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# Family Times

## Summary

### **The Stranger**

In late summer, a farmer hits a man in the road with his truck. The speechless stranger then spends several weeks on the farm. The weather stays warm into autumn, and the leaves around the farm remain green. The stranger realizes something is wrong. He leaves the farm, and the weather returns to normal.

### **Activity**

**Seasonal Characters** Imagine what the different seasons might be like if they were people. What would summer look and sound like? What kind of clothes would winter wear? Draw or describe a season as a person. See if a family member can guess which season it is.



## Comprehension Skill

### **Cause and Effect**

A **cause** is why something happens. An **effect** is what happens. Sometimes a cause has more than one effect. To find an effect, ask yourself, “What happened?” To find a cause, ask yourself, “Why did it happen?”

### **Activity**

**If and Because** Make up an “if” sentence that contains a cause and an effect. *For example: If I stumbled with a full glass of milk, the milk would spill on the floor.* Have a family member add to the story with a “because” sentence that uses the effect from your sentence. *For example: Because the milk spilled on the floor, Mark got out the mop.* Keep adding to the story, switching between “if” and “because” sentences.