

The Cowboy

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David's Mom and Dad were going away for the summer. They were going to another country to help sick children get well and teach them about Jesus. David could not go, so he would stay with his Granny and Pappy. Pappy lived on a ranch in the country. David was very excited. He would miss his parents a lot, but he was going to have fun learning to be a cowboy.



Mom and Dad took David shopping. They bought him lots of new clothes and even bought him some cowboy boots and a cowboy hat. But when he put them on, he did not feel like a cowboy. Mom said, "David, by the end of the summer, you will feel like a cowboy."

Soon Mom and Dad took David to his Pappy's house. He promised to be brave and to pray for them each day, as he kissed them goodbye. He felt sad when he went to bed that night and he almost cried, but he didn't.



The next morning, and every morning after that, David got up with Pappy. It was still dark when they went out to the barn to milk the cows. He learned how to feed the chickens, the cows and the horses. Then he ate a Cowboy Breakfast with eggs, bacon, biscuits and gravy. After breakfast they had more work to do. He learned how to put clean hay in the horse's stalls for them to sleep on, and how to gather the eggs that the chickens laid. He helped Pappy move the cows to another pasture, and he learned how to fix broken fences. Every day Pappy taught David how to ride horses. At lunch and supper David ate a lot because he had been working so hard. At the end of the day David would be so tired that he fell asleep before it got dark! On Saturdays Pappy took David fishing at the creek and on Sundays they went to church, but every day there was work to do.

It wasn't long until summer was over and Mom and Dad returned. They were happy because they had helped other children in a far away land. David was happy his Mom and Dad were home, and do you know what? His mom was right! He really did feel like a cowboy!

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 - A. To Church.
 - B. To Work.
 - C. To help sick children and tell them about Jesus.
 - D. To visit Granny and Pappy.
2. Why was David excited about going to Pappy's?
 - A. He was tired of being at home.
 - B. His Pappy promised him money.
 - C. He would not have to do chores.
 - D. He wanted to learn to be a Cowboy.
3. What did David's Mom and Dad buy him?
 - A. A guitar.
 - B. Cowboy boots and a Cowboy hat.
 - C. An ice cream cone.
 - D. A horse.
4. How did David feel when his Mom and Dad left?
 - A. He felt sad, but he did not cry.
 - B. He felt happy.
 - C. He felt angry.
 - D. He felt nothing.
5. What did David do at Pappy's?
 - A. He milked cows, fed animals and learned to ride a horse.
 - B. He went swimming and played outside.
 - C. He went to the movies.
 - D. He slept a lot.

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