

Fingercicles



When Marty came home from school one wintry January day, he noticed many icicles hanging from the roof of his house. Several clusters looked just like fingers on a human hand. The icicles gave Marty a great idea for a little joke to play on his younger brother Adam, who has a great imagination. When it was beginning to get dark outside, Marty told Adam to look out the window.



“Do you see those icicles hanging from the roof?” Marty asked. “Well, they aren’t just ordinary icicles. They are fingercicles, and they’re actually attached to the hands of a friendly ice man who is resting on our roof until the winter storm passes.” Adam’s eyes grew wide, and his jaw dropped open.

“Really?” he said with a gasp of excitement as he ran off. “Mommy, can I go outside to see the friendly ice man resting on our roof?”

Marty smiled and hoped their mother would find his little joke as humorous as he did.



Answer the questions.

1. What did Marty see hanging from the roof of his house after school one day?

2. What did Marty think several of the icicle clusters looked like?

3. What great idea did the icicles give Marty?

4. What did Marty call the icicles that looked like human fingers?

5. Did Adam believe Marty’s story about the fingercicles? Why do you think so?