

LITTLE STORIES FOR LITTLE PEOPLE

LITTLE LOST KITTY-KAT

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"A kitten!" she said. "I can't take him."

ONE DAY as Farmer Juan was driving to town in his carabao cart loaded with bags of camotes which he wished to sell, he saw little lost Kitty-Kat by the side of the road. Kitty-Kat was crying.

"Well, well, well, a little lost kitten!" said Farmer Juan. "I'll find you a home."

So he put little lost Kitty-Kat into an empty rice sack. Then he put the sack into the back of the cart with the camotes. He called to his carabao and the cart started to move.

Little lost Kitty-Kat was happy because he thought that soon he would have a home.

After a long time Farmer Juan reached

the town. Then he drove his cart to the market. "Camotes for sale! Camotes for sale!" Farmer Juan called out.

A woman went to him and bought some camotes.

"If you are wanting extra good measure," Farmer Juan said to the woman, "I'll give you this rice sack and all that is in it."

The woman was greatly pleased. She liked to get much for her money. Then she opened the rice sack and saw little lost Kitty-Kat. "My goodness! A kitten!" she said. "I can't take him. I have a dog that doesn't like cats."

So Farmer Juan spoke to his carabao and the cart moved on to another place near the market.

Pretty soon Farmer Juan called out in a loud voice, "Camotes for sale! Camotes for sale!"

Soon another woman came and bought some camotes. She asked Farmer Juan what else he had to sell.

"Nothing else to sell, but something to give away," said Farmer Juan as he opened his rice sack so that the woman could see little lost Kitty-Kat.

"What a pretty kitten!" she said. "But I can't take him, for I have a pet bird."

So Farmer Juan spoke to his carabao and the cart moved on to another place near the market.

Pretty soon all the camotes were sold, and Farmer Juan started for home.

"Dear me!" thought little lost Kitty-Kat. "I wonder what will happen to me now."

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LOST KITTY-KAT

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Just then Farmer Juan called out with a loud voice, "Something to give away! Something to give away!"

People came running to ask Farmer Juan what he had to give away. But Farmer Juan wouldn't tell them.

By and by little Cristeta came skipping along with her mother. "Let's take it, whatever it is!" she cried.

So Farmer Juan gave the rice sack with little lost Kitty-Kat in it to Cristeta's mother. Then Cristeta opened it and took out little lost Kitty-Kat.

"Oh, a kitten!" cried the little girl. "Just what I've always wanted!"

So little Kitty-Kat wasn't lost any more.

SOME QUESTIONS

1. Do you think Farmer Juan was a kind man? Why?
2. What did Farmer Juan have to sell?
3. Why was Kitty-Kat crying?
4. What was Farmer Juan going to do for Kitty-Kat?
5. Where did he place Kitty-Kat?
6. Why was Kitty-Kat happy?

PLAN FOR POLITENESS

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We are helpful.

We are kind to one another.

QUESTIONS

1. What is the teacher's name in this story?
2. What are the children's names?
3. Were they polite children?
4. What shows they were not polite?
5. Did the children want to be polite?
6. What did they do to help themselves?
7. What should any child say when he passes in front of another person?
8. Should one child talk while another one is speaking?
9. When should a child say, "please"?
10. Can you make some rules of politeness for your school?

7. What did Farmer Juan do so he could sell his camotes?
8. What did Farmer Juan say to the woman who came to buy camotes?
9. Why did the woman not take Kitty-Kat?
10. What did Farmer Juan do at last?

DISCONTENTED FARMER

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remember, do not complain any more."

At once the farmer found himself back in his own field, plowing the rich, black soil. He felt happier than he had ever felt before, and for the first time in many years he did not complain.

He said, "I am so glad I am what I am. Never again shall anyone call me the discontented farmer."

QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED

1. What is the purpose of this story? (To teach a truth)
2. What truth does the story teach? (One should be contented.)

BUSY PABLO

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is left lying in the yard. He takes pride in keeping the yard about the home neat and attractive. Pablo's motto is: CLEAN UP YOUR YARD AND KEEP IT CLEAN.

Pablo is a healthy, happy boy. He studies and works, and finds some time for play. So he is busy all the time. It is no wonder that people who know him call him "Busy Pablo." Don't you think that is a good name for a boy—when he deserves it?