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“Today is Nani’s birthday,” says Lena.

“Let’s bake a cake,” says Papa.

“Yes, a surprise for Nani,” says Lena.
She grabs a bowl and adds sugar.

“Next, we add butter,” says Papa.







“A birthday cake for Nani,” Lena says.

Papa cracks three eggs.



“One, two, three,” Lena counts out loud.

Lena stirs the batter.

Nani walks in.

“What are you doing?” she asks.

Lena hugs Nani tightly.

“We are making a cake,” Lena says.

“Why today?” Nani asks.

Nani forgets things sometimes.



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Lena's great grandmother is turning 90. Lena bakes a cake as a surprise. She wants the day to be extra special.

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