**THE KIDNAPPING**

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Richard was outside playing games with his buddies in his family’s field. The buddies names are Robert, Allen, Owen and James. They saw an old women with cookies that were just baked. James and Allen were hungry so they walked up a hill and met the old women who had cookies. The old women said, “Stay.”

The old women took James and Allen! Richard and his buddies ran to his house and told his mother that an old women took James and Allen.

“Go find them!” Richard’s mother told them. They went outside and over the hill and saw a house and a shed. “That must be the house,” they said. We have to make plan to get James and Allen back.

They thought and thought until Richard had a plan. Everyone asked what it was. Richard explained, “We go in the shed, then when she leaves we break into her house and find James and Allen. “When are we going to the house?” askedOwen. “At sundown,” Richard replied.

They waited a short time, and as the sun started to go down they started to walk down the hill and saw the house had a little light on and nothing in the window. They ran the rest of the way down the hill and hopped the fence. They went to the shed and tried to hide but the old women saw them.

“Run!!” Richard shouted and they ran as fast as they could. They hopped the fence and ran for their lives. When they got back to Richard’s house they burst through the front door.

“We are not going to be safe here, she might have seen us. Come to my house,” said Robert. As they left to go to Robert’s house they had to watch out for the old woman.

At Robert’s house, Owen made a new plan. “We get kidnapped by the old women and we break out at night and go into the woods and stay there for a night and then go to my house,” explained Owen.

“Are we going to do it tonight?” asked Richard.

“No!” said Robert, “We are going to be kept in her house for years!”

“No!” said Owen, “because we are going to break out.”

“We are not doing that plan!” said Robert.

“I have a plan,” Richard said. “We go to the old woman’s house with my father and he will shoot the old woman unless we get James and Allen back,” said Richard. “Let’s go back to my house and find my father.”

“Father, can you shoot the old women who kidnapped James and Allen?” asked Richard.

“Yes I can, son.”

“Thanks, dad,” said Richard.

They walked back up the hill and ran down, hopped the fence, and hid. They made a loud noise and made sure the old woman would wake up and go outside but she didn’t come outside or wake up. So they decided to go inside and find James and Allen. Richard’s dad kicked down the door and looked for the old woman. “Dad, I found her!” said Richard, “Come and shoot her.”

“No!” said the old woman, “Please don’t shoot me. I’ll give you the boys back.”

“Where are they?” asked Owen?

“Next room down,” said the old woman.

“Dad, stay here and watch her,” said Richard as he, Robert and Owen ran to the next room.

“Come with us!” they called to James and Allen.

They ran out of the house hopped the fence and waited for Richard’s father. They heard a loud noise and saw Richard’s dad come out of the house and walk back to his house. “Did you shoot her?” Richard asked. “No,” said his father, “but she won’t bother you anymore.”

The next morning the kids played jacks outside with no more old women.

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