

Jason Fry ran home from school. He had to pack his clothes. He was going to the beach. He packed a swimsuit and shorts. He packed tennis shoes and his toys. The Fry family was going to the beach in Florida.

The next morning Jason woke up early. He helped Mom and Dad pack the car, and his sister, Lonnie, helped too. Mom and Dad sat in the front seat. They had maps of the beach. Jason sat in the middle seat with his dog, Ruffie. Lonnie sat in the back and played with her toys.

They had to drive for a long time. Jason looked out the window. He saw farms with animals. Many farms had cows and pigs but some farms had horses. He saw a boy riding a horse.

Jason wanted to ride a horse, too. He saw rows of

corn growing in the fields. Then Jason saw rows of trees. They were orange trees. He sniffed their yummy smell. Lonnie said she could not wait to taste one. Dad stopped at a fruit market by the side of the road. He bought them each an orange.

Soon they were at the beach. It started to rain, so Jason and Lonnie played in the motel room. Lonnie played cards. Jason and Ruffie played chase with a ball.

Then the sun came out, and they all put on their swimsuits. They went down to the beach and splashed in the water. Ruffie chased birds and sand crabs. Lonnie and Dad looked for shells. They found big white ones that they put in their pockets. Mom and Jason went swimming. Jason saw small yellow fish. Then he saw pink fish. The water

tasted like salt. He was glad he had a mask to wear under the water.

Dad told them he had a surprise. He went to the motel room. Soon he came back with a kite in his hand. It was green and white and had a long tail. They all took turns flying the kite.

There was a strong wind. It lifted the kite high into the sky.

Jason loved the beach. He knew it would be hard to go home.

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