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Ghosts are a lot like us. They have families, go to schools, and text their **ghost** friends on their cell phones. But not everything is so easy for **ghosts**. **Ghosts** really love animals and would love to have their own **ghost** zoo, but they've never been able to make one that could keep the **ghost** animals in. The animals, like all **ghosts**, could walk through walls which means they could easily escape their habitats. When the **ghost** families arrived at the zoo, the **ghost** children would cry and cry because the **ghost** animals were all gone. One **ghost** family had a great idea. They decided to go to the human zoo, where the animals can't escape. This way there would be tons of animals for their ghost children to see.

The **ghost** family packed into their car and headed out for the zoo, but soon they got lost. The ghost dad had just upgraded to the brand new iPhone, but he hadn't figured out how to work the maps app. He drove around in circles for a while pretending everything was fine. Right when he was ready to give up and admit he was lost, he saw a pet store. "Here's the zoo kids!" He said as he parked the car. The **ghost** mom rolled her eyes, but went along with it. She didn't want the kids to be sad.

The "zoo" had **cats**, which the **ghost** daughter loved the most. She stood looking at the **cats** for a long time, and imagined how soft they were. The **cats** looked back at the ghost daughter and meowed.

The "zoo" also had **mice**, which the **ghost** son liked a lot. He watched the **mice** run on their wheels and drink from their water bottles. He thought it would be fun to hold the **mice** and let the climb on his arm.

After a while, the **ghost** kids asked their dad where the elephants and tigers and monkeys were. He told them this was an extra special zoo that only had small animals. The **ghost** kids had never heard of a special zoo with only small animals, so they felt really lucky to have found such a unique place.

Next the **ghost** family stopped at the "gift shop". It sold awesome gifts like flea spray and nail trimmers. The kids were sure what they were supposed to do with these strange things, but they went ahead and begged their **ghost** parents to buy them some anyway. Not wanting to raise any suspicions, the ghost dad let them each pick one "souvenir". The **ghost** daughter picked out some **catnip**, and the **ghost** son got plastic **mouse** ball.

The ghost kids told their parents they wanted to go to the snack bar next. The ghost kids picked a snack called "milk bones". The kids thought it was an odd name for a snack, but the live crickets didn't look appetizing at all! They found the milk bones to be very **hard and crunchy**. They had to chew them a long time, but eventually they managed to swallow their snack.

As the ghost families packed into their car to head home, the kids had a lot to say about their day. The **ghost** daughter talked about how cute the **cats** were, and the ghost son talked about how much he'd love to have a **mouse** of his own. The **ghost** kids showed each other their interesting "souvenirs". The ghost mom was glad the kids were happy, and the **ghost** dad was relieved his plan had worked. It so much fun he considered going back, even though it wasn't a real zoo. Only next time they'd pack their own snacks because the "snack" they had there were way too **crunchy**!