

## Lesson 5

## READ THIS STORY #1, Basic

**Strep Throat**

**Annie felt awful. First she was hot, and then she was cold. Her throat was sore. It was hard to swallow her cereal.**

**Dad said, “You may have strep throat. We’ll have the doctor check it out.”**

**At the doctor’s office, Annie thought it was odd when the nurse stuck a thermometer in her ear. The nurse smiled and said, “You have a fever.” She made a note on Annie’s chart.**

**The doctor peeked into her throat and felt her neck. She said, “I believe it’s a bacterial infection. The lymph glands in your neck are large. But we must do a throat culture to be sure.”**

**Annie watched as the nurse pulled a long swab from a glass tube. The nurse said “Open wide.” Annie almost gagged as the nurse wiped the swab across the back of her throat. The nurse removed the cover from a thin flat dish and rolled the swab across the gel. “We’ll put this in the incubator, and by morning, we will know it’s an infection if germs grow on it.”**

**Annie was discouraged. She had expected the doctor to fix her throat. She didn’t want to wait until morning to be cured.**