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Monkey Buys Trouble

Read the story. Then answer the questions. Monkey sniffed. Something smelled delicious. His mouth watered. He peered down from his tree at the hut below. In her kitchen, Mama Marie wrapped up the warm coconut cookies she had just made and put them into her basket. She hurried towards the village market. Monkey's stomach rumbled. As Mama Marie trod down the street, then there was a sudden flurry of skirts and a tangle of petticoats. Monkey climbed down for a closer look. "Oh my! Mama Marie moaned. "I can't believe all this trouble I've got. When Monkey saw her basket broken, he swung down from his tree and scooped up the trouble. Soon all the cookies were gone. "I must have more of this trouble," he thought as he licked the crumbs from his paws. He run to find a store that might sell him some. "I'd like some trouble," Monkey said to the storekeeper. The storekeeper nodded. "Wait right there, here you are," said the storekeeper. "A whole sack full of trouble." Monkey couldn't wait for some more of that tasty treat called trouble. He sat down and untied the knot of the sack. Three dogs burst from the sack. The dogs circled him. Monkey ran up. He spied a tree ahead and leaped for a branch, gasping for breath, and looked down at the dogs glaring up at him. When the sun sank behind the village, the dogs slunk away. Monkey swung down from the tree, and dashed to the village well. His day had been filled with nothing but trouble. In the moonlight he climbed as high as he could. And the lesson he learned? Don't go looking for trouble.

Answer each question.

1. What did Monkey peer down from the tree at the hut?
2. What did happen with Mama Marie?
3. Did the storekeeper give him "Trouble"?
4. What happened when he untied the knot of the sack?
5. What lesson did the Monkey learn?