

Poppa's New Pants

(Grade 3 Theme 6 Selection 2 Summary)

My name is George. Poppa and I helped Grandma Tiny clean the house Big Mama and Aunt Viney's visit. Then Poppa and I went to the store. Poppa bought a pair of gray pants with a red plaid pattern. The pants were too long.

When we got home, Big Mama and Aunt Viney were there. The women were all too tired to hem Poppa's pants. Poppa draped the pants over the rocking chair.

That night, I slept in the kitchen because Big Mama and Aunt Viney were in my room. As I fell asleep, a small, white shape came in. Later a tall, thin white shape came through the doorway. Finally, a big, white shape into the room! Each time, I was scared and hid under the covers. I heard the rocking chair creak, a snipping sound, and a rustling. I kept telling myself that ghosts were not real.

In the morning, there was a surprise. Grandma Tiny said she had cut six inches off of Poppa's pants during the night. Then Aunt Viney and Big Mama said they had each hemmed the pants too. So they were the ghosts I had seen! Poppa held up the pants and started laughing. They only reached to his knees! But I didn't mind. Now the pants fit me.