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Mum had a new job.
“It’s hard work,” she said,
“but I love it.”



I didn't like Mum's new job.
Now I had to go to Aunty Jane's place
after school every day.

When Mum picked me up after work, she was tired. When we got home, there were always things she had to do. She didn't have much time for me.



“Mum’s always busy now,”
I said to Aunty Jane.

“She’s doing her best,” said Aunty Jane.
“Can you think of a way to help out?”

I thought about this for a while.
Then I had an idea!



On Saturday, Mum cleaned the house.
“Phew,” she said. She fell asleep on the sofa.

It was a good time for my idea.
I made some sandwiches.
I poured two glasses of juice.
Then I put them on the table.



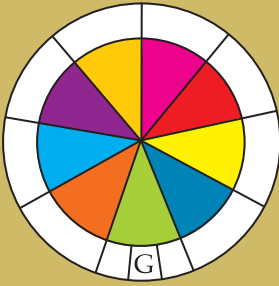
I sat beside Mum, and she woke up.
“I’ve made lunch for you,” I said.

Mum smiled and gave me a hug.
“Thank you, Jack,” she said.
“This is a lovely surprise.”





We ate our sandwiches.
I told Mum about school.
She told me all about her new job.



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