The furry friends woke up to find all sorts of new things on the sewing table and went to check it out. “Look at all these pieces,” said Petunia. “They are all sorts of colors,” said Tabitha. Grandma Lois heard them and came to see what they were doing, she told them that Jessica was making a special book for Oliver for his birthday. “Can we help?” asked Lillian. Grandma Lois told them they could help by making sure all the pieces stayed with the right pattern page. They got to work and soon had everything back where it needed to be.
The next day they watched Jessica sewing pages together. Over the next few days the finished pages got piled on the bed. Soon all the pages were done and Jessica started working on the accessories. “There sure are a lot of parts,” said Baxter. Jessica explained that this was an activity book so Oliver could play with it when they were traveling or when he needed
“I like the page with the giraffe,” said Gertrude. “Well I like the page with the dump truck,” said Maynard. “My favorite is the pizza page,” said Seba. “I think the weather pages are neat,” said Edith. “The best page is the socks page,” said Petunia. They all decided that they liked a different page.
Before long all the accessories were done too, the furry friends went to see what their favorite pages looked like and soon had the accessories all mixed up. They tried to put them back but were having trouble. “The train wheel doesn’t go on the weather page,” said Edith. “And the lightening bold doesn’t go on the pizza page,” said Percival. “I’ve never seen a pizza on the clothes line,” said Gertrude. “And those socks shouldn’t be in the tool box,” said Timothy. The harder they tried the more confusing things got. Grandpa Merle came to see what they were up to and started to chuckle, then he helped them get the pages back in the right spot.
“How are we going to put this book together?” asked Edith. Grandpa Merle showed them the grommets and the rings that would hold the book together. He told them that you used a special tool and a hammer or mallet. “But Jessica can’t hold a hammer”, said Lillian after a Grandpa Merle went back to his chair. “Maybe we can help!” said Maynard. “I think there’s a hammer in the laundry room,” said Perceval. They went to the laundry room and sure enough, there was a hammer and a mallet on the rack. Maynard climbed up to get them. “Catch!” he shouted as he prepared to toss the hammer. “Maybe you shouldn’t throw that,” said Percival, “you might break something!” “Or someone,” added Edith. “OK,” sighed Maynard, “you guys are no fun.” He handed them down and they headed back to the sewing room.
They decided to practice first and found some scrap fabric. “Here Franklin, hold this,” said Maynard. He handed Franklin the grommet and picked up the hammer. “WAIT!” Yelled Franklin, “make sure you hit the grommet and not my fingers!” Franklin found one of Jessica’s sewing tools to hold the grommet with. “Now try it,” said Franklin. Maynard swung the hammer with a thud but the grommet didn’t budge. “Let me try the mallet,” said Poindexter. He swung and missed the grommet but managed to catch Seba’s tail. “OUCH! That’s a heavy mallet”, said Seba and he tucked his tail out of the way. Grandpa Merle heard them and came to investigate. He told them he would put the grommets in and they could help Jessica with a project.
The furry friends climbed onto and Jessica told them it would soon be Oliver’s birthday and she wanted them to help find a verse for Oliver. “Let’s find a verse about Jesus,” said Tabitha. Jessica said there were lots of verses about Jesus so they needed to decide what they wanted Oliver to know about Jesus. They thought for a while and settled on Mark 10:14-16 “But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them.” “We want Oliver to know that Jesus loves children,” said Edith. “And that Jesus loves Oliver,” added Lillian.
Grandpa Merle brought the finished book back to show Jessica just as they were finishing up. They gathered around it for a picture for Oliver.

Happy 1st Birthday Oliver!
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