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Ant Saves Dove

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An ant went to the river for a drink. She leaned far out over the water.

Oh no! The ant slipped and fell in. The river pushed her along, and she could not swim.

A dove sat up in a tree. She saw the little ant in the water.

"That ant needs help," said the dove. She snapped a leaf off the tree. She let it drop.

The leaf landed next to the ant. She climbed on and rode it to the bank.

The ant hopped off onto the dry grass. "Thank you!" she called up to the dove.

A few days later, the ant came back. A man stood by the tree with a net.

He was looking up at the dove. She was busy and did not see him.

The ant knew just what to do. She ran up his boot and bit his heel.

"Ow!" the man yelled, and he dropped his net. The dove heard him and flew up into the sky.

From high above, the dove looked down. She saw the ant waving, and she sang.

Questions

1. Where did the ant fall?

A. In a hole
B. In the river
C. In a net

2. What did the dove drop to the ant?

A. A stick
B. A stone
C. A leaf

3. Who had a net?

A. A man
B. A fox
C. The ant

4. What did the ant do to the man?

A. She hid
B. She sang
C. She bit his heel

5. What does "bank" mean in this story?

A. A place for money
B. The side of the river
C. A kind of boat

6. What does this fable show?

A. Small ones can help big ones
B. Ants are fast
C. Birds can swim

Words to know

dove: a small bird
leaf: part of a tree
net: a string trap
bank: the river's side

Answer key: Ant Saves Dove

1. B. In the river
2. C. A leaf
3. A. A man
4. C. She bit his heel
5. B. The side of the river
6. A. Small ones can help big ones