COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Benny Bird Saves a Seat

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Benny learns to notice who is left out and invite them into the fun.

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

Benny and Bea sat on their favorite branch. They were making up silly songs for the morning bird club.

Part 2

Tuck Sparrow landed on a smaller branch nearby. He listened quietly. There was no room between Benny and Bea, and nobody had invited him.

Part 3

Benny noticed Tuck tapping one foot to the music. “Do you like songs?” Benny asked. Tuck nodded. “I know a quiet one,” he said.

Part 4

Benny moved closer to Bea and made a space. “This seat is for you,” he told Tuck. Bea welcomed him with a cheerful chirp.

Part 5

Tuck sang his quiet song. It sounded like leaves swishing in a soft breeze. Benny and Bea listened all the way to the end.

Part 6

Then Benny added a high note, and Bea added a low note. The three sounds fit together in a brand-new song.

Part 7

They wove a little twig ring and hung it above the branch. It meant, “There is always room for one more friend.”

Part 8

From that day on, bird club began by looking around for anyone who needed a seat.

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. Who was sitting alone?

A. Tuck Sparrow	B. Benny Bird	C. A turtle

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

2. What did Benny ask Tuck about?

A. Soup	B. Songs	C. Shoes

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

3. What did Benny make for Tuck?

A. A sandwich	B. A boat	C. A seat

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

Questions 4 to 5

4. How did Tuck’s song sound?

A. Like soft leaves	B. Like a loud truck	C. Like thunder

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

5. What did the twig ring mean?

A. The branch is closed	B. Room for one more friend	C. Do not come near

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 - Tuck Sparrow

Tuck Sparrow was sitting alone.

2. B - Songs

Benny asked whether Tuck liked songs.

3. C - A seat

Benny made room for Tuck.

4. A - Like soft leaves

Tuck’s song sounded like soft leaves.

5. B - Room for one more friend

It meant there was room for another friend.

Keep exploring

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