Too Busy to Sleep

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Practice reading these sentences.

We are eating lots of beans.
Mom said, “You are not sleeping?”
Granddad said, “Bill is having a lot of fun!”
Bill and Meg are at Granddad’s farm.
Bill’s mom called.
She said, “Bill, are you having fun at the farm?”

A farm is a place where people grow plants and animals. What are some animals that you can find on a farm?
Point to a phone.
Make it clear that Bill is at the farm and his mother is at home.
Bill said,
“We are having a lot of fun!
We are helping Granddad.”
Have the children pretend to feed geese, pick beans, pet sheep, and plant seeds.
What else were Bill and Meg doing?

“We were peeking at bees. They were mad. Then we jumped into a stream!”

Demonstrate peeking.
Why did Bill and Meg run to a stream?
Mom said,
“You and Meg are having lots of fun. Are you eating? Are you sleeping?”
Bill said,
“We are eating lots of beans.
We are eating lots of corn.
But we are not sleeping!”

Do you think Bill is looking tired?
Mom said,
“You are not sleeping?
You can not have fun if you don’t sleep!”

Why can’t you have fun if you don’t sleep? (T-P-S)
Now Mom was really worried about the kids.

Bill said,

“We are napping, but we are not sleeping.”

Explain that napping is just a short rest.
How can you tell Bill is sleepy?
Bill thought he was just taking short naps. Do you think he was really sleeping more than that?

Mom said,
“Bill? Bill?” but Bill was sleeping!
Bill was so tired from all the fun he was having that he fell asleep while he was talking to his mom!

Granddad got on the phone. “Bill is sleeping,” he said. “He is having a lot of fun!”

Can you remember some of the things Bill did that made him sleepy?
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1. What were some things that Bill and Meg did to help Granddad?
   [Bill and Meg fed the geese, picked beans, petted sheep, and planted seeds.]

2. What did Mom ask Bill?
   [Mom asked Bill if he was eating and sleeping.]

3. What happened to Bill while he was talking to his mom?
   [Bill fell asleep.]

4. Why do you have to sleep to have fun?
   [You need to sleep to get energy.]
KinderRoots

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