



## Lesson V

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## The Splendid Vacation

“It is just a splendid thing to have a vacation!” laughed Arthur. He and Robbie were planning to go fishing.

“Yes, it is the greatest fun under the sun,” Robbie said.

“Dear me, what poets!” said Grandma.

“Oh, Grandpa,” said Robbie, “I was up at old Joe Bates’ house yesterday. He is sick in bed. He says if his garden is not weeded this week, it will be spoiled.”

“Joe is sick again?” asked Grandpa. “That is too bad. But I really do not see why his garden should spoil. There are strong young hands here with nothing to do but catch fish.” Then he winked at the boys.

“I am willing to go,” Robbie said. “It would not be much fun fishing while someone needs help.”

“I guess that is so. I am happy to go too,” said Arthur.

“I thought so,” said Grandpa. “I knew you boys were no sluggards.”

So in a short time Dobbin the horse was harnessed to the wagon, and it was filled with firewood for old Joe Bates.

“Here we go,” cried Arthur, as Grandma watched them leave. “From honest work we shall never shirk.”

*“They helped every one his neighbour; and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage.” —Isaiah 41:6*

### *Questions*

1. What had Arthur and Robbie hoped to do?
2. What did Arthur and Robbie decide to do instead of going fishing?
3. Why did Joe Bates need help?
4. How did Robbie and Arthur feel about going?

### *What Do You Think?*

5. Is there anyone whom you can help?