Mom had a sudden idea. “It is a swell summer day,” she said. “It is a picnic day!”
Dad said, “Yes! Calvin, grab that pen and tablet. We will make a list of stuff to take.”
“Our picnic basket will be on that list,” Calvin stated. “And plastic cups.”
“Napkins go on our list,” said Mom.
“We will need fabric to sit on,” added Dad.
“Is velvet fabric?” said Calvin. “We can use my old velvet Mighty Hero cape.”
“Yes, velvet is a fabric,” said Mom. “But you might use that hero cape again. We can take an old bed quilt.”

“Are there bedbugs on it?” joked Dad.

Mom got the picnic basket and napkins. Calvin grabbed plastic cups and the rest of the things on the list. Dad grabbed that old quilt.

Mom drove to Jensen Public Tree Grove. There was not much traffic. Dad set the picnic quilt next to a big tree. Calvin got the basket from the van.

After they ate, Calvin rested and said, “I think I will catnap in the sun.”

Just then, it was not sunny. It got windy and foggy! “I hate when that happens!” said Calvin.

Calvin felt big wet drops! “I cannot catnap in this mist,” said Calvin, sitting up.

“Grab the basket and quilt — fast!” yelled Mom. “This picnic is over!”

“Too bad you did not take your Mighty Hero velvet cape, Calvin,” said Dad.

“Why?” asked Calvin.

“You could have slipped it on. Then Mighty Hero might have stopped the fog and saved the day,” said Dad.

Mom and Dad smiled. Even with wet fog, Mom, Dad, and Calvin had splendid fun.