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The Little Lantern

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Lila's cat did not come home. The sun had set and the woods were dark.

She took her little lantern from the shelf. It made a small, warm circle of light.

"Here, kitty, kitty," she called. Her voice sounded small in the big, dark woods.

An owl looked down from a branch. "Who goes there?" he asked in a soft voice.

"It is just me," said Lila. "I am looking for my cat. Have you seen her?"

"I heard a meow by the creek," said the owl. "It was near the stones."

Lila walked to the creek. The lantern lit the water and made it shine.

A baby rabbit sat on a stone. It was lost and shaking. Lila knelt beside it.

"I will light your way home," she said. The rabbit hopped to its burrow.

Then, from behind a log, came a soft meow. Out walked the cat, with moss on her tail.

Lila hugged her cat. They walked home under the stars. The lantern glowed.

Questions

1. What does Lila look for?

A. Her dog
B. Her cat
C. A lantern

2. Who tells her where to look?

A. A rabbit
B. A fox
C. An owl

3. Who else does Lila help?

A. A baby rabbit
B. A bear
C. A mouse

4. Why is the lantern important?

A. It is loud
B. It lights the dark
C. It is heavy

Words to know

lantern: a carried light
creek: a small stream
burrow: a tunnel home

Answer key: The Little Lantern

1. B. Her cat
2. C. An owl
3. A. A baby rabbit
4. B. It lights the dark