

## Multiplication Writing Activity for $4 \times 9 = 36$

Re-read the story for  $4 \times 9 = 36$ . On a narrow road high in the mountains, there was a sign who liked to help his small mountain friends. Every day, logging trucks drove down the road and sticks would drop off into the dirt. Each evening, the sign would gather up the dirty sticks and hide them behind his secret door. At night, when the trucks were gone, his little mountain friends would open the secret DOOR (4) on the SIGN (9) and gather the DIRTY STICKS (36) to take home.

This is only the beginning of the story! So many questions are left unanswered! What were the names of the little mountain friends? How many were there? What were they going to do with the dirty sticks? Did they build something? Did the sign get to see what his friends made with the sticks? What else did the sign hide in his secret door?

Please write the rest of the story! Be as detailed as possible, and whenever you use the words door, sign or dirty sticks, please write the number that matches it from the story. For example if you use the word door, write door (4). This will help you remember that  $4 \times 9 = 36$ !