

Read the passage and answer the questions on the following page.

### Timothy's Adventure

Timothy ran as fast as his little eight-year-old legs could take him. Running through the mud, he knew if he were to stop that it could get him. "What is it?" Timothy thought to himself. He felt he couldn't take one more step, or he would die from exhaustion. He looked to see if it was still there.

He turned and didn't see it, but as he turned to face the other way, he saw something out of the corner of his eye. It was the monster that he feared, a dog-like creature with beady red eyes and long, shaggy fur.

Quickly, he looked for cover, but the only place he could go was the cornfield that belonged to old man Harold Tutwiler. However, looking closer, he noticed on the other side of the cornfield was the remains of a dilapidated barn. He decided to make a run for it. Running as fast as he could through the field, Timothy heard the creature behind him. Almost panicking, he kept his pace, only expecting the worst in the end.

Reaching the barn and immediately trying to lock himself inside, he heard the monster clawing and making bone-chilling noises outside the barn door. He climbed into the barn loft and waited and listened. He sat there for hours, it seemed, but it was only for a few minutes.

"Thank God, I'm safe," Timothy said, in an unsure, quiet exclamation. He spoke too soon because at that moment the creature, panting heavily, broke through the door and glared at him. What was Timothy to do? The creature was blocking the only entrance in the barn; there were no windows or other doors. Stalking his prey with red hot eyes, the monster found Timothy hiding in the hay. In no time, the creature pounced on Timothy and bared his teeth. Timothy felt the creature's saliva dripping onto his face as the monster prepared to sink his teeth into Timothy's flesh.

Just at that moment Timothy awoke to find his dog Sparky, licking his face from one side to the other. Sweaty and relieved, Timothy realized it was only a dream.