

STORY: THE TURTLE AND THE BAT BY VICTORIA

Mr. Turtle and Mr. Bat were best friends. Mr. Turtle lived in the sea and Mr. Bat lived in the forest. Every night they would talk, tell jokes and sing songs by the beach.

One night, they were hungry. A banana tree! "You have wings," said Mr. Turtle. "Fly up and get bananas for us. I can collect them on the ground. Then, we can share the bananas!"

Huh?! Mr. Bat is eating the bananas! "Slow down!" cried Mr. Turtle. "Save some for me!" "Get your own bananas." Said Mr. Bat. "But I can't fly nor climb!" cried Mr. Turtle. "Not my problem," said Mr. Bat.

"I don't want to be your friend anymore," said Mr. Bat. "You always need me to get food for you. You don't even belong in the forest. Go back to the sea."

"When you were sad, I made you laugh," cried Mr. Turtle. "When you crashed into a tree, I got medicine for you. Is this how you repay me?" But Mr. Bat didn't listen.

Mr. Turtle went back to the sea. Mr. Bat slept and the next day he went down to the beach. Where was Mr. Turtle? Mr. Bat couldn't see him anywhere.

Sigh... "If I had given him a few bananas he would be here making me laugh right now," said Mr. Bat. He wanted so badly to find Mr. Turtle so he jumped into the sea!

Oh-oh! Mr. Bat can't swim or breathe underwater! Hmm? Someone is pulling him up!

It's Mr. Turtle! He came back and rescued Mr. Bat! From that day on, whenever they had anything to eat, they would always remember to share.

CREATING YOUR BIG BOOK

YOU WILL NEED

- 8 A4 sheets of paper
- Crayons or pencils

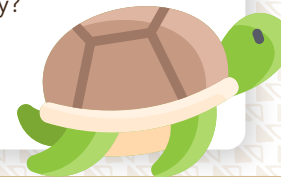
INSTRUCTIONS

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. What food do turtles, and bats eat? Do they like bananas?
- c. Why did the Bat not share the bananas with the Turtle?
- d. Why did the Turtle go back to the sea?
- e. What is the moral of the story?



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PAGE 1

Drawing of an island scene where the bat is on the beach and the turtle is crawling up from the sea. They appear to be having a good time.

PAGE 2

Drawing of the turtle and the bat looking up at a banana tree. They are talking with excited gestures.

PAGE 3

Drawing of the turtle pleading with the bat while the bat is munching on the bananas.

PAGE 4

Drawing of Mr. Bat throwing banana peels down at Mr. Turtle.

PAGE 5

Drawing of the turtle crying. The bat is looking at him from the tree without any care.

PAGE 6

Drawing of the bat looking out to sea from the beach. He is very worried.

PAGE 7

Drawing of the bat jumping into the sea!

PAGE 8

Drawing of the bat drifting underwater while being slowly pulled back up to the surface by a dark silhouette.

PAGE 9

A drawing of the bat and turtle dancing and hugging on the beach.

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Drawing of a turtle and a bat