The Little Green Hen

A Parent Meeting Fable (Read to encourage parents to help)

Once upon a time, there was a Little Green Hen who had a Cub Scout Pack. She had an assistant leader and a lot of parents with this Pack. One day, the Little Green Hen found she needed an Advancement Chair for her Pack. She asked Johnny's mother, but Johnny's mother said, "No, I am far too busy with the PTA." She asked Freddy’s father, but Freddy’s father said, "No, I'm far too busy with work." She asked Phil's parents, but Phil's parents said, "No, we just have too much going on." "All right" said the Little Green Hen, "I'll do it myself," and she did. But, she was so busy handling the awards and advancement records at several meetings that they never did finish their Holiday Service Project.

Then one day, the Little Green Hen found she needed a Popcorn Kernel for her Pack. She asked Johnny's mother, but Johnny's mother said, "No, I'm far too busy with my church group." She asked Freddy’s father, but Freddy’s father said, "No, I'm busy remodeling the house right now." She asked Phil's parents, and Phil's parents said, "No, we are planning a 50th wedding anniverssary party and are much too busy." "All right" said the Little Green Hen, "I'll do it myself," and she did. But, she was so busy handling the Popcorn Sale that they didn't finish planning for their pack family camp and so it had to be canceled.

Then one day, the Little Green Hen found she needed a Pack Treasurer. She asked Johnny's mother, but Johnny's mother said, "No, I'm busy working on the school spring carnival." She asked Freddy’s father, but Freddy’s father said, "No, I work too late." She asked Phil's parents, but Phil's parents said, "No, neither of us are good with spreadsheets." "All right" said the Little Green Hen, "I'll do it myself," and she did. But, she was so busy taking care of the pack finances that she couldn't keep up with the badge records, so they had a pack meeting with no awards.

Then it came time to re-register the Pack. Johnny's mother said, "I don't think the Little Green Hen is a very good leader." And Freddy’s father said, "I don't think Freddy will stay in Cub Scouts because they didn't finish their Holiday Service Project, they didn't have family camp, and Freddy didn't get all of his badges." And Phil's mother said, "I don't think Phil will stay in Cub Scouts because they didn't have family camp, and Phil didn't get his awards."

And the Little Green Hen said, "I won't take the Cub Scout Pack for another year because I can't do it all myself." And she didn't!

***Note:*** *A Girl Scout leader shared this with me and I adapted it for my Cub Scout Pack. It is pretty heavy handed, but unfortunately, sometimes very necessary. Don’t ever be afraid to wield your most powerful tool, as a leader: Guilt. Use this power wisely. ☺ -- Bill*