COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Benny Bird Builds a Feather Nest

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Benny gathers safe feathers and makes a warm nest for a robin chick.

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

A windy night left Ruby Robin’s nest cold and thin. Benny Bird heard her shiver and promised to help make the nest warm again.

Part 2

Benny looked only for loose feathers on the ground. He knew feathers still on a bird must stay with that bird.

Part 3

The first feather was wet and heavy. Benny left it in the sun to dry and searched for soft, clean feathers instead.

Part 4

Ruby found short pieces of grass. Benny wove the grass around the nest edge so the new feathers would not blow away.

Part 5

They tucked one soft feather on the left, one on the right, and two beneath Ruby’s little feet inside the nest.

Part 6

A breeze tested the nest. One feather lifted, so Benny tied it down with another loop of soft grass.

Part 7

Ruby snuggled deep into the warm nest and gave a happy chirp. She was cozy, and every feather stayed safely in place.

Part 8

Ruby thanked Benny for choosing clean feathers and working carefully. Benny flew home proud that kindness had made a safe, warm bed.

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. Whose nest was cold?

A. A bear’s cave	B. Ruby Robin’s nest	C. A fish’s bowl

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

2. Which feathers did Benny collect?

A. Feathers from Ruby’s wings	B. Paper feathers from a book	C. Loose feathers on the ground

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

3. What was wrong with the first feather?

A. It was wet and heavy	B. It was made of stone	C. It was too bright

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

Questions 4 to 5

4. What did Ruby find?

A. Three silver bells	B. Short pieces of grass	C. A blue umbrella

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

5. How did Ruby feel in the finished nest?

A. Wet and cold	B. Lost and afraid	C. Warm and cozy

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 - Ruby Robin’s nest

Ruby’s nest needed to be warm again.

2. C - Loose feathers on the ground

Benny chose only loose feathers.

3. A - It was wet and heavy

Benny left the wet feather to dry.

4. B - Short pieces of grass

Ruby brought grass for the nest.

5. C - Warm and cozy

Ruby snuggled into the warm nest.

Keep exploring

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