

The Lost Christmas Star

("Christmas decorations and mystery, fiction")

It was a snowy December evening, just two weeks before Christmas. Emma and her little brother, Jake, were helping their mom decorate the big Christmas tree in the living room. Boxes filled with shiny ornaments, red ribbons, and twinkling lights were spread across the floor. The air smelled of pine and cookies baking in the oven.

"Where is the star for the top of the tree?" asked Jake. Every year, they placed a golden star at the top as the final decoration. Emma looked through all the boxes, but the star wasn't there.

"Maybe we left it in the attic," said Mom. Emma and Jake ran upstairs to check. The attic was dark and cold, filled with old boxes and forgotten things. The children searched every corner but couldn't find the star.

Feeling disappointed, they started walking back down when Jake stopped. "Emma, look!" he whispered. He pointed to a faint sparkle coming from behind an old chest. They pushed the chest aside and found a small wooden box. Inside was the golden star, but it looked a little different.

"This is it!" said Emma. "But why does it have strange writing on it?" The star had tiny letters carved into its surface.

Mom came upstairs to see what they had found. She smiled when she saw the star. "Ah, I remember now," she said. "This star belonged to your grandmother. She said it would bring good luck to anyone who placed it on their Christmas tree."

Excited, Emma and Jake carefully carried the star downstairs and placed it on top of the tree. As soon as they stepped back, the tree seemed to glow brighter. The lights twinkled more beautifully than ever, and for a moment, it felt like magic filled the room.

That night, as the snow continued to fall, Emma and Jake couldn't stop smiling. They didn't just find a star; they found a little piece of family history and a lot of Christmas magic.

Answer the questions

1. What were Emma and Jake doing at the start of the story?

2. What decoration were they looking for?

3. Where did they go to search for the missing decoration?

4. What did they find in the attic?

5. What was special about the star they found?

6. Who did the star originally belong to?

7. How did the tree look after they placed the star on top?

8. What feeling did Emma and Jake have at the end of the story?

Multiple choice questions**

1. What were Emma and Jake doing at the start of the story?

- Baking cookies
- Decorating the Christmas tree
- Playing in the snow

2. What decoration were they looking for?

- A string of lights
- A golden star
- A red ribbon

3. Where did they go to search for the missing decoration?

- The basement
- The attic
- The kitchen

4. What did they find in the attic?

- A broken ornament
- A wooden box with the star
- A box of lights

5. What was special about the star they found?

- It was very old
- It had tiny letters carved into it
- It was broken

6. Who did the star originally belong to?

- Their grandmother
- Their mother
- Their aunt

7. How did the tree look after they placed the star on top?

- It glowed brighter and looked magical
- It looked the same as before
- It stopped glowing

8. What feeling did Emma and Jake have at the end of the story?

- Sadness
- Happiness
- Confusion