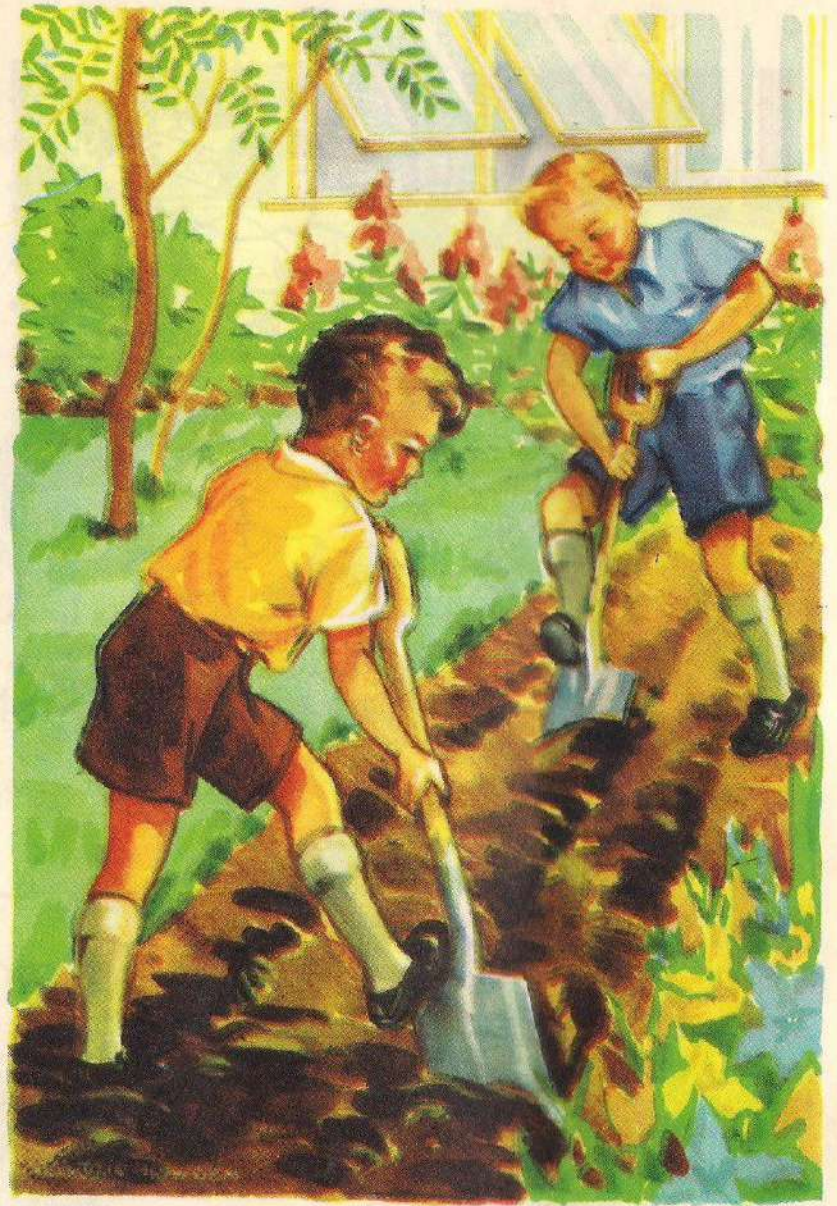
Betty has a slide.

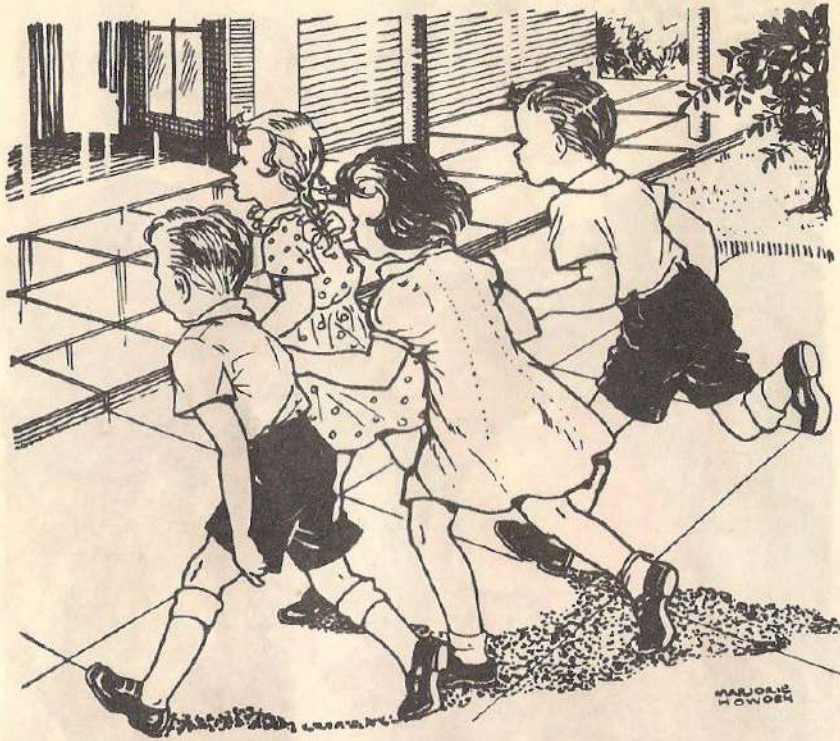
Ann can slide after her.

John and Peter dig in the garden.

John has a big spade.

Peter has a little spade.



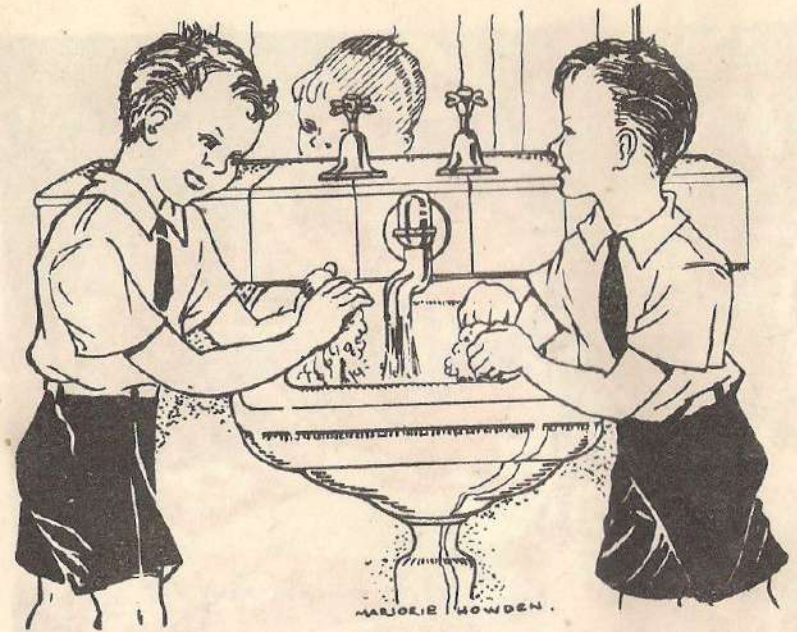


Ann runs into school.

Peter runs into school.

John and Betty run into school.

"Let us wash our hands,"
says Betty.



John will wash his hands.

Peter will wash his hands.

"Let us have our milk," says John.

Ann has her milk.

Betty has her milk.

Peter has his milk.

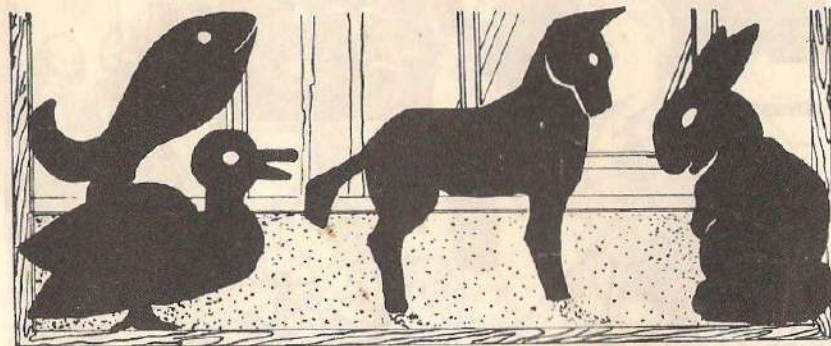


"I can cut out a big horse,"
says Peter.

"I can cut out a tree," says Betty.

"I can cut out a pram," says Ann.

"I can cut out a big fish,"
says John.



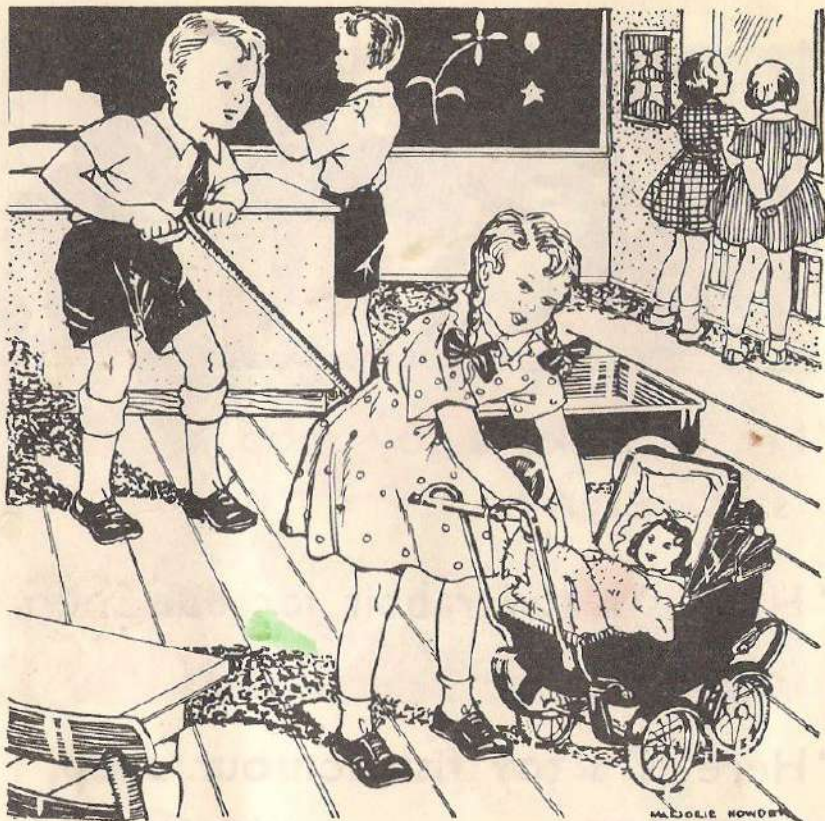
"Let us make a toy shop,"
says Peter.

"Here is a toy rabbit for our shop,"
says John.

"Here is a toy fish for our shop,"
says Ann.

"I have a toy duck for our shop,"
says Betty.

"I have a toy horse for our shop,"
says Peter.



Peter likes to play with the truck.

Ann likes to play with the pram.

Betty likes to rock the doll.

John likes to cut out birds.



John says, "I will jump
like a rabbit."

Betty says, "I will fly
like a bird."

Peter says, "I will spin
like a top."

Ann says, "I will walk like a duck."

Betty says, "I will run home
to mother."

John says, "I will run home
with you."

Peter and Ann will walk home.

"Good-bye, John," says Peter.

"Good-bye, Betty," says Ann.



"This is my rabbit," says John.

"This is my tree," says Betty.

"Baby can have my duck," says Betty.

"He can have my big fish,"
says John.

"Let us wash our hands,"
says mother. "Father will be home
soon."



Father can make a rabbit
with his hands.

He says, "Can you see my rabbit?"

John can make a duck with his hands.

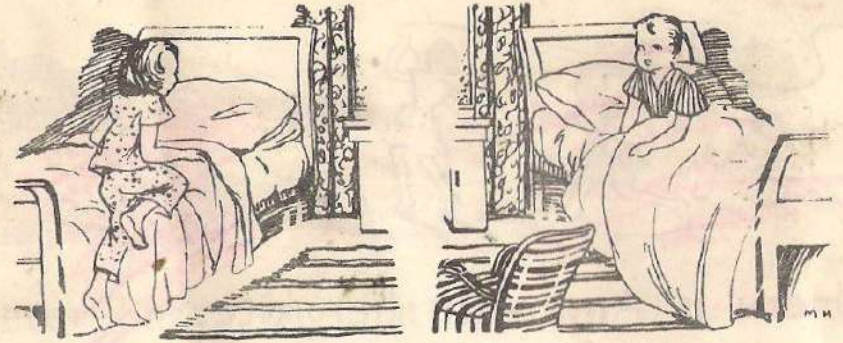
He says, "Can you see my duck?"

Mother can make a fish
with her hands.

She says, "Can you see my fish?"

Betty can make a bird
with her hands.

She says, "Can you see my bird?"



It is bedtime for baby.

It will soon be bedtime
for John and Betty.

Baby is in his little bed.

John jumps into bed.

Betty jumps into bed, too.

A kiss for John!

A kiss for Betty!

"Good-night, mother!

Good-night, father!"