COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Benji and the Rumble in the Sky

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Benji feels worried during thunder and uses a cozy plan to feel safe until the storm passes.

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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Black-and-white printing is suitable.

Part 1

Benji the rabbit colored at Grandma's table while rain pattered outside. A sudden thunder boom made his crayon jump.

Part 2

Benji's ears stood straight, and his heart beat fast. He hurried to Grandma and held her soft sweater tightly.

Part 3

Grandma said, "You are safe with me. Thunder is a loud sound, and loud sounds can feel scary."

Part 4

They checked the closed windows and turned on a warm lamp. Benji saw that their cozy house stayed safe.

Part 5

Grandma built a small blanket tent beside the sofa. Benji carried in his favorite book and yellow pillow.

Part 6

When thunder rumbled again, Benji named five cozy things he could see inside the little tent beside Grandma.

Part 7

Soon the booms moved far away, and the rain became quiet. Benji peeked out and saw a pale rainbow.

Part 8

Benji still did not love thunder, but he knew what to do. He could find a grown-up and make a safe plan.

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 made Benji's crayon jump?

A. A thunder boom	B. A ringing spoon	C. A bouncing ball

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

2. Who did Benji go to for help?

A. A mail carrier	B. Grandma	C. A toy robot

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

3. What did Grandma tell Benji?

A. Thunder lives under the table	B. The storm would last forever	C. He was safe with her

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

Questions 4 to 5

4. What did they build beside the sofa?

A. A blanket tent	B. A wooden boat	C. A snow fort

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

5. What can Benji do when thunder feels scary?

A. Hide without telling anyone	B. Find a grown-up and make a safe plan	C. Open every window

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 thunder boom

A thunder boom

2. B - Grandma

Grandma

3. C - He was safe with her

He was safe with her

4. A - A blanket tent

A blanket tent

5. B - Find a grown-up and make a safe plan

Find a grown-up and make a safe plan

Keep exploring

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