



# Movie Night

## Part 1

**Teacher Reads** Drew's friends had taken turns hosting great parties. Now it was Drew's turn and he wanted everything to be perfect when his friends came to his house. He felt a little worried that his friends wouldn't enjoy his party.

Drew's **friends** were coming over to **watch a movie**.

9 Drew shifted a low bench closer to the couch and he turned  
21 on lamps and dusted the TV screen. He made popcorn  
31 and lemonade.

33 The other boys' **parties** had been so fantastic. Drew  
42 remembered Jaylen's fun party at the water park. All the boys  
53 went to a baseball game for Manny's birthday. What if Drew's  
64 friends teased him about his house? What if they did not like  
76 the movie he had picked?

81 The bell buzzed, and Drew went to let his friends in.

## Part 2

**Teacher Reads** Drew seems to have everything ready for his friends' visit, but there is one thing he didn't count on happening.

92 Drew's friends burst into his house, shouting and  
100 chuckling at a joke Jaylen had just told. But Jaylen would  
111 not repeat the joke. "You missed it," Jaylen said to Drew.  
122 "You had to be there."

127 Drew got the popcorn and the jug of lemonade and set  
138 them on the low bench. Jaylen sat on the couch, slipped off  
150 his boots, and put his feet on the low bench. His feet kicked  
163 the jug, and it tipped over. The sticky lemonade formed a  
174 pool on the rug.

178 "Sorry," said Jaylen as he put his feet in a dry spot.  
190 Then he started telling Manny another joke.



## Part 2 continued

197 Blake told Drew, “I can help you clean up and make  
208 some more lemonade.”

211 After making the lemonade, Drew and Blake joined the  
220 other boys. Drew turned on the TV. Then there was a big  
232 boom outside. Drew looked out the window and could see  
242 dark thunderclouds. The rain started coming down hard.  
250 Following a loud cracking sound, the lamps and the TV  
260 blinked. Then the **power** went out.

## Part 3

**Teacher Reads** Keep reading to find out whether Drew’s plans for the night are ruined or whether he can come up with another way for his friends to have fun.

266 Drew panicked. Without the TV, how could they watch  
275 the movie? His laptop battery had run down too low to play  
287 a movie. Drew grabbed a flashlight and shone it in the room.  
299 Jaylen and Manny looked bored. Jaylen said, “This will not  
309 be much fun. Let’s just go home.”

316 Blake went over to Drew and asked, “Do you  
325 have games?”

327 “I have games on my laptop,” said Drew. “But the  
337 battery is too low to play them.”

344 Blake said, “No, I mean the kind of games you play  
355 on a **board**.”

358 Drew went through mounds of stuff in the closet.  
367 He found an old board game and there was also a lantern  
379 that ran on a battery. Drew set up the lantern and the  
391 board game on the low bench.

397 The boys played many rounds of the game, talking and  
407 joking. When it got late, Jaylen did not want to go home. He  
420 said, “It seemed like this game would be boring. But it turned  
432 out to be more fun than I expected.”

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