

# BENNETT AND THE BORING DAY



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Bennett woke up and reached for his iPad. Nothing happened when he pressed the button. He tried the light switch. Nothing. "Mom! Dad!" he called. Melanie came into his room. "The storm knocked out the power, honey," she explained. Bennett groaned. "What am I supposed to do all day?" His mom smiled. "We'll figure something out." Bennett flopped back on his bed. This was going to be the most boring day ever. He couldn't play Xbox, watch TV, or even charge his tablet. What could possibly be fun without screens?



At breakfast, Garrett said, "Who wants to build a fort?" Bennett rolled his eyes. "A fort? Dad, I'm not a baby." But Gracie jumped up. "I'll help!" Soon they were stacking boxes and draping blankets. Bennett watched from the couch. It actually looked kind of cool. "Fine, I'll help," he mumbled. They worked together, creating tunnels and secret rooms. Bennett found himself laughing as they designed a drawbridge from pillows. "This is actually pretty awesome," he admitted. Garrett winked. "Told you so, buddy." The fort stretched across the entire living room.





After lunch, Melanie brought out old board games from the closet. "These are ancient!" Bennett exclaimed. Gracie picked up a puzzle box. "Let's do this one together." They spread pieces across the dining table. Bennett found himself searching for edge pieces. "I found one!" he shouted. Then Garrett challenged everyone to a card game. Bennett won the first round. "Yes! I'm the champion!" he cheered, pumping his fist. Melanie dealt another round. "Ready for a rematch?" The family played game after game, laughing and competing. Bennett forgot all about his iPad.





That evening, the power came back on. Bennett heard the TV click to life. But he didn't run to turn it on. Instead, he asked, "Can we finish our puzzle first?" Gracie grinned. "Really? You don't want your Xbox?" Bennett shook his head. "Maybe later. This is more fun." They completed the puzzle together as the lights glowed warmly. Garrett ruffled Bennett's hair. "Proud of you, son." Melanie hugged him. "See? Boring days can become the best days." Bennett smiled. He'd discovered something better than screens: family time. Tomorrow, he'd play differently.





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