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**"So confess your sins
to one another. Pray for
one another so that you
might be healed."**

James 5:16a (NirV)

On Friday afternoon,
Henry Hedgehog and his sister,
Halle, waved goodbye to
Miss Minnick and the
Mulberry Meadow School.



Fridays were their favorite days because they could play longer *and* later.
And their mom made special snacks on Fridays—especially meant for sharing with friends.

Henry dashed across the field to find his best pals, Buster and Jax.
Halle trailed behind with Freya and Delia.

As they all bounced through the meadow, the girls picked berries, nibbling as they went along.

Ever since Halle had gotten braces, she had trouble saying certain words. Not all words—just some. Thankfully, her friends were kind about it. But it always got on Henry's nerves.

When he heard Halle misspeak, Henry stopped in his tracks.

Suddenly, Halle excitedly exclaimed, "I have a gweat idea! Let's play the game where the animals eat pasghetti! We can make pasghetti out of gwass and the sauce out of mud!"



Halle exclaimed,
“Oh! Lellow daffodils! Let’s gwab
them for our table!”



Henry rolled his eyes, “Good grief, Halle! You sound like a toddler!
I can barely understand you! Grow up!”

Halle looked at Henry. She was squeezing the berries so tightly now
that juice began streaming down her legs. Freya and Delia glared at
Henry. Jax and Buster looked away nervously.

Henry laughed, “What?! Am I the only animal
who can’t understand her? Seriously?!”

Then he turned to his friends and said,
“Come on! Let’s race!”

