

SNACK TIME



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One spring afternoon, Jenny decided to bake a tasty snack. She went into the kitchen, pulled down the cookbook, and flipped through it to find her grandma's special cookie recipe. She found the missing bowl and creamed the butter first. Then she measured just the right amount of flour and sugar. She looked in the refrigerator for the eggs but didn't see the carton. She moved the milk over and then she moved the leftover casserole but still no eggs. Then she remembered that her mother had used the last eggs that morning when they had scrambled eggs for breakfast.

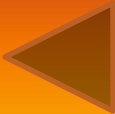
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Jenny goes to the hen house to gather the eggs

Jenny slipped on her shoes and skipped over to her neighbor's house. She rang the bell and Mrs. Smith opened the door.

"Well, hello, Jenny dear! How are you today?" she asked.

"I'm doing pretty good, thanks. I was going to bake some cookies for a snack, but we used our last eggs this morning. Do you have two eggs that I could use for the cookies?" Jenny replied.



“Oh, yes, I do have some eggs,” Mrs. Smith replied. She went to the kitchen and returned with two eggs.

“Thank you, Mrs. Smith!”

Jenny went back to her house, finished missing the ingredients and put the cookies in the oven to bake. Ten minutes later, the timer went off and she took them out. She ate one fresh out of the oven and then took a plate of cookies to Mrs. Smith in return for the eggs she had loaned.



Jenny slipped on her shoes and skipped out to the hen house. She opened the door and to her surprise the hens were dressed in their finest while sitting around the coop sipping tea and clucking away with the latest barnyard gossip.

“Hi, little girl,” said one of the hens. “You’ve caught us having our afternoon tea.”

Stunned, Jenny explained, “I was baking cookies but we didn’t have any eggs so I came out here to gather some.”

“Oh, if cookies are what you want, why don’t you just sit down and join us for tea and cookies?” replied the first hen.

Jenny decides to join the hens for tea and cookies

Jenny decides not to join the hens for tea and cookies

“Well, I think I will just join you for tea and cookies to save myself the trouble of baking my own snack,” Jenny replied.

She pulled up a crate and sat down with the hens. They cackled and chattered all afternoon.

Jenny looked at her watch and realized what time it was.

“I have to get going!” Mother will be home soon and I have to sweep the floors.”

We have enjoyed your company today, Ms. Jenny,” said the hen, “and here take two eggs so you can make the cookies for tomorrow’s tea.”

Jenny took the two eggs and said, “I will definitely be back!”

Jenny just stared at the hens in shock.

She stammered. "I think I will just take the eggs and let you hens enjoy your tea party alone."

"Ok, but maybe tomorrow you will want to join us," replied the hen.

"Uhhhh, uhhhh, maybe I will," Jenny responded.

She picked up the eggs quickly and walked out of the hen house. She shut the door behind her and then paused a minute.

"Did I really see what I thought I did?" she thought to herself.

"Nahhh," she shook her head, "It couldn't have been."

