



By Susan Denney
(Based on a true story)

"I wish every child in the whole wide world had a grandmother just like you" (Children's Songbook, 200).

Vivian loved to write notes on colored paper. She left them around the house for her family.

One day Mommy had a surprise. "Grammie is coming to visit," she said.

Vivian was very happy. Grammie was her grandma. She lived far away. She couldn't visit very often.

"I can't wait!" Vivian said. "When will she come?"

"Tonight after your bedtime," Mommy said. "You will see her tomorrow."

That night Vivian was very excited. It was hard for her to fall asleep.

The next morning when Vivian woke up, Grammie was there. She would be staying for five whole days!

Vivian and Grammie did lots of things together. They made cookies.



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They read books. And they played lots of games.

One afternoon Vivian saw Grammie putting her clothes in her suitcase.

"Are you going home?" Vivian asked. "Yes," Grammie said. "I am going home tomorrow. Your grandpa misses me."

Vivian didn't want Grammie to go.



Then she had an idea. She went to find her paper and her markers.

The next morning Grammie said, "I'll be gone when you get home from kindergarten."

"I'll miss you!" Vivian said. She gave Grammie a big hug.

"I'll miss you too," Grammie said. She looked sad.

Vivian was sad too, but she had a happy secret.



The next day, the phone rang. Mommy answered it. Then she handed it to Vivian. "It's Grammie," Mommy said.

"Hi, Vivian," Grammie said. "When I got home, I found a surprise in my suitcase. Can you guess what it was?"

"A note!" Vivian said. "I put it there when you weren't looking."

"Your surprise made me feel so happy," Grammie said. "It said that you love me. And I love you too." ♦

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Who could you surprise with a love note?

