Narr2:

The mouse replied:

Narr1/Mouse:

"Friendship, Trust and Caring! That's what makes life in the barnyard so good. Don't you

get it?"

Narr2:

The barnyard was silent while everybody thought for a moment. (Agnes looks off in the

direction of the Reals, who are walking in with pail and pitchfork)

Narr3:

Suddenly Agnes shouted:

Narr2/Cat:

"They're coming!"

Narr3:

Mrs and Mr Real arrived to feed the animals before anybody could answer.

Narr1:

They were talking.

Narr2:

Mrs Real sounded annoyed. She said:

Narr3/Mrs Real:

"Listen - I don't care if we are the only house in Bethlehem that doesn't take any

visitors! When all the people start coming into town and they knock on our door, I want

you to tell them there's no room! This isn't a hotel; it's our HOME."

Narr2:

Mr Real was worried. He said:

Narr1/Mr Real:

"You want me to tell them to go away?"

Narr2:

Mrs Real replied:

Narr3/Mrs Real:

"Yes! Because if we start letting all those people in our house, everything is going to get-

Narr1,2,3/ALL:

RUINED, WRECKED OR STOLEN."

Narr2:

The animals looked at each other.

Narr3:

They smiled.

Narr1:

Then Murph walked up to the Reals and wagged his tail. (Murph does so. Mr Real pats his

head

Narr2:

Mr Real felt good when Murph came over. He asked Mrs Real:

Narr1/Mr Real:

"What if the people have no place to stay?"

Narr3: Narr1: Murph sat up, shook a paw, rolled over and played dead. (Murph does so) Mrs Real looked at him and she didn't feel so sure any more. She said:

Narr3/Mrs Real:

"I don't know."

Narr2:

Then Murph got serious. He said:

Narr1/Dog:

"Humans, it's OK to trust others. It's taking a chance - that's true. But when you do, you get to keep something else way more important than your things. Know what that

is?"

Narr1,2,3/ALL:

Narr3/Mrs Real:

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"FRIENDSHIP, TRUST AND CARING!"

Narr2:

Mrs Real smiled. She looked around at all her animal friends. And she said:
"Mr Real, do you sometimes feel like the animals are trying to talk to us?"

Narr2:

Mr Real nodded. And Mrs Real said:
"I wonder what they're trying to say..."

Narr1:

All the animals crowded in together and put their arms around one another. (Still looking

at the Reals)

Narr2:

They were friends again.

Narr3:

Mr Real asked them:

Narr1/Mr Real:

"Animals, if someone needed a place to sleep, would you give them a place in your

stable?"

Narr3:

The animals answered him.

ALL:

(Animals make each their own sound and nod their heads enthusiastically)

Narr2:

Mrs Real was convinced.

Narr3/Mrs Real:

"Alright. If the animals are willing to trust strangers, then we can, too."