

Winter Is Coming

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"Soon it will be winter," said Dad. "We will have to prepare. It's a large task."

"Yes, it is a big job," said Mom. "We have to get ready inside and outside."

They kept talking. They made a list of jobs.

Kim sat on the stairs. She listened. She wanted to help. But what could she do?

Kim thought about it. She went to bed with a plan.



The next day Dad raked all the leaves. Kim helped put them in piles.

Kim filled a bucket. Dad washed the windows.

Kim picked up the outside toys. Mom put them in the shed.

Mom carried wood inside for the fireplace.



Mom put away the summer clothes. Kim unpacked the winter coats. She hung them in the closet. Mom looked at the furnace to make sure it was working. Dad cleaned the fireplace.

Soon it was late. It had been a long, hard day. But they all felt good. They smiled at each other. Then, they sat down to eat some hot stew.