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Star Cookies for Mrs. Bell



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Star Cookies

Snow was falling outside. Inside, the kitchen was warm and smelled sweet. Sami pressed the star cutter into the dough. Press, lift. Press, lift. A whole tray of stars! Papa slid the tray into the hot oven, and Sami waited at the table.





One Dark Window

When the cookies were cool, Sami shook sugar sparkles on top. Then he looked out of the window. Every house on the street had twinkly Christmas lights. Every house but one. Mrs. Bell's window was dark. "Papa," said Sami, "why doesn't Mrs. Bell have any lights?"

A Box of Stars

Papa looked too. "Mrs. Bell lives on her own," he said softly. "Maybe she would like some Christmas company." Sami knew just what to do. He put the best stars in a red box. "One, two, three, four, five," he counted. Papa tied the white ribbon.





Crunch, Crunch

Coat on. Hat on. Mittens on. Sami held the red box in one hand and Papa's hand in the other. Crunch, crunch, crunch went their boots along the snowy path. A snowflake landed right on Sami's nose.

Knock, Knock

Knock, knock. The green door opened, and there was Mrs. Bell in her lilac cardigan. "Merry Christmas, Mrs. Bell!" said Sami. "We made you stars!" Mrs. Bell's eyes went wide. Then her whole face smiled.





Mrs. Bell's Lights

Mrs. Bell put the cookies on her best blue plate. Then she opened a box she had not opened for a long time. Inside was a string of little lights. "I didn't feel like Christmas on my own," she said. "But now I do." Papa helped her hang the lights in the window. Click! They twinkled.

Goodnight, Mrs. Bell

At bedtime, Sami looked out of his window. Next door, Mrs. Bell's lights were twinkling. And there was Mrs. Bell, waving goodnight. Sami waved back. Then he snuggled down under his blanket, warm right through, and fell fast asleep.



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