



Cass Is Glum

Part 1

Teacher Reads In this lesson and the next, a family has a disagreement. Dad has to go out of town overnight for a work trip. Eleven-year-old Cass, who watches her little brother, Greg, after school, cannot understand why her father will not trust her to look after her little brother while he is gone. Instead, her grandmother, Gram, is coming to stay.

Dad had to pack for his trip, and Cass sat on his bed as he did. “Are you glum, Cass?” Dad said to her. “It will not be that bad. I will be back.”

Cass said, “I will miss you, Dad, but I am sad that you said I cannot look after Greg myself. I can, Dad.”

Dad sat and held her hand. “You are a big help with Greg, Cass, but that is after school. This will not be a fast trip. Gram will have to help.”



Part 2

Teacher Reads Cass is feeling sad and stays in her bad mood when Gram comes. But Greg is thrilled to see Gram.

When Greg saw Gram, he ran to hug her. “Gram! I am glad to see you!” His grin was big as he held her.

With a grin and a hug, Gram said, “You have gotten big, Greg. I am glad to see you. Where is Cass? Is she in back?”

Dad had Greg go and get Cass. “She is a little glum,” Dad said to Gram. “But I am glad you can help with the kids.”

Part 3

Teacher Reads Cass politely greets Gram but refuses to play a game with Gram and Greg.

After Dad left, Gram had fun with Greg, but Cass did not play. She just sat still and was glum. She was still upset that Dad did not trust her to look after Greg. “Gram can be fun,” said Cass. “But Greg and I can have fun, just us.”