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Then one day Jack said to his mother, 'I want a cat, Mummy.'

His mother did not say 'Yes' or 'No'. First, she wanted to talk to her husband.

That evening she said to her husband, 'Joe, all Jack's friends have got dogs or cats, and we have no animals. Now Jack wants one.'

'A cat's easier than a dog, Helen,' her husband answered.

'Our neighbours' cat's going to have kittens,' Helen said. 'They aren't going to want them all.'

'Good,' answered Joe. 'Ask them for one.'

A few days later, the neighbour's cat had four kittens, and after a few weeks, the neighbours gave one to Jack's mother.

But then Jack pulled the kitten's tail, and his mother said to him, 'Don't pull the kitten's tail, Jack!'

Jack answered, 'I'm not pulling it, Mummy. I'm holding it, and the kitten's pulling.'



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