COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Nia and the Missing Bell

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Nia asks her friends to help find her missing bell. They help Toby along the way and learn that friends help each other.

Read, talk, and discover

The complete story is followed by questions and a separate answer guide. Read aloud together, pause to talk, and take your time.

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Part 1

It was a sunny morning. Nia was getting ready for a picnic. She put apples, cups, and a little silver bell in her basket. Nia loved the bell. It made a happy sound. “Ting-a-ling! Ting-a-ling!”

Part 2

Nia went to pick up the basket. Then she stopped. “Oh no! Where is my bell?” she said. Nia looked on the table. She looked under the chair. She looked inside the basket. The bell was gone.

Part 3

Nia saw her friend Nora the robin near the window. “Can you help me find my bell?” Nia asked. “Yes!” said Nora. “Friends help each other.” They looked by the window and near the door. “No bell here,” said Nia.

Part 4

Nia and Nora went outside. They looked beside the picnic basket. They looked under a green leaf. Then Nora saw something shiny in the grass. “Is that your bell?” she asked. It was only a shiny button. “That is okay,” said Nia. “Let’s keep looking.”

Part 5

Near the path, they saw Toby the turtle. His basket had fallen over. Red berries were on the ground. “Can we help you?” Nia asked. “Yes, please,” said Toby. Nia and Nora picked up the berries. Toby smiled. “Thank you, friends,” he said.

Part 6

Then Toby lifted his head. “Wait,” he said. “I hear something.” Everyone stood very still. From behind a big yellow flower came a tiny sound. “Ting-a-ling! Ting-a-ling!”

Part 7

Nia moved the flower gently. There was her little silver bell! “We found it!” Nia cheered. Nora flapped her wings. Toby clapped his little feet. “Thank you for helping me,” said Nia.

Part 8

The three friends sat together for their picnic. They shared the apples and berries. Nia rang the bell one more time. “Ting-a-ling! Ting-a-ling!” “Finding the bell was fun,” said Nia. “But being together is even better.” The friends smiled and enjoyed their picnic.

Draw, tell, or write

Draw your favorite part of the story. Tell a grown-up what happened before it and what happened next.

My favorite part, and why I chose it

STORY QUIZ

Think about the story

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Read each question and all the choices. Circle one answer. A grown-up can read aloud; you can point or say your answer, too.

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1. What was Nia looking for?

A. A little bell	B. A red kite	C. A toy drum

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

2. Who helped Nia look first?

A. Nora the robin	B. Toby the turtle	C. A little fish

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

3. What did Nia and Nora pick up for Toby?

A. Red berries	B. Buttons	C. Shells

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

Questions 4 to 5

4. Where was the bell?

A. Behind a yellow flower	B. Under the table	C. Inside a tree

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

5. What did the friends do at the end?

A. Shared a picnic	B. Went swimming	C. Built a tower

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

ANSWER GUIDE

For the grown-up

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Keep this page separate from the child's activity. Read directions aloud when helpful, and invite the child to explain their ideas.

1. A - A little bell

Nia was looking for her little silver bell.

2. A - Nora the robin

Nora the robin helped Nia first.

3. A - Red berries

They helped Toby pick up the red berries.

4. A - Behind a yellow flower

The bell was behind a big yellow flower.

5. A - Shared a picnic

The friends shared a picnic together.

Keep exploring

Draw your favorite part of the story. Tell a grown-up what happened before it and what happened next.