

Hey kids, come gather near.

I have a story you'll want to hear!

Last night I was pondering, thinking about you,
and all of the wonderful things you've been doing too.

I thought about how good you've been all year,
and how I wanted to leave you some fun holiday cheer!

So I've left you a special holiday surprise,
but there is one catch to claim the prize.

You'll first have to find it by following my clues,
that I left for you while you took a snooze.

These clues will tell the story of my adventurous night,
so follow my trail, and you'll find it just right!

We'll start from the beginning, where my night began.

I was sitting where you eat dinner when I came up with this plan.

This is where you'll find your very first clue
So head there now and see what I've been up to!

As I sat right here,
my tummy began to rumble.
I was getting hungry
and starting to grumble!
I knew just the thing
that would do the trick.
A warm cup of cocoa
cozy and quick!
So I grabbed a cup
to make my cocoa just right.
Now find the cup
I used last night.

You found my cup,
you're clever and bright!
Now let me tell you
what happened next that night!
When I sipped my cocoa
it wasn't warm enough to drink.
But I knew of an item
that would fix that in a blink!
I stuck my cocoa inside
this machine to warm it up quick.
And thankfully that item,
did just the trick!
The machine that warmed it for me,
also holds your next clue, go check and see!

Now my cocoa was warm
and the temp was just right.
But something was missing
to make it delight!
I needed a fluffy, sweet, white treat.
Some marshmallows would make it complete!
So I went searching
for this topping so sweet,
to make my cocoa the perfect treat.
The place that would store these
is where I did go.
Where all of your snacks and goodies
are kept in a row!
Here you will find the very next clue,
and learn what I did next
on my adventure too!

With my warm, tasty cocoa
I headed back to my seat.
But I didn't notice a toy
hiding under my feet!
I took one little step
and WHOOPS, down I went.
My cocoa went flying
it was such a messy event!
So go find the toy
that caused me to fall.
Your next clue is waiting
right there after all!

I sure didn't see that toy
lying there on the floor.
Now my little elf body
was achy and sore.
That tumble did not feel very nice.
I needed something cold as ice!
So I found something chilly
to help with my back.
Your next clue is waiting
where I found that cold pack!

After my body felt better
and I wasn't so sore,
I headed back
to clean up the floor.
When I looked around,
I couldn't believe my eyes.
There was chocolate everywhere.
Oh, what a surprise!
I needed to clean up
this mess really quick,
But what could I use
that would do the trick?
Something to wipe up the chocolatey goo.
When I found just the thing, I left you a clue!

The floor was now clean,
but my hands were a sight.
They were covered in chocolate
from my messy delight!
I needed some water to wash off the goo.
So find the thing where
water flows through!

With clean little hands
and a still grumbling tummy,
I grabbed some cookies
that looked oh so yummy!
But cookies need dunking
to make them just right.
Go find the cold drink
that's chilly and white!

With my cookies and milk, I was ready to see
my favorite show on the big TV!
But one little problem
came up right away.
I needed the gadget with buttons
for my show to play!
Now find me this item
that turns on a show.
Your next clue is waiting
to tell you where to go!

Once I found the remote
and got my movie on,
I noticed the warmth
in my body was soon gone!
I needed something warm
for a cozy movie night.
Go find something fuzzy
that I used to wrap up in tight!

After my movie and yummy treat,
there was one more thing
I needed to complete.
It's something you do
both morning and night,
to keep that pesky plaque
out of sight!
I borrowed some of your paste
that gets this job done.
Now find what I used and continue in the fun!

You've followed my trail
and solved every clue.
There's just one last place that I went to.
It's where your outfits wait,
all tidy and neat.
Where you choose what to wear
from your head to your feet.
This is where I left
a Christmas surprise with care.
So hurry along now,
it's waiting for you there!