

The Watsons Go to Birmingham

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1. When Watsons decided to go to Ant Cydney's in Birmingham, what happened to Byron when the bots were scraping the ice off of the windshield?
Byron got his lips stuck to the side mirror.
2. What city and state did the Watsons live in?
Flint, Michigan
3. Name the three Watson children.
Byron, Kenny, and Joey (Joetta)
4. What were the two things about Kenney that would have gotten him beat up and teased about if it weren't for his older brother, Byron?
Kenny loved to read, and he had a lazy eye.
5. Who was Kenny sure that God had sent to save him?
Rufus Fry
6. Why did Kenny stop playing with L. J. Jones?
L. J. stole half of his dinosaurs.
7. What two things were wrong with Rufus?
Rufus talked with a southern accent, and he wore nice clothes.
8. When Kenny laughed with the other kids at Rufus, Rufus got mad at Kenny. Who helped them make up?
Kenny's mother met Rufus and his brother, Cody, at the bus stop one day and invited them over. When they got there, Kenny apologized and all was forgiven.
9. How did Byron help Joey and Kenny not mind wearing all those layers of clothes in the winter?
Byron told them there were special garbage trucks that went around and picked up all of the frozen people, mostly Southerners with thin blood.
10. How did Kenny find out that Larry Dunn had stolen his gloves?
Larry was giving Kenny and Rufus a Maytag Wash when they noted that he was wearing brown gloves instead of black ones. A Maytag Wash is rubbing snow in another person's face.
11. When Kenny told Byron that Larry had his gloves, what did Byron do to Kenny?
Byron kept throwing Larry against the fence that surrounded the school. He told Larry he was making a flick (movie) called "The Great Carp Escape" and Larry was the star, the fish!
12. When Byron was caught playing with matches by Momma, what was she going to do to him?
Momma was going to burn his fingers but Joey kept blowing out the matches.

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13. Why did Byron get sick after eating a bag of Swedish Crème Cookies?
Byron threw some cookies at a bird and killed it. He was so upset that he punched Kenny and threw up.
14. What did Dad do when Byron came home with his hair processed and dyed Mexican Red?
He took Byron to the bathroom and cut off all of his hair.
15. Dad fixed up the Brown Bomber (the car), polished it, and bought new seat covers. What did he buy that he allowed Joey to put in the car?
A pine tree deodorizer
16. What was the final special thing that Dad bought for the Brown Bomber (the car)?
An in-car record player
17. Why did Dad fix up the car?
The whole family was going on a trip to Birmingham, Alabama to see Grandma Sands (Momma's mother) and to leave Byron there for the summer.
18. Why did Momma always cover her mouth when she laughed or smiled?
She had a big space between her teeth.
19. When the family arrived in Birmingham, what bothered Kenny the most?
The heat.
20. Who was Wool Pooh?
He was Winnie the Pooh's evil twin that drowned little boys at Collier's Landing.
21. When Joey went to Sunday school, what happened to Joey and the church?
The church was bombed but Joey had left before it happened because she thought she had seen Kenny across the street.
22. When the family returned to Flint, what happened to Kenny?
He began hiding behind the couch in the Watsons' pet hospital. Byron knew that Kenny was back there all the time.
23. What was Kenny really upset about?
Kenny was upset about the church bombing, and he wondered why white people would want to hurt little kids.
24. Who helped Kenny understand his fears?
Byron