



## Celebrating with Mud Pies

Martha and her little brother Billy sat in the middle of a thick and gooey mud puddle in their back yard – a puddle they had made all by themselves. Suddenly, their mother looked out the kitchen window and discovered what her darling children were up to. She raced out the back door.

"What are the two of you doing?" she asked, rather alarmed.

"We're celebrating Earth Day," Martha replied. "I learned all about it at school last week. Earth is another word for dirt, isn't it? So, I thought we could use some dirt to make mud pies for a pretend Earth Day party."

Martha's mother began to laugh. Even though her children were a huge mess and clean up would be a challenge, she decided the scene was really quite amusing. She went on to explain that Earth Day is about making people aware of how important it is to take good care of our planet and not really about playing in the dirt. "Now, let's get you washed up," she said.

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1. What had Martha and Billy made in their back yard?

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2. Who saw Martha and Billy from the kitchen window?

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3. When their mother went outside to investigate, what did she find them doing?

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4. Why did Martha and Billy's mother begin to laugh?

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5. Do you think the children will get into trouble for making the mud pies? Why or why not?

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