COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Benny Measures the Nest Twig

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Benny compares three twigs with the nest rim and chooses the one that fits.

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 Bird found a gap at the top of his nest. He gathered a short twig, a medium twig, and a very long twig.

Part 2

The short twig could not reach across the gap. It fell inside the nest, so Benny picked it up again.

Part 3

The very long twig reached across, but both ends stuck far outside the nest. It bumped a leafy branch whenever the wind moved.

Part 4

Benny held each twig beside the gap. He lined up one end with the left side before comparing the other end.

Part 5

The medium twig reached the other side without sticking out. Benny looked at both ends and chose it.

Part 6

He wove the medium twig over one twig and under the next. It filled the gap and stayed in place.

Part 7

Benny pressed the repaired rim gently. The twig did not slip, and no sharp end poked beyond the nest.

Part 8

The short and long twigs were not wasted tries. They helped Benny see that the best twig must reach both edges and fit between them.

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. How many twig sizes did Benny gather?

A. Two	B. Three	C. Five

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

2. What happened to the short twig?

A. It was too short and fell inside	B. It was too long and touched a branch	C. It fit across the gap

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

3. Why did the long twig not fit?

A. It was too soft	B. It was the wrong color	C. Its ends stuck far outside

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

Questions 4 to 5

4. Which twig reached both edges without sticking out?

A. The medium twig	B. The short twig	C. The long twig

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

5. How did the short and long twigs help Benny?

A. They showed which color fit	B. They showed which length fit	C. They showed where to put berries

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 - Three

Three

2. A - It was too short and fell inside

It was too short and fell inside

3. C - Its ends stuck far outside

Its ends stuck far outside

4. A - The medium twig

The medium twig

5. B - They showed which length fit

They showed which length fit

Keep exploring

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