

1ST GRADE • READING

A story to read: **The Kite in the Pine**

FOR YOU How to use this in 5 minutes

- 1 **Read the title. SAY:** “The title is ‘The Kite in the Pine.’ What do you think will happen?”
- 2 **Your child reads. SAY:** “You read it to me. If a word is tricky, tap its sounds and slide.” Help only after a real try.
- 3 **Talk, then write. SAY:** “Tell me the answer out loud first. Now write it.”

Tip. Have your child read it twice, once to work out the words and once to make it sound like talking. The second read is where the story comes alive.

1 **Read the story**

The Kite in the Pine



Jen has a red kite. She runs, and the kite rides on the wind. Up, up, up!

Then the wind stops. The kite dips and spins. It lands on top of a big pine.

“Can we get it back?” Jen asks. Max has a plan. He gets a pole. He lifts the pole and taps the kite. Flap, flap! The kite drops, and Jen grabs it.

“You did it, Max!” Jen yells. Then they run home with the kite.

2 **Answer the questions**

1. What color is Jen’s kite?

2. Where does the kite land? Circle it.

in a pond on a pine on a bus

3. How does Max get the kite back?

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Answer key

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2 Answer the questions

1. Red
2. on a pine
3. He taps it with a pole. (Any answer that says he used a pole.)

If it's hard

- If a word is hard, have your child tap its sounds and slide, as on the letter sheets. Give the word only after a real try.
- If writing the answers is a struggle, let your child answer out loud while you write. Understanding comes first.



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