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The Stories

TWO-YEAR-OLD BOYS

Cass G., 2:8

Boy fell out of car. He went in car again. He fell in water.

Cass G., 2:9

The piggie got hit by the choo-choo. He got a little hurt. He broke his neck. He broke his chin. He climbed up a tree. The leaves hurt him. He got hurt on a big cigarette lighter. He put ice on it.

Dale S., 2:5

A bus. He went up a hill. He crashed. He down. He went down in the water and he swammed. He went round and round and round. He crashed in a mountain. Then he went up in the air and crashed.

Dale S., 2:6

An Indian. This Indian caught this Indian. Then he tumbled. He smashed. Then he got dead by a cowboy with a gun [demonstrates lying down "dead"]. A horse bite the man [dramatic demonstration again, bites chair with his teeth].

Daniel W., 2:10

Little boy played. He cried. He's all right. He went home. He

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went to bed. When he wakes up you're gonna say good-night to him.

Daniel W., 2:11

He broke it. He's O.K. He didn't broke it. It's all right. The little boy fixed it.

Eliot M., 2:9

David makes a pipe in his mouth and Woody and Daddy. They go to the bank. And Mommy, she eats breakfast. Lisa, he picks snow up. He throw it away, like this [makes gesture of throwing].

Eliot M., 2:11

The daddy works in the bank. And Mommy cooks breakfast. Then we get up and get dressed. And the baby eats breakfast and honey. We go to the school and we get dressed like that. I put coat on and I go in the car. And the lion in the cage. The bear went so fast and he's going to bring the bear back, in the cage.

Ephraim H., 2:8

Pussy scratched. He cried. He's a bad boy. He banged. He stopped crying. He's a good boy. He cried again.

Ephraim H., 2:9

Dog fell in the fence. I got a big fence. Daddy broke my fence. I hurt my knee. I go bang on the big rock. I go back home again.

Kenneth A., 2:8

Once there was a little girl playing with another little girl. And the bees buzzed around and stung her. And she went home crying. Mommy wiped the blood off it. Then she went to bed.

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Kenneth A., 2:10

The little boy dropped the ink. It broke. He cried. He cried some more. His mommy fixed it for him. He went to bed with it. The bottle didn't fall out and break. It was tied on to a string. He played with it.

Kevin F., 2:9

Monkey jumped into the water. He jumped out. He jumped back in the water. He jumped out. He jumped in and out.

Kevin F., 2:11

The train went over the doggie. The train cut his fingers off, and his toes off, too, his head.

Let's do the monkeys jump in the water, jump back jump out jump back jump in. I saw that in the zoo with the projector. I laughed.

Mark A., 2:7

The puppy went under the wheels. The choo-choo cut his finger off.

Mark A., 2:9

Once upon a time there was a little baby. And it went under the blanket, and they shut the door, and the baby cried.

Porteus B., 2:10

Once there was a house. Peter lived in the house. He had a lion. The lion ate him up. Peter hit him. Then he eat him.

Porteus B., 2:11

Once there was a dinosaur. He eat him up. Monkey comes. He hit him. Then he goes to the store and he sees a lion and a tiger.

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Terrence R., 2:7

Little boy ate his breakfast. Then he went "boom." Hurt his chin. Hurt his leg, his ear. Hurt his face.

Terrence R., 2:8

Car went "whee." Car broke. Door broke, too.

Trent M., 2:8

Little boy fall. He went like this [falls down]. Boy go car. Car got all broken. All fixed.

Trent M., 2:9

Fishie fall down, boom. Fishie go night night.

Stanley F., 2:8

A camel and he went down the mountain, and he fell down. Then he fell down in a hole. Then a bear came and saw, but he shoot the bear. Then he jumps on the bear. Then he ride on the horse and go, "Giddy up, Giddy up" up the mountain.

Stanley F., 2:9

Horsie went up the mountain. Then the horsie ran away through the woods. He gets lost. He came through a little bit of woods, but he got lost. Then he got through the woods and fly like a bird up in the sky. Then he fell and broke his knee. Then somebody shoot him. Then he flew like a bird and fell down and broke his other knee.

Tobias M., 2:6

Little boy goes home. He eats lunch. Then he bumps his head off. He goes bump, bump, bump. He gets into dishes. Then he's hungry. Then Mother comes. He just plays outside.

Tobias M., 2:7

Froggie goes crash in the water, bumps his head. And he fell in dirt. He cried. Then he bumped his head off.

Ulf S., 2:8

Tractor fall down boom. Fall right down and hurt his head off. And he run, run, run.

Ulf S., 2:10

I hurt my leg and I tell my mommy. I got a scratch and she put Band-aid on it. And I put Band-aid on my hand. And I went on a good truck ride. I fall down in the truck, and the car run over me. And I hurt myself in the street, and it was a bone. I got in the truck and the man shut the door so I won't fall out the truck. And then I bumped my head in the truck. Then I ride in the airplane and go to my grandpa.

Watson W., 2:8

Baby cried. The baby hurt his eyes. The baby broke his eye. Then he got it all fixed.

Watson W., 2:10

Duckie went to sleep. He woke up. He went back to sleep.

TWO-YEAR-OLD GIRLS

Anita W., 2:10

Little baby and she messed all over the place. Then the baby made a pie. Then she watched her eat it. Then she wanted to eat it all up. Then she wanted to have a plate. Then she eat it all, all up.

Anita W., 2:11

Birthday cake, and there's going to be a fire. I'm going to blow it out. Mommy says, "Blow the fire out, little baby." Then there's gonna be a fire again, and she's gonna blow it out.

Bernice W., 2:9

The baby cried. The mommy picked it up. The mommy put it back to bed. The baby looked at the little flowers. She took a string and fussed with it. She had slippers on. She got sick. The mommy had to feed her. She got a toy horse. An airplane came around the sky. Her daddy came. She ate her supper. She went to sleep.

Bernice W., 2:11

Once there was an elephant. The mommy fixed his breakfast. Then he played with his toys. Then he drank his milk. The doggie came into his house. And I had to chase him away. The milkman came. The doggie jumped on the milkman. Then the milkman "sweetied" the doggie on his back. Then the doggie went away.

Betsy K., 2:6

Monkey jumps in water. He walks. He jumps. He goes home and sees his mommy make cookies. Then he goes to school. He plays. He goes home again. He goes to his office to work. He goes away to his home again. He goes out when it's not raining. Then he goes home to his mother again.

Betsy K., 2:7

Once there was a baby pig. He played with his mommy. He went to Mommy. Mommy went to Daddy.

Candy K., 2:8

The lizard walked to his little house. The mommy spanked him. He pushed his mommy. And his daddy spanked him and tied him. He rubbed his eyes and he started to cry. He was a naughty boy.

Candy K., 2:9

The kitty meowed. The boys hit the kitty with a stick. The kitty scratched him.

Cindy C., 2:7

A baby cries. It eats. It just drinks out of Mommy's nipple. She goes to sleep. Then she wakes up. I cry, too.

Cindy C., 2:9

Once there was a little kitty cat and he scratched. Then the mommy spans the kitty. Then the kitty doesn't cry. He scratches the mommy. The mommy puts him in jail, but it's a nice jail and he has friends and he can peek out at them. More friends come but they're going to be naughty friends and spank the kitty. He scratches them and cries, because he doesn't like naughty people.

Donna R., 2:6

Fishie swam around. Somebody gave him something to eat. He swam around. And someone give him some more. He slept in the water. And he got up. And somebody was eating. He ate supper.

Donna R., 2:8

Girl swam. Got all wet. She cried. Her feet got in water. Her mommy got there. She picked her up. She stopped crying.

She fell in the water again. She fell in the water again. Her mommy picked her up again. She said, "Don't cry."

Dorothy S., 2:9

Little girl played in her back yard. She had a big mouth. She played "Woof, woof" with that little boy.

Dorothy S., 2:10

Pussy cat played with the little car. He fell down, poor kitty cat. She picked her up. She taked the kitty down cause the kitty broke her head.

Kallie R., 2:9

The mommy just spans me. When it is time to go to Eleanor's she goes to Eleanor's. Then she goes back home.

Kallie R., 2:11

Bunny hopped away. Mommy was mad. She didn't go looking for bunny. He went in the woods. He starved. He went further and further and further. He got lost. He cried. He wanted to go home where his little girl is.

Kathryn H., 2:6

Once there was a pussy cat. He fall down. He fell out of a tree. Then he went home. His mommy put a Band-aid on him, a blue one. Then he played with toys.

Kathryn H., 2:8

The doggie went away. He jumped over a tree. He hurt himself. Mommy put a Band-aid on. He played with his toys.

Laurie W., 2:9

A kitty—he's not a bad boy. He didn't go to school. He went

out the front door and banged it and it went to pieces. A long big turtle came. He splashed the kitty all broken.

Laurie W., 2:11

Once there was a baby. She broke her arm. A big spider came. She fall down. A big big long spider came. She bumped her head on the door. She fall right down again, and get her poor head broke. She's a bad, bad girl, cause she's a sick sick girl.

Lucetta D., 2:2

Little girl plays. Then she sees her daddy. Then she sees her house.

Lucetta D., 2:3

A horsie eats some food. He plays. He plays a little while. Jack and Jill went up the hill.

Lucy S., 2:9

The baby cried. The mommy spanked the baby. The mommy spanked her again. Then she cried again. Then the mommy spanked her again. Sometimes my mommy gives my baby a bottle. She falls asleep. Then she cries. Then my mommy doesn't give her spanking. She gives her cereal.

Lucy S., 2:11

A little baby and a big girl is her sister. My baby goes to sleep—my baby didn't sleep yesterday. She just went to rest. The doggie ran away, and the little girl told her mommy. He ran away on the street. She gonna buy a new dog.

Marilyn G., 2:8

Once upon a time there was a mommy and daddy and a dog called Shelly. And they lived in a house and they took the dog

for a walk. They met a puppy dog called Marc. And they hurts themselves, but they were made better by a doctor.

Marilyn G., 2:10

Once upon a time there was a little girl and she hurt herself. And her mommy came here and she kissed her and made her better.

Nancy C., 2:10

Little boy cried and his mommy went away. And then he went outside and then somebody hit him. Mommy came back and told him to get out of the road.

Nancy C., 2:11

Once upon a time there was a dog. He cried. He needs his mommy. The mommy comes. Then she had a bottle.

Tricia W., 2:5

A boy, Ming. Had toys. He tells his mommy to take him home. Then he tells his father wants the store. Then Daddy comes home. And Daddy tells little boy. And Daddy, "I want to go home."

Tricia W., 2:6

Girl played toys. Go to sleeping. Go to store. Come home and tell the mommy. And went to market. And go with Mommy.

THREE-YEAR-OLD BOYS

Barry M., 3:10

I'm gonna be Dr. Andrew M. I'm gonna have a real stethoscope, real watch, real treatment machine, real Band-aids, real, real,

real thermometer. When I'm a doctor I'm gonna help Father make people better. Then I'll go back home and have my lunch and then I'll go to work again. Then at night I'll go to work, then I'll come home to my children.

Barry M., 3:11

Once there was a boat; pirates were on it. There was a boat with bad pirates on it. Then they had an old cannon and they shot the boat with a bullet and the boat sank. Then the pirates went to sleep in their house.

Bart Z., 3:3

Once there was a lion. He ate everybody up. He ate himself up. He caught somebody and threwed him in a tree. And then somebody jumped right down. Then the lion taked one of his shoes off, two of his socks off. Then somebody walked up the road. Then he came to a policeman. He stopped quickly because he remembered the policeman. One day he ran very quickly because the cars came. One day he run, run, run because a fire engine came. Quickly everybody had to run. He skated, he skated down the street, way back home.

Bart Z., 3:5

Once there was a little lamb. He went for a walk. He went to eat in a restaurant. He got his bacon. He went to nursery school. He went inside. He went in the story room. He rode a horsie. He looked at the fishes [casts his eyes around room for inspiration from objects in room]. He climbed on the tree. He holded on tight. He snipped the branches off. He got down from the tree. He knocked the whole nursery school down. He went home.

Bernard H., 3:6

Once there was a lion. He eat people. A fish come. The fish

swimmed. The lion ate the fish. The lion ate another fish. Then he went to sleep. He woke up. He ate another one, and another. Then he went outdoors. He played with his toys. He had a drink of water. I like water! Then he went indoors again. He went out again . . . in again, out again [persists in repetition of this; examiner terminates situation].

Bernard H., 3:8

A bear. What did he eat, he ate a boy and a fish and a mommy and a Deeda and a wolf and flowers. And he ate sand and shovel. He went to sleep, he woke up and he went outdoors again. And he put on his coat and went "bye-bye" in the car.

Calvin L., 3:8

Once there was a little horsie that lived in Orchard Court. And so he galloped along so fast and there was a tree behind him and his legs were all tired and then he went into his barn and then he went to sleep and then everybody went to sleep and that was the end.

And then Santa Claus came and the horsie heard him and he tried to break out the door and he was untied but the door was locked. He broke his home and then they built him another home and it was pink. The other home was black. And that's all.

Calvin L., 3:9

One time we had an old fire engine, and we went away, and we found a new fire engine. Then the firemen came and said, "Do you have a new fire engine," And we said, "No, we have an old one," and they said, "Would you like to have a new one," and we said, "Yes." So they went to the fire station and they brought the Dalmatian out. And the Dalmatian said, "Woof, woof." The Dalmatian went in to the fire engine and they drove away

to a fire. And when they got there, people were playing ball. The Dalmatian just was joking. The fireman they were teasing. They went around the baseball game and there wasn't any house and the fireman and the Dalmatian and there wasn't any fire.

Cass G., 3:3

Eensy spider—he flies all around. And he climbs up on ceiling. And he climbs on a big chair. He climbs in a car, and drives it home. Then he plays with all toys. And Jack-a-Bo-Doo comes and he smashes him out the window. And he puts him in his bed and closes his door. And when his mommy and daddy comes back, the sun comes out. And he jumps up on a cigarette lighter and he gets burned out. He got hurt. He climbs up on a roof and he goes through the chimney. And he goes down through the fireplace and he comes to the floor and his mommy and daddy were sleeping. And he woke them up—the spider woke them up. And Jack-a-Bo-Doo went in his house. And he broke his record. He stepped on one and broke it. And he broke a chair. And he was on a swing; he pushes it all himself. He fell off it; it was a broken swing. And he broke his head off. And when it got nighttime he went to bed. Then he got breakfast.

Cass G., 3:4

Spiders fly around. Their mommy and daddy are sleeping. He called him and they woke up. They rode on a choo-choo train. They went to the railroad station. The conductor jumped out and said, "All aboard." And he went in and the conductor was Mr. Conductor and the engineer was Mr. Engineer and the fireman was Mr. Fireman. He drove over and hit the curb. The truck came and pulled the train. The little boy went home to his mommy.

Charlton W., 3:6

Once there was a good bear and he played with all the children. And there was a mad bear and he bite. And he scared all the children away. And then they went away from him. And they saw an elephant and he was very friendly. And the elephant was going to clean himself with water from his trunk and they ran away. And then they saw the bears and those bears were very friendly. They got away from the bad bear 'cause he was scarey.

Charlton W., 3:7

Once there was a tractor and a dump truck. And the tractor put all in the dump truck, and they got out, 'cause they worked and worked. Then they were tired. And then they found a little stamp. After they had a little rest, they worked and worked again. Then another dump truck and another tractor came along. Then another one and another one and they worked and worked.

Chester G., 3:7

A puppy went downtown and broke his knee. Ambulance came, and then the doctor got it fixed. He didn't look where he was going. He took a bus to Waterbury. He went to the Lighthouse. Bang—smash—the bus crashed right into another bus that didn't look where it was driving. One, two, three, no bus, broken down! Then a tow truck came and pulled it up.

Chester G., 3:10

Bucky Beaver wakes up in the morning. He can't sleep, 'cause someone was whistling. He knocks his head down. His head fell off like a hat. His head fell in the ocean. He threw his head in the water. He got dead from the ocean.

Emmet B., 3:4

Once upon a time there was a cat, and he jumped on a cow. The farmer spanked the cat. The cat went home and was very sad. The cow came over to the cat's house and broke it. That was the next day. The cat spanked the cow for doing that. Then the cat and the cow went to the cow's house, and they were happy, see?

Emmet B., 3:6

The kitty cat lived with his mother and father—the kitty father and the kitty mother. The kitty just jumped out of the bed and went outside and got under the tree. Then he came home and broke his house. They didn't say anything—they just spanked the kitty, the father did. The kitty spanked the father. They bought a cage for fishes, and the cat that broke the house, broke it and ate the fishes. And the fathers and mothers ate some of the fishes too. They didn't spank him, and they bought him a big box of candy.

Ephraim H., 3:7

A truck and he got crashed. He had to get fixed. He got crashed in the front right here. Then he went back home. He crashed up again. Then he went home.

Ephraim H., 3:8

Little boy was sitting on a seat on a train and he came to New Haven. Then I came back home. They are building my new house. Then my house fall down. Then I go back to my old house. Then the house builds back up again and I go to the new house. Then it falls down again; then we have to go to our old house. The choo-choo train brings me back to our old house.

Everett S., 3:7

The girl had blue suede shoes and she threw them away. Then she threw the man's hair off in the garbage can. She threw them away in the burner and burned them off. Then she threw the whole man in the burner and burned him up.

Everett S., 3:8

A lion. Man was in bed in the cage. He jumped into the cage and ate the man up. A big, big giant came. He tried to beat the lion up. The giant got dead from the lion. But the strong lion had a little baby lion in his box, and nobody can see him.

Fred L., 3:3

Once there was a little doggie. He had a little mouth and a little nose. He was chasing people. He really fought with them. The doggie ate the people up. They cried. They weren't over at the house again.

Fred L., 3:4

The little boy squirted someone right in the peeper. They couldn't piss. They had to get more wee-wee. They were sorry for that. They went to get more pee-pee. They started to wee. He squirted someone else.

Isaac S., 3:3

Once there was a bear. He had a little boy bear. He played with his mommy bear. There was a daddy one. Then they were all gone. They went to the country. They went to the same cage that they were in. It ran away, too, into the country and then it came back. They came to the cage.

Isaac S., 3:6

Once there was a horse. He galloped. The mommy, daddy, and baby horse, they played. They went home. And then it was night. And they went to sleep. In the morning they got up.

Karl S., 3:5

Chuff Chuff the train asked Timmy if he could have some candy. Timmy said he could have some candy. And he ate, and he liked it, and he ate it all up. And he was so glad, he hitched himself to a big streamliner and he went to New York and he was so happy he took some toys with him. And he played with his toys, then he went to sleep. Then he saw a lot of candy; then he heard something. He looked out the window and saw it was a fire engine. He heard a siren. He went to a house, and the firemen took an ax and chopped, and chopped and chopped the wood up. And took the hose and went shhhh—shssss [siren noises], and then they went home. And they had to eat.

Karl S., 3:8

Timmy and I shoveled and shoveled and we couldn't get any dirt in there. We shoveled the water, and we shoveled the water on the stones. It was a hard time, and we had to put them in a wagon. And we had to put in a hole. And we had to get some more water in it. And it was a very hard time. And soon we had to go in. And we had to get it all finished. We had to do it and we did it. And we started to go in the train to New York, we had to blow the train and the whistle.

Keith M., 3:5

A little boy went in the forest and the bears warred at him and bit him. He ran home, and his mommy said, "My." He said, "My, my." His mommy brought a new prize. It was a gun, and it had bullets in them. He ran out to see the bears, and he

warred at them again, and he shot them. He went, "Bang, bang." There were two little baby bears, and they can't bite. They were nice babies and they didn't bite. And his mommy said not to go out in the forest again.

Keith M., 3:8

A little bear messed up the house. He spilled all the garbage. He put the garbage in a window. Their mommy and daddy came home and looked at the floor. They tried to spank him and he ran away fast. He got a big rock and pushed it down the hill at the mommy and daddy. They got hurt, and they went home to rest. Then he found some milk, and throwed it down on the mommy and daddy. And they had an idea—the Teddy Bear's idea. He had a hose up on the hill and squirt, squirt, squirt at the mommy and daddy. They got hurt.

Kenneth A., 3:6

A tree and a house with a hurricane in it. Everything fell down. It took for a whole year. Then the coach fell down. Then the house fell down on the coach. Then the man ran away as fast as he could. And the house fell down on him. But he got up and ran away as fast as he can. He climbed up the fire escape when there wasn't any fire. He got arrested and he got put in jail. Then he cried and broke the window and jumped out. Then he ran away and the firemen came and they arrested him and put him in jail again.

Kenneth A., 3:7

A man got run over. He went to the hospital. He saw a smashed car. The smashed car bumped into him when it got fixed. Then he went to the hospital. And he knocked over all the furniture. He didn't knock over the lamps. Then he picked them all up and he put them where they're supposed to go.

Kip P., 3:6

Santa Claus riding through the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh [sings "Jingle Bells"]. He brings toys, in the morning you wake up and get your toys. And Santa Claus goes away. Then all the children play with their toys. He goes away to another house and brings toys to another children.

Kip P., 3:7

A wolf. And he starts to fight. Then he eats up the bear. Then he eats up the house. Then he eats up the grass, the dirt, the chickens, the bikes, the cars, the people.

Kirk W., 3:9

The lion. The little boy was near him and the lion bit him. He was all eaten up. He was trying to get out of the lion's mouth. But he did get out. The little boy started to get a sack and put a rock in it. Then he runned home.

Kirk W., 3:11

Once upon a time a giraffe came and a little boy was there, and the giraffe bite the little boy. And an elephant came. The elephant put the little boy on his back and gave the little boy a little ride. He was a nice one, a baby one and he didn't bite. And a big lion came and he bite the little boy. And the lion bite his arm off. Then there was a bad ghost coming. He bite the little boy. The little boy killed all the animals. Then a horsie came. He got the little boy on his back and gave him a ride.

Kurt Z., 3:0

The bee stinged a man. The man went home. The mommy said, "What happened?" And the man said, "A bee stinged me." The man ate. He went to sleep. And he didn't go any more.

Kurt Z., 3:1

Once there was a little boy and he went for a walk in the woods. He got lost. He cried. Tears came down from his eyes. He got home. He ate supper.

Roland P., 3:1

Once when I was sleeping and sleeping Sara Pima was scratching and scratching me in bed. And that wasn't nice. I tried to get her out of my room because she scratching and scratching me. I said, "Sara Pima scratched and scratched me and I pushed her out of my room." Mommy took her down so she won't scratch me any more.

Roland P., 3:2

Bad wolf hit me. I pushed him down. A wolf came in my window. A tiger came in my window. I pushed the tiger down. He made a noise at me when I was sick in bed.

Terrence R., 3:0

Once there was a witch, no people, no house. Some other bad animals came. A lion came with his cage—a bad lion. The bad animals went into the cages. The witch ran away. The witch went down to a boat and floated away. She floated away to the market and got some things and then she floated back. She found some fishes coming, and she bringed them too. She put them in the water and they began swimming another way.

Terrence R., 3:3

Once there was a car, and it went home. Its mother came and its daddy. The child-one came. The sister-one came. They went to market. They came back home and brought some things. The car ran to the daddy's office. The office was all decorated up. They goed in the door and everything was decorated. It

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was Christmastime. They brought a Christmas tree and it was the night before Christmas and they went all the way back home before Santa came.

Thornton R., 3:4

The cowboy roped the cows. He shoot bad guys. He came home. Then it was night. He went to sleep. In the morning a cow girl came along. Another bad guy came. They put him in jail.

Thornton R., 3:6

Once there was a tractor named Katie. He was very big and very strong. He had a bulldozer and he had a snowplow. He started to rain and drizzle, and he had to stay at home. Then it turned into snow. Then he went out. Then the tractor went home and went into traffic. He closed the door. He stayed home.

Upton S., 3:4

Then the train came up to pick the paper up. Then the people threw the paper out of the train. Then Mr. Knife came up to get on the train. Then somebody came and got dead. Then a policeman came and put him in heaven and he got dead. Then the mother Knife came out and saw the other Knife has gone.

Upton S., 3:9

A goat man. The goat man said, "Gone over to the movie." And then the house came over to the movie, and then crash again! And no one cried again, and the world was all over. Then another world came, and they fought to another war. Then the war came into the house. And they had a big fight in the house. They knocked down the chairs and tables and candles. And then police came and put them in jail and they

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had to stay forever and ever. Then the war was all gone and then there was coming for night.

Wallace M., 3:0

A tiger bite. Tiger bit cowboy. Cowboy fall down. Cowboy fight, Fall down. He cried.

Wallace M., 3:1

Little boy fall down. He cry. He hurt him foot. Him hurt his other foot. He fall down. He fall down again.

Warner F., 3:1

One there was a Teddy. He went in a wagon. He saw a fish and he caught a fish. He jumped on a big boat, and he fell in the water. But he had a parachute and that saved him. He put a ladder in the water and built it up to the ceiling. And the ceiling went crash—down he fell, but that didn't hurt.

Warner F., 3:3

Once there was a little boy; he had a bow and arrow. And he shot a deer. And he called all the people to come to see his bow and arrow, and he shot everyone in the neighborhood. They were all dead. He killed every single one—no, not the little babies cause they were so tiny. But he killed all the big people.

Warren P., 3:7

A girl and a boy, and a mother and maybe a daddy. And then a piggy. And then a horse. And maybe a cow. And a chair. And food. And a car. Maybe a painting. Maybe a baby. Maybe a mountain stone, somebody threw a stone on a bear, and the bear's head broke right off. A big stone, this big [holds out arms]. And they didn't have glue either. They had to buy some at the store. You can't buy some in the morning. Tomor-

row morning they're gonna buy some. Glue his head on. And the baby bear will look at a book.

Warren P., 3:9

I watched Captain Kangaroo all by myself. I wasn't scared. Not at all. Then I turned off the television and walked up the stairs and I didn't do it any more.

Watson W., 3:6

About Noodle [his dog]. He went to the doctor. He give a shot. He go home. He drink milk. He didn't drink his milk.

Watson W., 3:7

About Kitty cat. He drank his milk well. He went outside. He played. Then he went on the table on the glass table. He just spilled all the leaves on the floor. He back outside. He said, "Meow." When we hurt him he say "Meow." Back inside. Then we went to bed.

Wayne P., 3:5

The boy see a bear, and he climbs up a tree so the bear can't get up. The bear goes down to the water and he swims back to his home. He gets some food, cooks, then he goes back to the tree. He can't climb up a tree. He tries to get up and then he falls down through the tree. Then the bear went home again and he knocked all the toys out of the hamper. And the little bear went back to the woods and tried to find a boy to kill. Then he went back on his horse and went home. Then he went to sleep.

Wayne P., 3:7

Little tiny bear saw a little squirrel. The little squirrel jumped on the bear and he got killed. The bear jumped in a hole and

closed the door up. The squirrel jumped in the hole, and he says, "Why do you get in my hole?" The squirrel jumped out of the window. Then the bear jumped out of the window. He was trying to kill the squirrel. The daddy bear came and said, "Jump to the hole again." Then the squirrel jumped in his own hole. And that's the end.

THREE-YEAR-OLD GIRLS

Bonnie C., 3:9

A little boy—no, me, and Buffy and the new baby. Buffy is for B, and I'm for A, and the baby's for B, too. And they all go out for a little walk in the woods. And they all come home and eat lunch. And they all eat downstairs, and Mommy eats upstairs, or Daddy carries her down. Grandma's moving to Guilford, and Mommy and Daddy and Buffy and the new baby all live in the new house. After breakfast they all start for a walk again and have their lunch, take naps, then all go over and see Ben May. And I get a kitty named Simpkin, and Buffy gets a new doggie named Spottie. And they all go out for a walk.

Bonnie C., 3:11

Kittycat and a puppy. They were all alone without their mother and father. And they had too many cookies. They finished up the whole food in the kitchen. They made crumbs all over the place. And ants came and ate crumbs all up. So they went to the candy store, and they got all the candy out of all the shelves and ate it all up. Then they got back home and got more food. And they went to the circus and swunged in merry-go-round and went to school and write their lessons and had lunch and supper and went to bed and breakfast and no more school.

Brenda B., 3:10

This is going to be about a little child. She went walking to her house and she missed her house. Then she went for a walk. Then she missed another house. That was her friend's house. And then she missed another house that was her boy friend's house. Then she went to a farm. Then she went home. Then she went back into bed. That's all the story.

Brenda B., 3:11

Once upon a time there was a big horsie. Once upon a time there was a little horsie. And once upon a time there was a middle-sized horsie. And one got lost. Then he went to a cupboard to put his shirt there. And he went to another barber to cut his baby's hair. Then they went home.

Carol S., 3:9

Once upon a time there was a little girl named Bobbie. And Bobbie. And Bobbie was good. And sometimes Bobbie was bad. And then along came the wolf, and said, "Woof, woof, woof." So they ran. They hurried and soon they got there. The boy ran home. And the wolf just cried. The People said the little boy is saved. And they were so glad. And that's the end of the story—and he was really safed—I'm not kiddin'.

Carol S., 3:11

And now I'll tell about a little girl called Lee. And she had some chicken pox on her face [she can see Lee in the distance]. And Lee's mother put some Band-aid on her nose. Then she cried. Then her mommy said, "What happened now?" "Oh, Mommy, I hurt my nose." Then Lee took her mommy's glasses, and put it on her. Wasn't that funny?

Chloe M., 3:1

Andy's doggie is named Tex. Andy—he loves spinach. And then he kisses Andy and he loves Andy. And Andy kisses him back. Then Andy goes to sleep with Tex. And I go to sleep with my dollies, Daisy and Creepy. Then my new children go to sleep. And I have a new camel and new zebra. And sometimes Andy breaks some of my birthday toys. Then Texie says, "Let's go to the store;" and Andy says, "O.K."

Chloe M., 3:3

When I was a baby I had a little bottle. I didn't want a bottle. I wanted some juice. Mommy said, "You have to, baby." And then I fell. And then I got hurt. Then I got a licking. And then I went outside again, and then I went to bed. Then I got up and get dressed. And I got a cold. And then my mommy smacked me right back to bed.

Cindy C., 3:3

Once there was a baby. She went in the forest where a bad wolf was. The wolf ate her. Then she looked in the dark. Then she turned on the light in the wolf's tail. And she burned the wolf, and she got out of the wolf.

She went into another forest where a bad shark was. There was a big lot of excitement. There were good sharks there too who could fight with bad sharks. More babies were the one baby's friends. And the babies fought, too—'cause they had candies who were friends' candies, and they were snatching.

Cindy C., 3:6

Once there was a zoo. The animals went to see an apple that was on the apple tree, and they ate the apple. Then they got sick; they had to stay in bed. A lion even had to sleep. Then

the mother became so big, she was almost up to the small. She grew, and grew, and grew. A plain mother clown did this. Their house was burned down, and the animals were outside eating apples. Then the animals were all better, and they could go back and eat celery and that didn't make them sick. And they never had to go back in bed.

Daisy R., 3:1

A little bear went back to his mommy. She put him to bed. He got up again. Mommy spanked cause he's a naughty boy cause he got up. He got up in the morning. Mommy gave him his breakfast. He got in the car with Mommy. And he got dressed up in a dress and party clothes. And he got in the car to get a birthday cake with Mommy. And he came back to have a birthday.

Daisy R., 3:3

A little girl, gone to a party. Her got dressed up. Her came back home and got spanked cause her been a naughty boy cause she got in Mommy's ink. And she spilled it all over the floor, over the rug, and over the floor. Then she went to bed.

Deirdre W., 3:8

This is about a bear and you know what he did? The barn was closed so he couldn't get out. His mummy was away and nobody would take care of him. They found a great big bear and cut the ear off. They found a big house and cut the window off. They found a fly and took it off and broke it in pieces and throwed it in the garbage can.

Deirdre W., 3:9

Once upon a time there was a bear. A bad bear, who ate all the grass up once, and he got in the good bear's bed. And that's bad,

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isn't it. He ripped the bed all up. The bad bear ate the bed all up. Then the bad little bear ate it up too. And the bad daddy bear did, too. The good daddy bear was very mad at the bad one, because it's very naughty. Then the daddy bear killed the bad bears. Then they threw them away in the water, cause they can't swim. Bears can't swim. And that's all.

Dora B., 3:6

The bear cracked all the things. There was a little bear that lived in my house. He was sleeping all day night, but he woke up. I went to the store, and he wanted to come with me, but I didn't take him, cause he didn't know where to go. So he jumped out and cracked all the things, so I spanked him, and he ran away. The lady got all the things she wanted, and went back to the store again.

Dora B., 3:8

A boy. Once there was a little boy lived in a house and he was naughty, and he had a mouse was good, and the boy was bad to have a little mouse. Mouse ran away, and the little boy couldn't get him. He ran to the house, and his mommy went to the woods to kill a bear. The boy had a gun and the mommy had a gun to kill a bear. Then the father did it and the baby didn't because the baby was crying for his mommy and the boy. Then the daddy told the little baby, "You're a silly baby." The mother and the little boy came back and then all of them went to the woods, because mommy brought them all a gun and they came back and they had a good time.

Dulcy H., 3:4

Once there was a little pussy. He went outside. One time, I had pussy cat, and somebody taked it. My daddy will bring one again. I gotta put it in the little box so it can sleep. When it's

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