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Len Reads to Gus



Len had a new book about a ship far out at sea. He wanted to read it on the bench at the top of the hill, with his dog Gus by his side.



Len and Gus reached the bench, and they both sat on the seat.



Len opened the book. Then a big gust sent a red leaf past the bench. Gus jumped off the seat and ran after it!



"Sit, Gus!" Len yelled. Gus came back, but soon a yellow leaf came by. Off he went again. Then Len held on to Gus, but Gus slipped out and dashed off.



Each time Len tried to read, Gus was off on a chase. Len sat and thought. Then he had a plan.



"I can read to Gus," he said. "Gus, come and hear this tale about a ship at sea," Len said. Gus stopped. He came back and hopped up on the bench.



He put his chin on Len's lap. Len read about big waves, a huge fish, and a beach of white sand. Gus did not chase a leaf.



Soon he went to sleep and had a nice dream. Len grinned and kept on reading. The gusts sent leaf after leaf past the bench, but Gus slept on, dreaming of the sea.