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## Ben's Big Surprise

**Directions:** Read the short story below about Boxing Day. Then answer the questions that follow.

The morning after Christmas, Ben woke up to the sound of laughter outside. His neighbors were carrying boxes filled with toys, clothes, and food. Curious, Ben asked his mom what was happening. She smiled and said, "It's Boxing Day—a day to share what we have with others."

Ben grabbed his own small box and filled it with puzzles, books, and a warm hat he had outgrown. Together, he and his mom walked to the community center where families gathered to give and receive. When Ben saw another boy smile as he picked one of Ben's books, he felt his heart glow. That night, Ben realized giving felt even better than receiving.

### Comprehension Questions:

1. What were Ben's neighbors doing on Boxing Day?

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2. What did Ben put inside his own box?

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3. Where did Ben and his mom go to give their donations?

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4. How did Ben feel at the end of the story?

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5. What lesson does the story teach about Boxing Day?

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