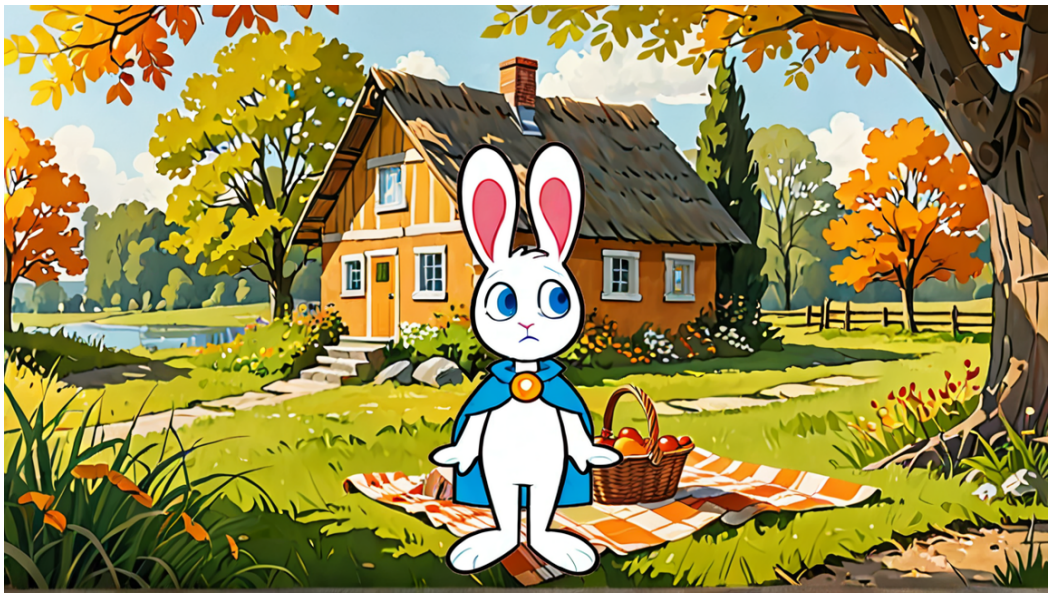
SHARED READING EDITION

Milo and the Missing Blanket

Milo’s missing blanket | Suggested ages 3-7



Join a moon bunny and his friends for a picnic adventure full of little acts of kindness.

Read together

Let a grown-up read aloud, or take turns. Pause to talk, imagine, and ask questions. The story text is complete; the cover picture is a shared illustration, not a picture of every event.

Print on US Letter at actual size, or choose Fit for A4. Use single-sided printing for activity cards. Black-and-white printing is suitable.

Where is the blanket?

One bright morning, Milo the Moon Bunny packed apple slices and three little cups for a friendship picnic. But his favorite blanket was missing. Its usual place was empty.

Milo looked high and low. A worried feeling made his tummy flutter. He took one slow breath and made a plan: ask kindly, listen carefully, and stay together.

A friend can help

At the clover garden, Milo met Pip the field mouse. “Will you help me find my blanket?” Milo asked.

“Of course,” said Pip. “Friends can look together.” They searched the garden slowly and took turns sharing ideas. Even when a guess was wrong, nobody laughed.

Time to lend a paw

Near the little bridge, Nora the robin's basket had tipped over. Berries had rolled everywhere. Milo wanted to hurry, but he stopped to help.

Together, they picked up every berry - one, two, three, four, five - and put it gently in the basket. Nora thanked them and joined the search. Now three friends walked side by side.

Room for one more

On the sunny hill, Toby the turtle sat alone. “You can come with us,” Milo said. “We are looking for my blanket, and we would like your help.”

Toby's face brightened. The four friends searched the picnic path. They walked slowly so nobody was left behind. Then it was time to return to the basket.

A happy discovery

Back at the picnic place, the friends heard a rustle. There was the blanket, tucked in the grass behind the basket! While they were away, a breeze had carried it through the open window.

“We found it!” Milo said. He thanked Pip, Nora, and Toby. Finding his blanket felt wonderful. Having three caring friends beside him felt even better.

A picnic for everyone

Milo spread out the blanket. Everyone had a place to sit and a share of the treats. They played a gentle game and told silly stories.

“Asking for help is brave,” Milo said. “And helping someone else can lead to a new friend.” Before they went home, the friends made a promise: use kind words, lend a hand, and include someone who feels alone.

“Can I help?” “Would you like to play?” “Thank you, my friend.” Small words could make a big difference.

A little more to discover

Talk together

What happened at the beginning? What changed? Tell someone your favorite part and why you chose it.

Make it your own

Have a pretend picnic with toys. Make sure every toy has a place and a share of the pretend food.

My picture or idea

Adults can write down a child's words. Different drawings and personal responses are welcome.