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## Reading Comprehension

Read the story below.

Piccola lived in Italy, where all the year the sun shines warm and bright. Piccola and her mother lived in an old stone house. They were very poor, and the mother was working hard to earn money for her little girl and herself. Her mother told her that the house had rented to a family of American children. After this, Piccola was never lonely, the children talked to her every day. By and by December came, and they asked her for a Christmas present. "A Christmas present!" said Piccola. What is that?" "Every Christmas Eve," said Rose, "Santa Claus comes down the chimney, so, Piccola, you hang up your stocking, a beautiful Christmas present you will find!" Christmas Eve came. She remembered her wooden shoes, She put it close to the chimney, and said to herself, "Surely Santa Claus will know I haven't any stockings." Next morning, when Piccola awoke the wooden shoe was lying where she had left it, but this surprise was more than that, so she danced with the shoe, calling, "Mother! See the present Santa Claus brought me!" "Piccola," she said, "a little chimney swallow nestling in your shoe? What a good Santa Claus to bring you a bird!" she was a proud little girl when she took her Christmas present to show the children in the garden. Rose gave a cage to Piccola and she had saved a bag of candies for her. She went home with the cage and her dear swallow safely inside it.

Answer each question.

1. Did she find the present and what was that?

2. What did Rose say to her?

3. Who was Piccola?

4. What did Piccola do when Christmas Eve came?