

## TALES OF FARM FRIENDS

# STAR: SPIRITED, BUT GENTLE

OUR DAD'S QUARTER HORSE, STAR, WAS A WELL-TRAINED CATTLE HORSE. WHEN HE RODE HER OUT TO PASTURE, SHE WAS QUICK TO RESPOND TO HIS INSTRUCTIONS FOR ROUNDING THE CATTLE UP.



MY OLDER SISTER ALSO LOVED RIDING STAR, AND THEY SPENT MANY HOURS GALLOPING THROUGH THE PASTURE AND SURROUNDING HILLS.



AS WE WERE A FAMILY WITH FIVE CHILDREN, MY PARENTS WANTED A HORSE THAT WAS NOT ONLY A GOOD CATTLE HORSE, BUT WOULD ALSO DO WELL WITH YOUNGSTERS. STAR WAS PERFECT—SPIRITED WHEN NEEDED AND DOCILE WHEN THE SITUATION CALLED FOR IT.

WHENEVER A SMALL CHILD RODE STAR, SHE TOOK ON A MOTHERLY ROLE, WALKING SLOWLY AND GENTLY TO GIVE HER RIDER THE BEST EXPERIENCE. THOUGH A SPIRITED HORSE, STAR HAD THE HUMILITY TO LOVINGLY CARE FOR EVEN THE LITTLE ONES THAT WERE PLACED ON HER BACK.



**"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE REGARD FOR THE WEAK"  
(PSALM 41:1 NIV).**

**S&S link:** Christian Life and Faith: Bible Knowledge:  
Creation-1b; Character Building: Social Skills: Compassion-1b  
*Authored by Christi S. Lynch. Illustrations by Léila Shae. Design by Stefan Merour.*  
Published by My Wonder Studio. Copyright © 2015 by The Family International