

STORY: THE FROG AND THE SPIDER BY MARCO TEPUKE

Once upon a time there was an old frog. He could not catch flies like he used to.

He travelled upstream in search of something to help him. He sees a spider. It's a friendly spider! Her web is strong and good for catching food.

But the spider looked very sick! The old frog decided to look after her. "When you get better your webs will catch food for us. Yay!"

That evening, it rained heavily and destroyed the spider's web. The frog decided it was safer for him and the spider to return to his home, which was dry and perfect for webs.

"Let me bring you back to my place. It is dry and you will get better. I will think of a plan." said the frog. He wondered how he might carry the spider.

"You have been a good friend," said the spider. "I would like to give you something, which is very special to me tomorrow. Can you look after it?"

The next day, the old frog woke up, excited to see what the surprise was. There was a big bundle of web beside him. Outside the cave, the spider was lying still. She had died during the night.

The frog carried the bundle back to his home. He cracked open the bundle... and found little spider eggs! He used the web from the bundle and a stick to make a fly catcher.

The old frog remembered what the spider had said. He fed the baby spiders and when they were old enough, they caught food for him. The old frog taught them that it is always good to help other people.



CREATING YOUR BIG BOOK

YOU WILL NEED

- 8 A4 sheets of paper
- Crayons or pencils

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read the story
2. Follow the guidance below to create your big book
3. Read the big book to your child
4. Ask questions before, during and after the story is read.

QUESTIONS YOU CAN ASK BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER READING

- a. What can you see in this picture? What do you think the story is about?
- b. Do you ever see frogs down at the river? What noise do they make?
- c. Why was the web a perfect fly catcher?
- d. Why did the frog help the spider?
- e. What was in the special bundle?

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Drawing of an old frog looking sad.

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Drawing of the happy frog looking up at the spider hanging on her web between two trees.

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A drawing of a sick spider and a thoughtful old frog.

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Drawing of a broken web and rain.

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A drawing of the frog and the spider sitting under the rock talking about the plan.

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Drawing of the spider talking to the frog.

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Drawing of the old frog with the bundle of web – and a dead spider curled up.

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A drawing of the old frog with the broken bundle and little spiders everywhere.

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A drawing of the old frog teaching his little spider children how to tie web nets to nearby bushes and trees.

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