A Day on Farmer Lily's Farm

Farmer Lily woke up early every morning. Today was no different. The sun was just starting to rise, painting the sky with pretty pink and orange colors.

« Toby! Emma! Are you awake? » called Farmer Lily from the kitchen.

Two little faces peeked out from behind the bedroom door. Toby and Emma were Farmer Lily's children. They loved helping their mom on the farm.

« Good morning, Mom! » shouted Toby, rubbing his eyes.

« Good morning! » echoed Emma, already excited for the day.

Farmer Lily smiled. « Who's ready for some farm fun? »

« I am! I am! » shouted Toby, jumping up and down.

« Me too! » said Emma, giggling.

The Morning Chores

Farmer Lily gave each child a task. « Toby, you can collect the eggs from the chicken coop. Emma, you can help me milk the cows. »

Toby ran to the chicken coop. « Good morning, chickens! » he said. The chickens clucked happily. Toby gently picked up the eggs and put them in a basket.

Meanwhile, Emma followed her mom to the barn. « How do we milk the cows, Mom? » asked Emma.

« First, we need to be gentle and calm, » said Farmer Lily, showing Emma how to sit next to the cow. « We talk to the cows to keep them relaxed. Like this: 'Good morning, Bella. Ready for your milking?' »

Emma tried. « Good morning, Bella, » she whispered. « You're a good cow. »

Farmer Lily showed Emma how to squeeze the udder gently. Milk started to fill the pail. Emma laughed. « Look, Mom! I'm doing it! »

Farmer Lily nodded proudly. « You are, Emma! You're a real farmer! »

Feeding Time

After the milking, it was time to feed all the animals. « Toby, do you want to feed the pigs? » asked Farmer Lily.

« Yes, please! » said Toby. He grabbed a bucket of pig feed and headed to the pigsty. The pigs snorted and oinked when they saw him.
« Here you go, pigs! » said Toby, pouring the feed into the trough. The pigs happily started munching.

Emma and Farmer Lily fed the sheep and goats. « What do sheep eat, Mom? » asked Emma.

« Sheep love to eat hay and grass, » explained Farmer Lily. « And they sometimes eat grain too. »

Emma scattered the hay for the sheep. « Look at them eat! » she said, amazed.

Farmer Lily nodded. « Animals need good food to stay healthy, just like us. »

The Vegetable Garden

Next, Farmer Lily, Toby, and Emma went to the vegetable garden. « Today, we need to pick some ripe tomatoes, » said Farmer Lily.

« Can we eat them? » asked Toby.

« Of course! » said Farmer Lily. « But first, we need to pick them carefully so we don't squish them. »

Toby and Emma picked the red, juicy tomatoes. « These smell so good! » said Emma, putting a tomato to her nose.

Farmer Lily laughed. « Yes, fresh vegetables are the best. »

« Can we plant something too? » asked Toby.

« Yes, let's plant some carrot seeds, » said Farmer Lily. She showed the children how to make small holes in the soil and drop the seeds in.

Toby and Emma loved planting. « I can't wait to see the carrots grow! » said Toby.

Farmer Lily smiled. « It takes time and care, but soon we'll have yummy carrots. »

A Surprise Visit

Just then, a car pulled up at the farm. It was Farmer Lily's friend, Mr. Green. He had a big bag of seeds with him.

« Hello, everyone! » said Mr. Green. « I brought some sunflower seeds for you. »

« Sunflowers? Wow! » said Emma.

« Yes, they will grow tall and bright, » said Mr. Green. « Would you like to help me plant them? »

« Yes, please! » said Toby and Emma together.
Farmer Lily, Mr. Green, Toby, and Emma planted the sunflower seeds in a sunny spot. « These will make our farm even more beautiful, » said Farmer Lily.

**Lunch Time**

After all the hard work, it was time for lunch. « Let's make sandwiches with our fresh tomatoes, » said Farmer Lily.

« Yum! » said Toby and Emma.

They gathered in the kitchen, made sandwiches, and sat down to eat. The tomatoes were juicy and delicious.

« This is the best sandwich ever, » said Toby, with a big smile.

Farmer Lily laughed. « Fresh food from the farm is always the best. »

**Farm Fun**

After lunch, Farmer Lily had a surprise for Toby and Emma. « Who wants to ride the tractor? » she asked.

« Me! Me! » shouted both children.

They climbed onto the tractor with their mom. Farmer Lily drove around the farm, showing them all the fields and animals. Toby and Emma loved feeling the wind on their faces.

« This is so much fun! » said Emma.

« Being a farmer is hard work, but it's also a lot of fun, » said Farmer Lily. « And I love sharing it with you. »

As the sun began to set, Farmer Lily, Toby, and Emma sat on the porch. « We did so much today, » said Toby, yawning.

« I'm tired, but happy, » said Emma, snuggling next to her mom.

Farmer Lily hugged her children. « I'm proud of you both. You're great little farmers. »

And as they watched the sun go down, they knew they would have many more fun and busy days on the farm together.
The quiz: did you understand the story well?

1) What did Toby help collect on the farm?
   • Apples
   • Eggs
   • Carrots
   • Tomatoes

2) What animal did Emma help milk?
   • Sheep
   • Cow
   • Pig
   • Goat

3) What did Toby feed to the pigs?
   • Hay
   • Grass
   • Corn
   • Pig feed

4) What vegetables did they pick from the garden?
   • Broccoli
   • Cucumbers
   • Tomatoes
   • Carrots

5) What surprise visitor came to the farm?
   • Mr. Blue
   • Mr. Green
   • Mr. Red
   • Mr. Yellow

Correct answers:
1) Eggs 2) Cow 3) Pig feed 4) Tomatoes 5) Mr. Green
Glossary: complicated words in the story

**Chickens:** Birds that are often raised on farms for their eggs and meat  
**Coop:** A shelter for chickens  
**Udder:** The organ on a cow or other female animal that produces milk  
**Milking:** The process of obtaining milk from an animal  
**Pail:** A bucket used for carrying liquids, such as milk  
**Gentle:** Being kind and careful when handling something