

A Day With Pa

One day Laura Ingles was walking home from school with her sister Mary. When they got home, they knew it was time to wash up for supper. As soon as they were done washing up, they took a seat at the table and started to eat. While they were eating, Pa looked at Laura and smiled. He cleared his throat and said, "Half-pint, how would you like to spend a whole day tomorrow with your old Pa?" "Oh yes, Pa!! I would love that very much!" said Laura. Laura was very excited! She ate her supper, took care of her plate and went upstairs to bed.

Laura woke up early that next morning, quickly put on her clothes and headed down the ladder for breakfast. While finishing up breakfast, she heard her father from outside call out, "Come on Laura! Let's start our amazing day!" Laura immediately put up her plate, dashed outside, and climbed into her father's wagon. They headed out and not too long, they were at their destination to camp for the night. Laura, beamed with joy!

"Come on, Laura! Let's go find some firewood, first. We need to build a fire to keep us warm tonight." said Pa. As Laura started to look for firewood, she bent down to pick up some sticks, when all of a sudden Pa grabbed her arm and said, "Stop! That's not a stick, it's a snake!!" Laura started to panic, but Pa carefully carried her away from the snake. Pa told her she was safe and explained to Laura how snakes can easily be mistaken for sticks if you aren't paying close attention. They finished gathering firewood together and headed back to camp.

Once they got back to camp, they grabbed their cane poles, some juicy earthworms and whistled their way to the fishing hole. Along the way, Pa marked the trees with his axe. "Pa, whatcha doin' to that tree?" asked Laura. Pa answered, "I'm going to mark some trees along the way so we don't get lost on our way back." "That sure is a great idea!" said Laura. Once they got to the fishing hole, they cast out their fishing line and Laura quickly got a tug. Then she felt another tug and another and then she yanked her line out of the water and out popped a huge fish! "Looks like we'll have dinner for the whole week, Half-pint!" chuckled Pa. Laura looked at the fish, "Come on let's head back to camp and cook this guy up! I'm hungry!" said Laura with a smile.

They got back to camp, cooked up dinner, nestled in their tent and looked up at the stars. Laura yawned. "Well," said Pa, "I'd say we had a pretty good day, what do you think, Half-pint?" "It sure was, Pa!" said Laura. They said their bedtime prayers, and as Laura drifted off to sleep, she whispered, "best day ever."