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Ben and the Puddle Boat

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The rain had stopped. A big puddle sat in the middle of the path.

Ben put on his red boots. He ran out to see what he could find.

He found a wide green leaf. He found a long thin stick, too.

Ben stuck the stick in the leaf. Now he had a boat with a sail.

He set the boat down on the puddle. It rocked a little, and then it floated.

A small snail crawled along the edge. It looked at the boat, and then at Ben.

"Do you want a ride?" asked Ben. He held out his hand to the snail.

The snail slid onto the leaf. Ben gave the boat a soft puff of air.

The little boat sailed across the puddle. The snail sat very still, like a captain.

It bumped into the other side. The snail slid off and gave a tiny wave.

Ben grinned. "Thank you for sailing," he said. Then the sun came out.

Questions

1. What does Ben use for the boat?

A. A cup
B. A leaf and a stick
C. A shoe

2. Who rides on the boat?

A. A frog
B. A bug
C. A snail

3. How does the boat move?

A. Ben puffs air
B. A motor
C. The wind

4. How does Ben feel?

A. Sad
B. Happy
C. Scared

Words to know

puddle: a small pool
sail: wind catcher
captain: the boat's leader

Answer key: Ben and the Puddle Boat

1. B. A leaf and a stick
2. C. A snail
3. A. Ben puffs air
4. B. Happy