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A Walk up the Hill

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One Saturday during the Easter holidays

Daniel, Tina and Thomas invited some

friends for tea. It was a lovely day

so the family decided to go for a walk.

"Where do you want to go?" asked dad.

"Up the hill," shouted Thomas.

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**"Perhaps I'll take my kite. I can
fly it myself now."**

**Jack and Jess had grown bigger and
loved running up the hill. Tina hugged
the dogs, then fetched the leads from the hall.
They barked and ran out with tails wagging.**

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They all laughed and giggled as they walked down the lane. When they got to the bottom of the hill the dogs were let off the lead and ran together up the hill.

When they got to the top, Thomas wanted to fly his kite. Daniel helped him

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to get the kite into the air. It was quite windy and Thomas struggled to hold on.

The children ran about chasing the dogs in and out of the bushes. Soon they were all huffing and puffing and ready for a drink. They sat on the grass and drank some lemonade.

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**There was a dish and a bottle of water
for Jack and Jess.**

**Suddenly one of Tina's friends said
"Listen. I can hear someone crying."**

They listened and heard a muffled cry.

"Stay here," said Dad. "I'll go and see

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**what it is." Dad went into the bushes
while Mum and the children waited.**

**Dad came back carrying a small dog
with a lead dangling from its collar.**

The little dog was all of a tremble.

Dad was hugging it and trying to calm it down.

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**"The dog's lead was caught in the bushes,
and the poor little thing was struggling to get
free," said dad.**

**As Dad carried the dog towards them
Daniel saw a name tag on the collar.**

"This is Lucky from New Street

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Cottage. I wonder where he came from."

As Dad put Lucky down he was limping.

"I think he's had an accident,"

cried Thomas. Mum picked up Lucky

and gave him a cuddle.

"We'll take him home," said Dad.

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The children finished drinking and helped to clear away the cups and bottles.

Jack and Jess were excited and started to run down the hill, followed by the children, Mum, Dad and Lucky.

When they arrived home Mum took Jack,

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Jess and the children into the house while Dad went to get the car. Daniel and his friend wanted to go with Dad. Soon they were off to New Street Cottage, and walking up the garden path with Lucky. A lady opened the door. She gasped and smiled with joy.

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**"Oh, Lucky, Lucky. Where did you
find him?"**

**Dad told the story and the lady said that
Lucky was returning from a walk when
a large dog ran up. Lucky
pulled himself free and ran off.**

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"I called and called but had to go home without him, and I was very upset. I'm so happy to see him home again and can't thank you enough," she said.

"Perhaps you may like to have tea with us one day."

Dad said that he was happy to take

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Lucky to the vet to have a look at him.

**"Oh, don't you worry yourself," said
the lady. "I can manage myself, thank you."**

**They all said goodbye, and Lucky wagged
his tail and barked.**

When they arrived home the two boys

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**ran into the house. They were all waiting
to hear the news.**

**"We've made some new friends,"
shouted Daniel.**

"And guess what," said Daniel's friend.

"We are all invited to tea."

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"When can we go?" cried Thomas.

"Very soon," said mum.

The children were so excited about the invitation. They were all looking forward to having tea with lucky Lucky.

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Can you remember?

- 1. What did Thomas take up the hill?**
- 2. What did the children have to drink?**
- 3. Who heard a cry in the bushes?**
- 4. What did Daniel say about the dog?**
- 5. Where did Lucky live?**