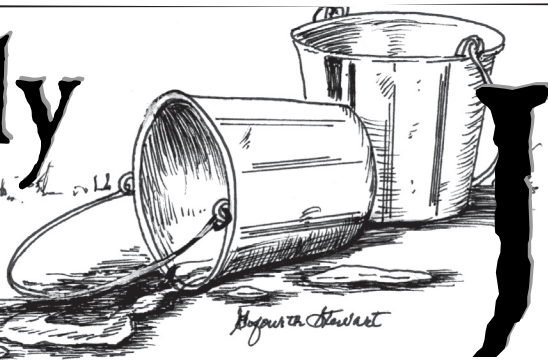


Everybody Loves

Loves



Jack

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As Adam stared at the object on the rock, it did not move or make any noise. Slowly Adam walked toward it and discovered that it was a pile of cloth cut up into bandages. Wrapped up in one of the bandages was more of the smelly medicine that had been in the little leather bag. Adam stuck the bandages and medicine in his shirt, filled the pails with water and started back to the house.

At the top of the path, Jack was waiting for Adam. The dog wagged his tail when Adam appeared at the end of the path. Together they walked home.

Mama and Papa were still in the kitchen when Adam and the dog came into the house. Mama was helping Anna with her shoes, and Papa was picking up his things for work. Adam showed everyone the bandages and the medicine he had found by the creek.

Mama took the bandages and said she would use them to wrap the cuts on Jack. Papa sent Adam and Anna upstairs to get ready for school. As he was going up the stairs, Adam heard his parents talking to each other, but he could not hear what they were saying.

When the children came back to the kitchen, Papa had already left for work. Mama handed her children their lunches and walked them to the front gate. She gave them a big hug and kiss and told them to be careful on their way to school. She told Anna to stay close to Adam.

Then the children hurried off to school because it was Adam's turn to ring the bell before school started. Anna went on into the classroom while Adam tugged on the bell rope.

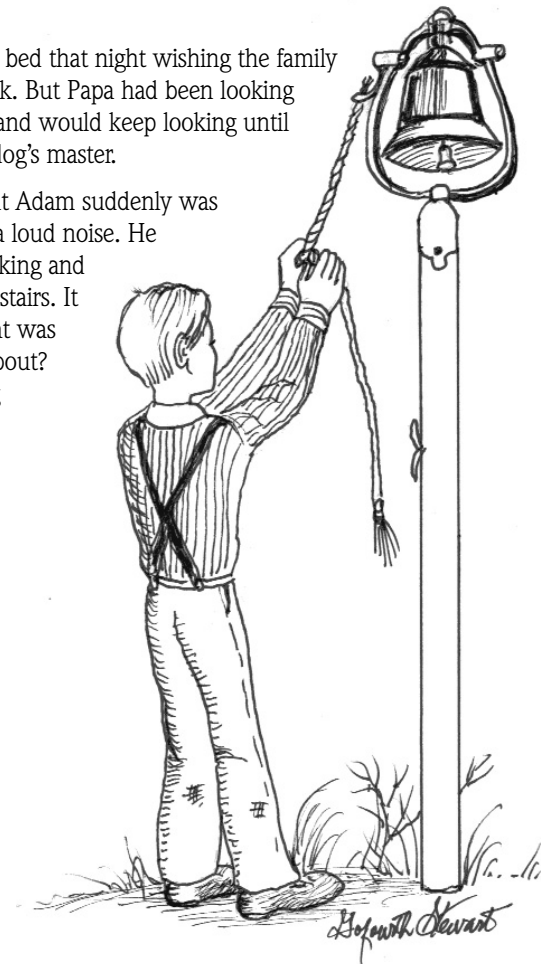
It was another long day for Adam. He liked school, but there was so much going on at home that he could not think about anything else. When school was almost over the teacher signaled for him to ring the bell to dismiss classes.

After he had rung the bell and tied the rope, Adam and his sister raced home to see what was going to happen next. When they opened the back door of their house Jack was standing right in front of them, wagging his tail. Mama had dressed the dog with the new bandages and put more medicine on his wounds. Adam could see that Jack did not look sad any more.

The evening was quiet. After Adam finished his chores and schoolwork, Mama let him take the dog outside. The boy and the dog had a good time and almost forgot about all the strange things that had been happening every day.

Adam went to bed that night wishing the family could keep Jack. But Papa had been looking for his owner and would keep looking until he found the dog's master.

Later that night Adam suddenly was awakened by a loud noise. He could hear barking and howling downstairs. It was Jack. What was Jack excited about? Was he feeling sick again?



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Things to Think About and Do

- Adam rang the bell before and after school. List other places that have bells. There is a famous bell in Philadelphia, what is it called? Why is it so famous?
- Adam and Jack played outside. List five ways people care for their dogs. List other kinds of pets that some people keep.

Next Week: Chapter Seven – Trouble in the chicken coop