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Kayla ran into her brother's room yelling, "Wake up, Nick! Dad's taking us to the beach today!"

Nick got up and went to the closet. He took out his bucket, shovel, sifter, beach bag, beach ball, and a bottle of sunscreen.

There was a knock, knock, knock, at the door.

“It’s Dad! Dad is here!” the children shouted.

“Hey, you two. Are you ready to go? Don’t forget your bike helmets! We’re going to ride our bikes along the beach.”



"Are we there yet? Are we there yet?" asked Nick. Dad responded, "1-2-3, what will we see?"

"We'll see sand," said Kayla.

"We'll see shells," said Nick.

"And something else, too." said Dad. "It's big and blue, I'll give you a clue."

“There it is. There’s the ocean. We’re almost there,” said Dad.



"1-2-3, follow me!" said Dad. "I see just the right spot."





Kayla filled her bucket with wet sand. "I see small broken shell bits," Kayla said.

"That's right," said Dad. "Do you see those waves? Sometimes they are strong enough to break big shells into smaller pieces. Let's look for whole shells."





Kayla yelled, "I found one that's bumpy and brown."

Nick said, "I found some too. They are smooth and round."

“Let’s put them in piles,” said Dad. “How would you sort them?”

Orange? Yellow? White? Brown? Pointy? Bumpy? Smooth?
Round?







“Ok,” Dad said, “Now what do we do? 1-2-3, we’re going for a bike ride. Wheeeee!”

Off they rode on their bikes to end their busy beach day.



"Riding my bike was the best part of the day," said Nick.

"I loved collecting all those shells," said Kayla. "Hey Dad, what did you like best?"

"I liked everything we did, but the best of all was being with you two!" Dad answered.