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The Lost Gratitude Journal: A Fun Thanksgiving Mystery for Families

It was the week before Thanksgiving in Willow Creek, and eleven-year-old Jack was helping his family prepare for the holiday. His family had a special tradition: every year, they wrote down things they were grateful for in their family gratitude journal.

One morning, Jack noticed that the journal was missing from its usual spot on the kitchen counter. "Mom! Dad! The gratitude journal is gone!" he shouted.

"Oh no," said Mom. "We need it for Thanksgiving dinner tomorrow. Everyone shares what they are thankful for from it."

Jack, his little sister Emma, and their friends decided to find the missing journal. They searched the house, looking under the couch, in the bedrooms, and even in the backyard. Along the way, they found small clues: a pencil with a chewed eraser, a crumpled leaf, and a trail of tiny footprints.

The clues led them to the attic, where Jack spotted the journal under a pile of old blankets. "Here it is!" he exclaimed. Everyone cheered.

The next day, at Thanksgiving dinner, the family passed around the journal and shared their grateful thoughts: gratitude for family, friends, pets, good health, and even small joys like cookies and snowflakes. Jack realized that the little adventure of finding the journal had reminded them of the importance of being thankful every day.

By the end of the evening, Jack and Emma felt proud that their family had not only saved the tradition but also learned a valuable lesson: gratitude makes Thanksgiving meaningful, and even small challenges can bring families closer together.

Circle true answer.

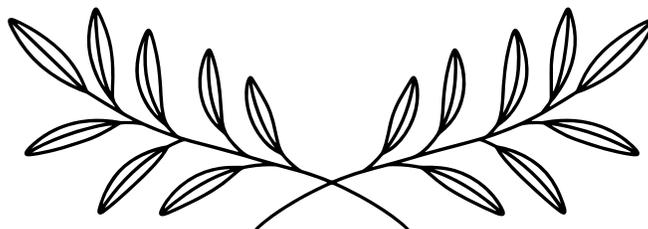
Jack's family wrote down things they were grateful for in a gratitude journal. – True / False

The journal was missing from the kitchen counter. – True / False

The children ignored clues while searching for the journal. – True / False

They found the journal in the attic under old blankets. – True / False

The story emphasizes that gratitude and family togetherness are important. – True / False



Open-Ended Questions:

1-What special tradition did Jack's family have for Thanksgiving?

2-What problem did Jack discover one morning?

3-What clues did Jack, Emma, and their friends find while searching for the journal?

4-Where did they eventually find the gratitude journal?

5-What lesson did Jack and his family learn from this adventure?



Multiple-Choice Questions:

1. What is the purpose of the family gratitude journal?
 - A. To write down recipes
 - B. To record things they are thankful for
 - C. To track chores
 - D. To list favorite TV shows

2. Who helped Jack search for the missing journal?
 - A. Only his parents
 - B. His little sister Emma and their friends
 - C. The mailman
 - D. Santa Claus

3. Which clues helped them find the journal?
 - A. A pencil with a chewed eraser, a crumpled leaf, and tiny footprints
 - B. A map of the town
 - C. A note from the neighbor
 - D. A trail of candy

4. Where was the gratitude journal finally found?
 - A. Under the couch
 - B. In the attic under old blankets
 - C. In the backyard
 - D. In the car

5. What is the main lesson of the story?
 - A. Gratitude and family traditions make Thanksgiving meaningful
 - B. Journals are easy to lose
 - C. Searching the house is always fun
 - D. Only adults should write in the journal



Answer Key

Open-Ended Answers :

- 1-Jack's family wrote down things they were grateful for in their family gratitude journal.
- 2-Jack discovered that the gratitude journal was missing from the kitchen counter.
- 3-They found a pencil with a chewed eraser, a crumpled leaf, and tiny footprints as clues.
- 4-The journal was found in the attic under a pile of old blankets.
- 5-They learned that gratitude and family togetherness are what make Thanksgiving meaningful.

True / False Answers

- True – They wrote down things they were grateful for.
True – The journal was missing from the kitchen counter.
False – They followed clues carefully to find it.
True – They found the journal in the attic under old blankets.
True – The story emphasizes gratitude and family togetherness.

Multiple-Choice Answers

- B – To record things they are thankful for
B – His little sister Emma and their friends
A – A pencil with a chewed eraser, a crumpled leaf, and tiny footprints
B – In the attic under old blankets
A – Gratitude and family traditions make Thanksgiving meaningful

