

Something Strange is Happening

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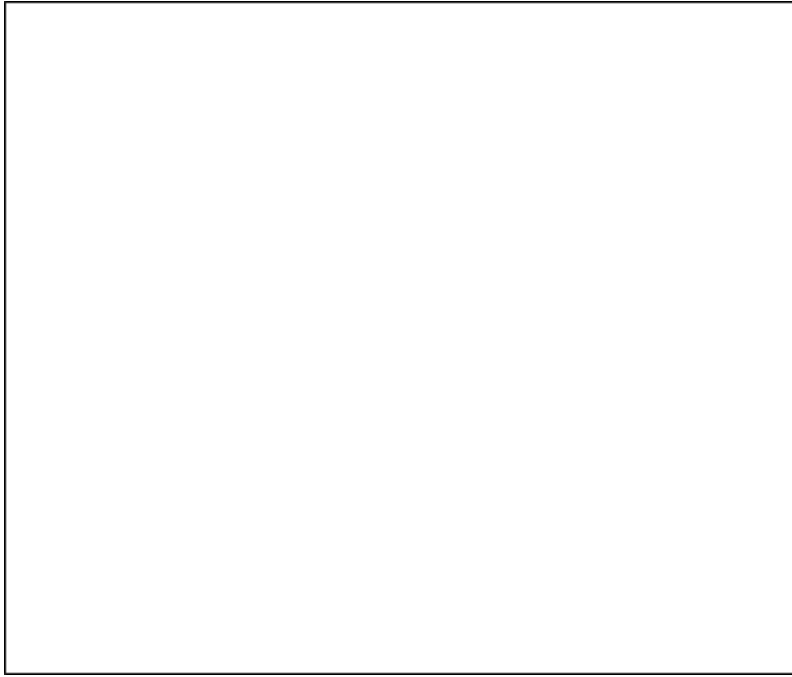
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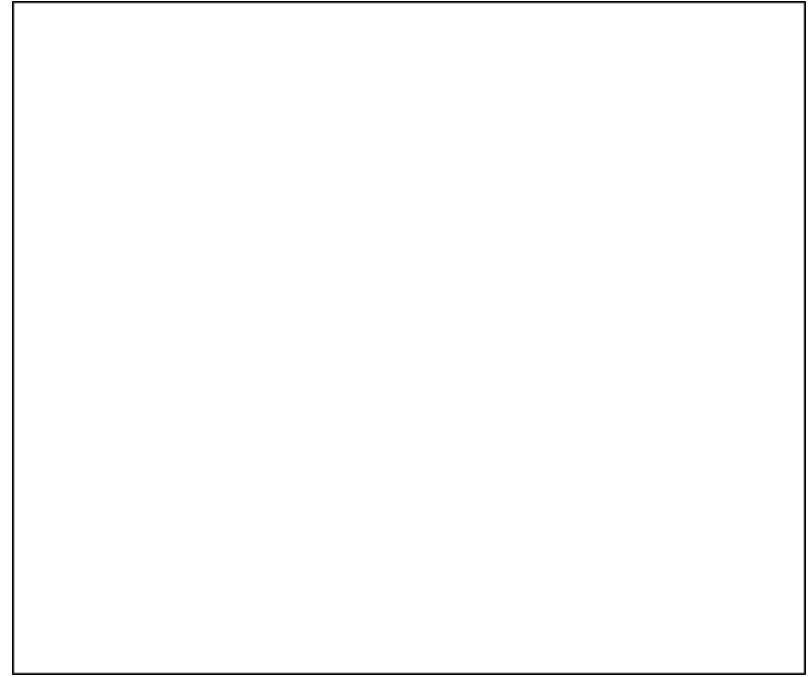
There's something strange happening. I don't really know what it is, but Mommy and Daddy don't go to their offices anymore. Now Daddy works at our house and we stay with Mommy, except when Mommy works at our house and we stay with Daddy. Mommy and Daddy told me some people are sick and their work offices are closed to keep everyone healthy. But it's not their work friends who are sick.



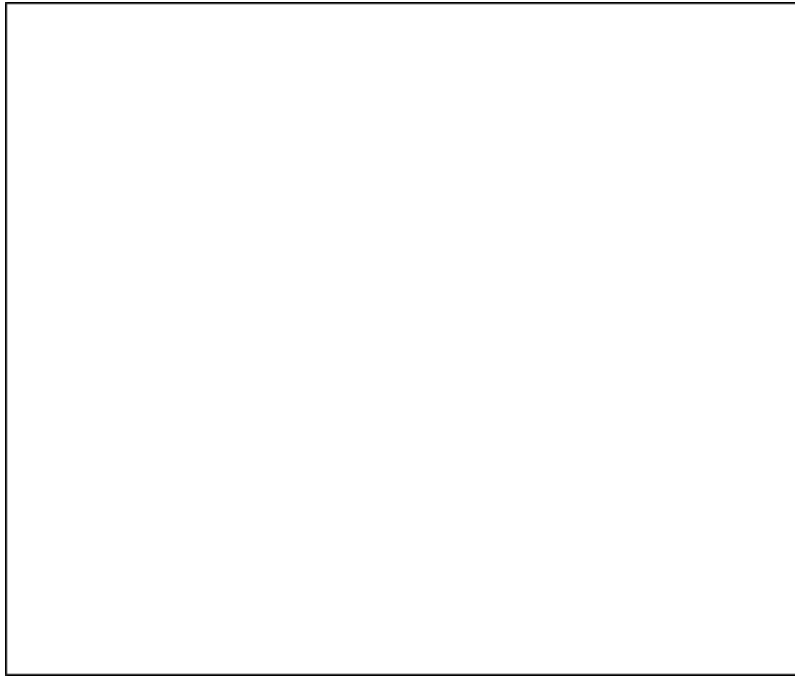
Then my school closed too. And the playgrounds are closed. And the zoo. Daddy and Mommy told me that they closed my school, and the playgrounds, and the zoo all to keep everyone healthy. I told them I'm not sick, so I can still play on the playground, but they still said it's closed.



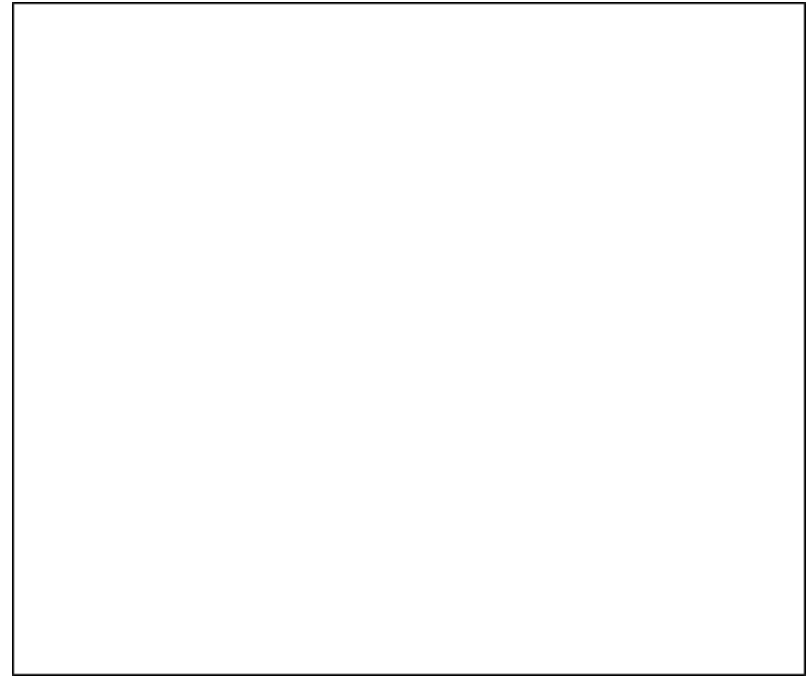
Mommy and Daddy told me there are some bad germs outside right now. We don't have them, and our friends don't have them, but the germs made some people sick. To help make sure no one else gets sick, we all have to stay close to home. We can't see our friends right now. Even though they're not sick, we still can't go to their houses.



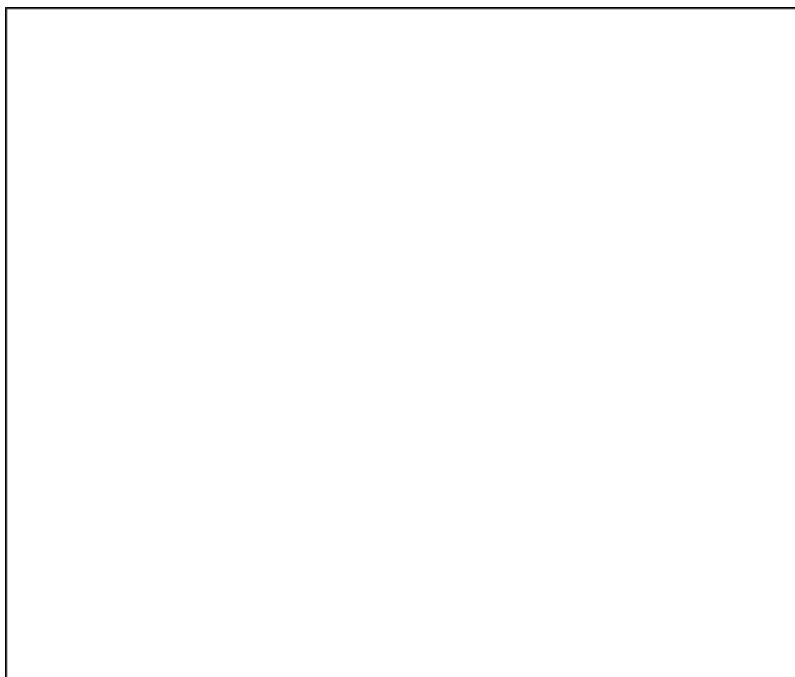
We can't even visit Aunt Jane and Uncle John who live really close. And we can't go on the airplane to visit Grandma who lives far away. I miss my friends. And Aunt Jane and Uncle John. And Grandma.



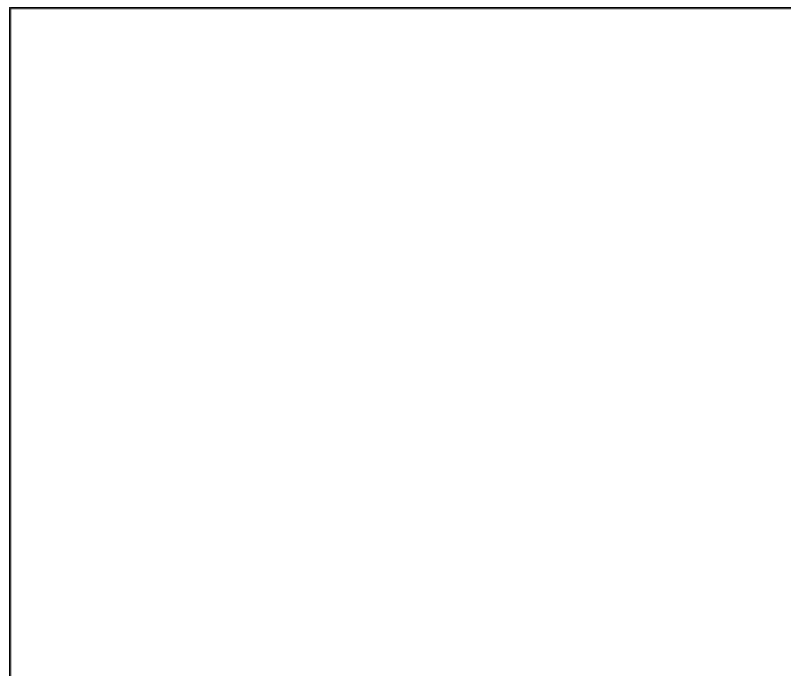
Instead, we drew some pictures to send them. Daddy put their addresses on the envelope and I got to put the stamp on in the corner. Mommy walked me to the big blue mailbox to mail them. We can also call them on the phone or the computer. It's fun to see their faces like we're watching TV!



We have to wash our hands a lot. Not just after we go potty. Sometimes I want to use hand sanitizer because I think it smells funny. I don't always like washing my hands so much, but Daddy and Mommy say it helps keep us healthy.



I miss my school and my teachers, but I'm having fun at home with Mommy and Daddy. We do different things together, like cooking, laundry, and walks outside, and I even get to watch TV. Some days a lot of TV.



Daddy and Mommy sometimes act a little funny. They look at their phones a lot and tell each other there's a lot of "bad news" right now. But we still snuggle at bedtime and they give me kisses. They tell me as soon as we can we'll go back to school and work and the playground and the zoo. I can't wait to go down the slide and see the monkeys!