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Rainy Day Fun

by Kelly Hashway

"I'm bored," Spencer said, staring out the window at the rain.

"Read a book," Mom said, looking up from her novel.

Spencer grumbled. "I read all the time at school. I want to do something. I was supposed to ride bikes with Elton today."



"Well, this rain isn't going to let up until Monday, so you're going to have to find some other way to spend the weekend."

Spencer groaned.

"You could always clean your room," Mom said with a smile.

"Very funny. I'll find something to do." Anything was better than cleaning his room. Spencer got up and walked to the garage. There wasn't really enough room to ride, but he hopped on his bike anyway. He made a small circular pattern, but it wasn't very fun. The best part about riding a bike was going places and seeing things. He stopped pedaling and let the bike come to a stop on its own. "This isn't fun at all."

"Hey," Elton said from the doorway to the garage.

"When did you get here?" Spencer asked.

"Your mom called and invited me. She said you were bored. My mom was happy to drive me over because I kept complaining I was bored, too."

"They just don't get it," Spencer said.

Elton looked around. "At least you can ride in your garage. My dad has his car parked in ours."

"It's not much fun going in circles though," Spencer said.

Elton grabbed a set of orange cones in the corner. "Why don't we set up a course?"

"In here? It's too small."

"So, it will just be more challenging. Come on." Elton placed the cones all around the garage. "Okay, you have to weave through them without knocking any over or bumping into anything. Oh, and I'm going to time you on my watch."

Spencer shrugged. "All right." It seemed better than going in circles. He waited for Elton to say, "Go" and then he weaved through the cones. It was harder than he thought it would be. He knocked over two cones. "Let me try that again." Elton reset the clock, and Spencer started all over.

They kept taking turns, trying to see who could do the pattern the fastest without knocking over a cone. They never made it through without bumping into something, but that just made them laugh. Before they knew it, Spencer's mom came into the garage to announce lunch was ready.

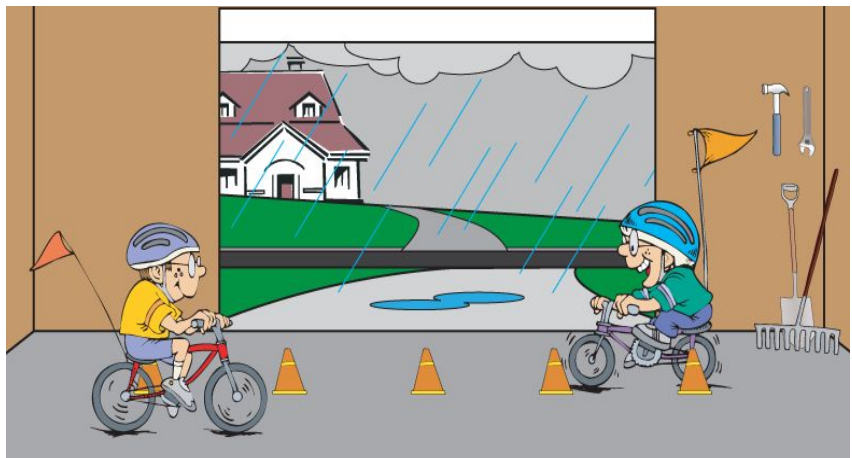
"What's got you two laughing so much?" she asked.

"We're just having fun,"

Spencer said. "Come on, Elton. Let's eat and then we can try it again."

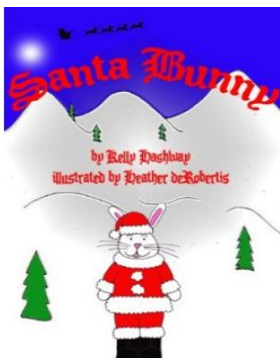
Spencer's mom smiled. "I guess you're not bored anymore."

"Nope, and I got to ride my bike after all."



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Kelly Hashway's picture book, *Santa Bunny*, is now available!



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d	w	r	

Clue: wooden frame for a door

3.

e	o
n	c

Clue: solid shape with a circular bottom and a pointed top

4.

c	w	h
t	a	

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5.

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