THE SKI TRIP

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There once was a family called The McHughes. They had 5 kids. A girl named Mary, and 4 boys: Paul, John, Peter, and Jim. Their parents were Florence and Jack. They liked going on ski trips together.

One year they invited their friends, The Paulsons, to go on a ski trip with them. The Paulsons had 2 kids. Another family who lived in the same neighborhood, The Murphys, who had 4 children, were also invited on the trip. They were all very good friends who had known one another for years.

It took a while to pack. There were 11 kids, 6 adults, 3 cars, 17 pairs of skis, and loads of winter gear. They were heading to Colorado, which was a 2-day car ride away.
The first day began with enthusiasm.
Even though they had no computers, tablets, cell phones, DVD players at that time,
and they had to play games like "I Spy..." for hours at a time,
they were as excited as kids on Christmas to be going.
On the second day, the excitement began to wear off.
    In fact, it started out badly and ended even worse.
The kids began to get tired of playing boring games and began quarreling.
The parents got tired of driving and the kids squabbling.
The atmosphere in the car was tense.
To make matters worse, it began to snow and sleet.
There was an icy, snowy, slushy mess everywhere. The drivers could barely see the road.
It got so bad that Mr. Paulson had to get out in front of the cars to lead the group.
There was a cliff on one side and a sharp drop on the other.
Everyone was nervous and anxious.

They drove on and on at a snail's pace.
They were looking for a sign to say that they were close to the resort.
They slowly crept up the mountain pass, looking for a sign that they had reached the end of the pass.
Any second now they would see the sign.....
Then finally they saw the sign, a blurry image in the distance.
They inched closer and closer to the sign.
Finally, they reached the sign and it said, "DANGER. Beware of Avalanches".
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Years later, when the kids had grown up and had children of their own, they told them the story of the nearly disastrous ski trip, and they were all glad that they had survived.