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The Leaf for Ant

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Ant went to the river to get a drink.

She leaned out too far. Splash! In she fell.

The river took her away. She could not get out.

Dove sat in a tree. She saw Ant in the water.

"Poor Ant!" said Dove. "I will help you."

Dove got a leaf. She let it fall by Ant.

Ant got on the leaf. It went like a little boat.

The leaf got to the grass. Ant hopped off.

"Thank you, Dove!" said Ant.

Then a man came with a net. He looked up at Dove.

Dove did not see him. But Ant did.

Ant ran up and bit his heel. "Ow!" he said.

The man let go of the net. Dove flew away!

Dove sang to Ant, and Ant waved.

Questions

1. Who fell in the river?

A. Dove
B. Ant
C. The man

2. What did Dove drop for Ant?

A. A net
B. A hat
C. A leaf

3. What did the man have?

A. A net
B. A boat
C. A kite

4. What did Ant bite?

A. Dove
B. The leaf
C. His heel

5. What does this fable show?

A. Ants like leaves
B. Kind helps come back
C. Men are mean

Words to know

dove: a small bird
leaf: part of a tree
net: a string trap

Answer key: The Leaf for Ant

1. B. Ant
2. C. A leaf
3. A. A net
4. C. His heel
5. B. Kind helps come back