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Good Morning Students

Today we are going to read the story 'How McGee Kept Christmas' given in your English Literature book titled New Trends in English Reader. This story is written by Katherine Paterson who is an award winning American author of children's books. Most of her stories are based on heart touching emotional incidents. In this story McGee an aged man was not in mood to celebrate Christmas alone under a palm tree. He was living alone as his daughter Barbara and her husband Charles, had settled in Hawaii. He got invitation to celebrate with his daughter but he was not willing to join them. McGee was lost in his thoughts when his wife May was alive and his daughter Barbara used to write letter to Santa Claus for getting gift from Santa. He was getting emotional for his past memories May and Barbara used to decorate Christmas tree and ~~to~~ baking cakes and pies. Now, McGee was left with only 50 dollars so he was thinking



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about the people those who had no money even for heating oil or to buy toys for their children. Though McGee had very less money still he wanted give a good Christmas to someone who wouldn't have it. He got to know from Miss Trainor that there were two brother and sister who had no family to celebrate Christmas. McGee bought a doll and an toy engine to give them. Next morning he met Genevieve the girl and Edgar the little boy. Firstly Genevieve was not agree to go with McGee but Edgar was not ready to spend his Christmas in the institution so finally they had to join McGee for Christmas. Genevieve was not happy at all so she was insulting McGee for not having a car, a big house or big television. Then Genevieve started yelling at McGee for not buying a Christmas tree. But McGee kept patience and replied that he was making cookies for Christmas and he wanted them to help him making cookies. Then he brought them soup for dinner. But both were reluctant to have it.



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Next morning they went to Church.

They both behaved well in church.

But Edgar stole baby Jesus from the church. Now Edgar was afraid to get scolded by McGee but he hugged Edgar and said that I know you didn't want Jesus to spend Christmas in an institution so you

bring baby Jesus home. Now they all were happy. Edgar spent his Christmas playing with doll and toy engine.

Genevieve helped McGee in baking the ginger cookies. Next day McGee wrote a letter to his daughter Barbara that they three had a great Christmas this year.

Alright students we have done with the chapter. Now you all read the content carefully and do all the book exercises!

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