

Farm Life

Kenny loved to stay on his uncle's farm. One thing he liked to do was to feed the chickens. He liked to throw the chicken feed on the ground and watch the chickens get excited. He even liked the meanest chicken, Big Red, who liked to peck him with its beak.

What Kenny liked to do most on the farm was gather chicken eggs. He enjoyed tricking the chickens to get their eggs. He would go into the house where the chickens had their nests and show a chicken the food that he was holding in his hand. When the chicken pecked at the food, he would reach under the chicken with his other hand and grab its eggs. He would pull his arm back fast so the chicken couldn't peck. Sometimes the chicken did peck him. He thought that was great fun.

When Kenny's sister Beth visited the farm, she liked feeding the chickens too, but she didn't like to gather their eggs. She didn't like the loud noises they made. It scared her when they flapped their wings. She hated it most when she got pecked.

One day when Beth and her mother visited the farm, Beth and Kenny played together until it was time for Kenny to do his farm jobs. He had to feed the chickens and gather their eggs. He wanted Beth to come with him. He said they could have fun doing it together, but Beth said, "No."

"But it's fun," Kenny said.

"No, no," she said. "I don't like to gather the eggs. It's too scary."

Kenny knew that Beth hated to gather eggs. He also knew she loved to feed the chickens. He said, "Help me get the eggs, and I will let you feed the chickens."

She said, "Okay, but be nice. No tricks."

Kenny smiled to himself as he got the egg basket. Kenny showed Beth how to offer the chicken feed with one hand and stick her other hand under the chicken to get the egg. Beth said, "Oh, I can do that!"

Kenny said, "I'll start on this end. You start on the other end with that big red chicken."

"Okay," she said. He watched as she went to Big Red's nest. When she started toward the nest, Big Red gave a warning cluck. When she got near the nest, Big Red's eyes got big. When she stuck her hand out with the feed in it, Big Red pecked her hand. Beth screamed loudly and dropped the chicken feed. She saw that Kenny was pointing and laughing at her. She knew she had been tricked. She ran crying all the way to the farmhouse.

She told her mother about the mean trick Kenny had played on her. Kenny laughed

and laughed. He thought it was a great trick, even if he did have to go to bed without supper.

1. Who was Big Red in this story?

- A. A big friendly dog.
- B. A big mean chicken.
- C. A big red colored horse.

2. What happened when Beth stuck out her hand to feed Big Red?

- A. Big Red flew away.
- B. Big Red clucked loudly.
- C. Big Red pecked her.

3. What did Kenny like to do most on the farm?

- A. Feed the chickens.
- B. Gather chicken eggs.
- C. Watch the chickens fly.

4. What did Beth like to do when she visited the farm?

- A. Feed the chickens.
- B. Gather chicken eggs.
- C. Watch the chickens fly.

5. What did Big Red do when Beth got near her nest?

- A. Big Red gave a warning cluck.
- B. Big Red tried to peck Beth.
- C. Big Red's eyes got big.

6. What happened right after Kenny showed Beth how he got eggs from a chicken?

- A. Beth said that she could do what Kenny did.
- B. Beth said she wouldn't help because she was scared.
- C. Beth told Kenny to be nice to her and not to play tricks.

7. What nest did Kenny tell Beth to start getting eggs from?

- A. The end of the row where Kenny was.
- B. The nest on the end where Big Red was.
- C. The nest next to the nest where Kenny started.

8. What did Beth hate the most about gathering eggs?

- A. Getting pecked by a chicken.
- B. Seeing a chicken flap its wings.
- C. Sticking her hand under a chicken.

9. How did the story end?

- A. Beth told her mother what Kenny did.
- B. Kenny had to go to bed without any supper.
- C. Beth ran crying all the way to the farmhouse.

10. Why did Kenny smile when Beth said she would help him gather eggs?

- A. He thought it would be a lot of fun for Beth.
- B. He was happy that he would have some help.
- C. He was thinking about playing a trick on her.

11. How did Kenny trick the chickens to get their eggs?

- A. He would hold out food and then grab the eggs.
- B. He would reach quickly under the chicken to get the eggs.
- C. He would let the chicken peck him and then grab the eggs.

12. What was the biggest problem for Beth in this story?

- A. She didn't like to be on the farm.
- B. Kenny played a mean trick on her.
- C. She was afraid of chickens.