COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Pip Paints Past a Mistake

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Pip feels embarrassed after spilling paint and learns that a mistake can be cleaned and tried again.

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

Pip the pocket star painted blue swirls at the art table. He hoped to show everyone his beautiful sky picture.

Part 2

His elbow bumped the paint cup. Blue paint splashed across the table and covered one corner of his picture.

Part 3

Two friends looked over, and Pip's cheeks felt warm. He hid the messy picture behind his little golden back.

Part 4

Pip's friend Bea said, "Spills happen to me too. We can clean this one together before it dries."

Part 5

Pip told the teacher about the spill. They used a cloth and water until the art table looked clean again.

Part 6

Bea brought fresh paper, but Pip saved the first picture. He turned the blue splash into a rain cloud.

Part 7

Pip added silver raindrops and a bright rainbow. His mistake became the most interesting part of the picture.

Part 8

Pip showed the class without hiding. The spill still felt embarrassing, but telling the truth and getting help made it easier.

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 did Pip spill?

A. Orange juice	B. Blue paint	C. A bag of sand

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

2. How did Pip feel when friends looked over?

A. Cold	B. Sleepy	C. Embarrassed

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

3. Who offered to help Pip clean?

A. Bea	B. A dragon	C. A bus driver

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

Questions 4 to 5

4. What did Pip turn the blue splash into?

A. A red apple	B. A rain cloud	C. A brown shoe

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

5. What made Pip's mistake feel easier?

A. Hiding forever	B. Blaming a friend	C. Telling the truth and getting help

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. B - Blue paint

Blue paint

2. C - Embarrassed

Embarrassed

3. A - Bea

Bea

4. B - A rain cloud

A rain cloud

5. C - Telling the truth and getting help

Telling the truth and getting help

Keep exploring

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