**Joan’s Stamps**

Joan needs to find the roll of stamps she has so she can mail a note. Then she can go on a camping trip. She thinks the roll of stamps is on the desk by the globe. It is not there. Joan’s stuff is scattered so she cannot find the roll of stamps.

Joan decides to clean the clutter. She hangs her robe and yellow coat on the rack. She makes the bed and sets the foam pillows in place. She folds her clothes. She wipes the desk and globe with a rag. Dust floats in the light from the window. She still cannot find the bag of stamps.

Mom hears Joan stomp around the room. “Joan, do not stomp!” exclaims Mom.

“I need my stamps;” groans Joan.

“I have the stamps!” says Mom. The stamps were not in Joan’s room, but it was so cluttered, she did not know!

**A Boat Trip**

Otis hoped to see crabs and toads in their own habitat. He asked Dad to go on a trip to Lake Hope and Stone Bay. Otis and Dad drove on a slow, winding road to Lake Hope.

They rented a row boat to go over the lake and into the bay. They rowed to the bay and floated in the still water. Otis spotted a toad by the side of the boat. Dad put his finger to his lips.

“Keep your voice low, Otis. This is the toad’s home;” Dad grinned. Otis nodded. They sat and watched the toad. It began to croak.

The wind started to blow, and the boat rose and dove in the waves. As Otis and Dad rowed back, Otis spotted a big crab by the coast. It made his day!

★ **Activity** Write a story about Otis and the crab. ★