

**SYNOPSIS**

**The Little Boy's Secret**

There was a little boy named Andrew who was in a hurry to leave school and go home, as he had a secret to tell his mother. He took a shortcut through the woods where there lived three giants. He was stopped by a big giant and was asked what he was doing in the woods. Andrew replied that he was in a hurry to go home as he had a secret to tell his mother. When the giant asked him what the secret was Andrew refused to tell him. Hearing this giant grabbed Andrew and put him in his shirt pocket. Soon they met a second giant who was the brother of the first giant and he also joined them on their journey. They reached a huge stone castle next to a muddy river where the giants lived. Inside was the third giant who spoke in a funny manner. All the three giants demanded Andrew to tell them the secret. Hearing this Andrew said that he would tell them the secret only if they promised to let him go. After the giants had agreed to Andrew's terms he whispered something into the first giant's ear. Hearing the secret the first giant got scared and ran into the woods and climbed up the tallest tree. Andrew then told his secret to the second giant. Immediately the second giant covered his face with his hands and ran out of the castle screaming and dived head first into the muddy river. The third giant was scared seeing this but bent down to listen to Andrew's secret. Hearing what Andrew told him the third giant raced out of the castle, ran away over the hills and crawled into the deepest darkest cave he could find. Andrew walked out of the castle and reached home. On telling his mother the secret she put Andrew to bed and gave him some supper. The secret was that Andrew was getting the measles.

- Children please do questions 1, 2 and 3 in your English Literature exercise book.
  1. Answer the following questions.
    - a) Why did Andrew leave school after the fifth period?
    - b) What did Andrew do to reach home fast?
    - c) Describe the appearance of the second giant and what was his reaction after hearing Andrew's secret?
    - d) What was the reaction of Andrew's mother when he told her his secret?
    - e) What was the secret?
  2. Who said to whom.
    - a) "What are you doing here, boy? Don't you know whose woods these are?"
    - b) "What's that in your pocket?"
    - c) "I'll count till tree (three)."
    - d) "I suppose I will have to tell you. But you will have to promise to let me go."
    - e) "Never mind, just bend down."
  3. Make sentences
    - a) school
    - b) pocket
    - c) river
    - d) enormous
    - e) brother