



The Slow Leak

Part 1

Teacher Reads Sitting in a rowboat on the water can be a relaxing way to spend some time. But what happens if the boat gets a leak? In this story, two young adults, Nic and Emma, who are also brother and sister, are about to find out.

Nic and Emma were in a rowboat on the water.
10 “I think I need a day of rest,” said Nic. “This week was
23 hard. Can we sit in this rowboat all day?” he asked
34 Emma. “Can we just fish and sleep?”
41 “All day may be a bit much,” Emma said. “That man
52 at the dock said we need to have the boat back at three.
65 We can rest a lot until then. You can sleep and I will
78 read,” said Emma.

Part 2

Teacher Reads Nic and Emma fished for a bit. Read on to find out what happens to the rowboat as more time goes by.

81 Emma sat back to read. She saw a little toad float
92 past on a big leaf. “You will grow up to be a big toad,”
106 said Emma. “Just wait and see.”
112 Nic laid down to sleep. The sun was hot as he slept.
124 Emma felt the water flow past the boat. She did not see
136 that the boat was low in the water. She did not see Nic’s
149 cup float to the back of the boat.



Part 3

Teacher Reads When you bail out a boat that has water coming in, you use a pail or bucket to scoop up the water and throw it over the side. If you don't bail the water out fast enough, more and more water can get in the boat, and the boat can sink.

157 All of a sudden, Emma felt water in the boat. She
168 yelled for Nic to get up. "Nic, look!" said Emma.
178 "There is water in the boat! We must have a slow leak.
190 Grab that pail and bail with it! Bail the water fast. If
202 this boat sinks, we will have to swim back to the dock."
214 What will happen to Emma and Nic?
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