

Series 7

A Family

Book 2

Noises in the Night

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Mother said "Go to bed." Father said "No."

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Mr and Mrs Dent lived next door to the Kibble family. They had a little boy called Sam. Sam was seven years old and was very friendly with Thomas. Every morning Sam and Thomas walked together to the village school and played together

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at weekends.

Sam's father worked at a large factory about five miles away. His mother worked at the village shop.

Sam wanted a pet. He enjoyed playing with the pets next door, but he wanted one

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of his own. One evening his father walked in carrying a box. Sam was very excited to find out what was inside.

"What's in the box, Dad?" asked Sam.

"Listen, and you might find out," said Dad.

Sam listened and he heard a little noise.

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"Is it mice?" asked Sam excitedly.

"Listen again," said Dad.

This time Sam heard some scratching and a little cry.

"I think it's a kitten," shouted Sam.

He lifted the lid off the box and looked

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inside. His mouth opened wide for there was not one kitten but two. Sam had two ginger and white kittens.

"Thanks Dad," he said, "I wanted a pet but now I've got two. "

The kittens were lifted gently out of the

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box and put on the lounge carpet.

Mum gave them some milk and kitten food, and they soon settled in.

Sam ran next door to tell them about the kittens. They all went to have a look at the new arrivals.

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In the next few weeks the kittens grew, and Mr Dent fixed a cat flap in the back door.

The kittens were named Candy and Spice.

Sam loved to watch them getting up to all sorts of antics. They

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climbed the apple trees and chased
the leaves in the garden.

When winter came, the pets spent
more time in the house. The cats
loved to lie by the fire where it was warm.

One night the Kibble family were

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asleep. It was midnight, and outside the lane was quiet and still. But inside the house something strange was about to happen. There was a thud downstairs. Mr Kibble woke up.

Then Mrs Kibble woke up. They were both afraid.

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"Is it burglars?" whispered Mrs Kibble nervously.

"I think so," replied Mr Kibble, "I will have to go downstairs."

Mr Kibble got out of bed and opened the door. It creaked and he kept very still.

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Then he crept downstairs. His heart was beating fast. He held his breath as he stepped into the lounge. The noises were getting louder. He didn't expect what happened next. There was no one there, but the children's toys

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were all over the floor. Something flashed past his feet, followed by something else. Mr Kibble just stood and stared. A flash of ginger and white sped out of the lounge, and the cat flap made a loud clatter.

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**Mr Kibble ran back upstairs
with a big smile on his face.**

Mrs Kibble was still afraid.

"Who was it?" she asked.

"Some night time visitors," he said.

By this time the children had woken up

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and were wondering what was happening.

They rushed into Mum and Dad's bedroom
and jumped on the bed.

"What's the matter mum?" asked

Tina with tears in her eyes.

Dad started to laugh, and told them

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what had happened. They all had a good laugh and mum went downstairs to make a cup of tea. When they finished drinking tea, they went back to bed and fell fast asleep.

In the morning the children chattered

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happily about the noises in the night.

When they finished breakfast, they

ran next door to tell the story

about Candy and Spice.

Fun Page

Write the answers.

- 1. How old was Sam?**
 - 2. What did Sam think was in the box?**
 - 3. What were the kittens called?**
 - 4. When did Mr Kibble hear a thud?**
 - 5. Who were the night time visitors?**
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