



Book 50: Ben the Ant

Review Words

ant(s), Ben, bus, had - Decodable

Plot Summary

Sis, Nan, Ben the Ant, and Sam are riding on Sam's bus when it gets stuck in the mud. Nan tries to fly for help and then she falls into the mud too. Ben the Ant escapes, finds Will the Elephant, and asks for his help. Will rescues Nan and pushes the bus out of the mud. The animals thank Will and are again on their way.

Story Questions (Comprehension)

1. page 2: What happens to the bus?
2. page 5: What happens to Nan?
3. page 8: Who finds Will?
4. pages 12-13: How does Will help his friends?

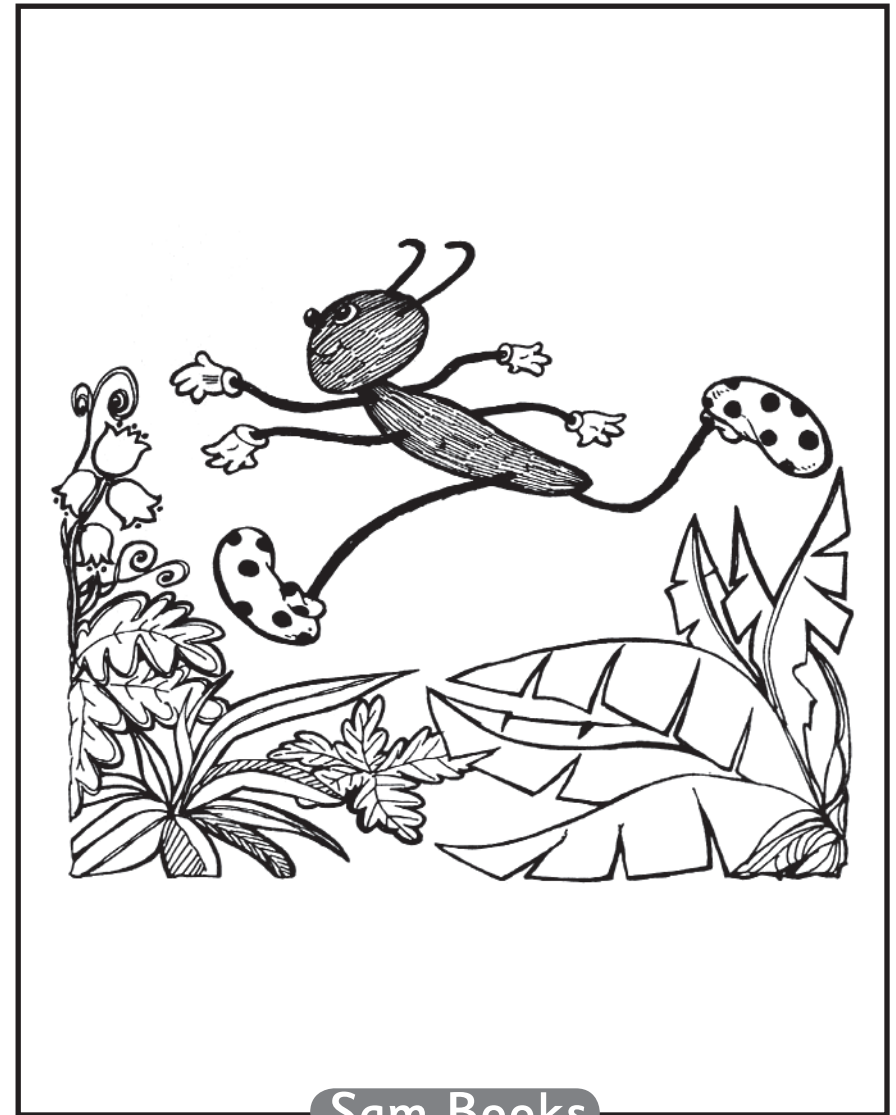
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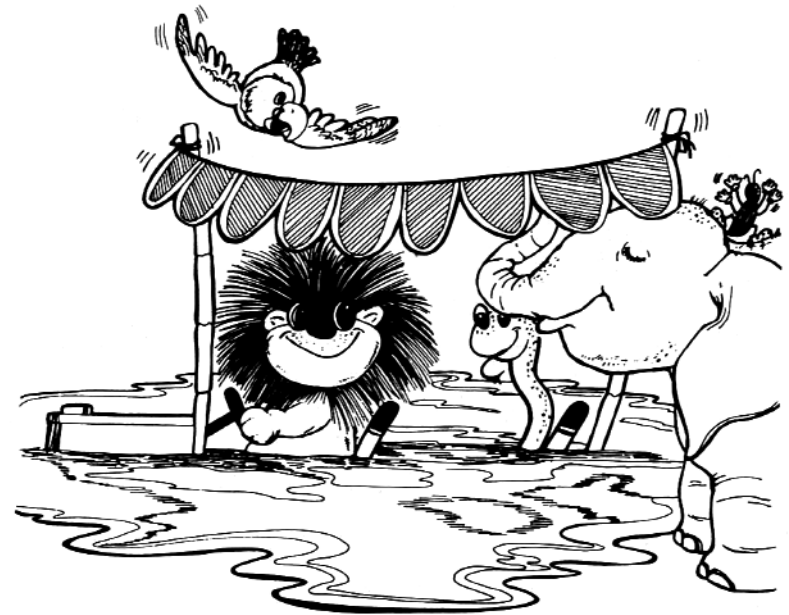
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“The bus had mud on it, but it will run,” said Sam.

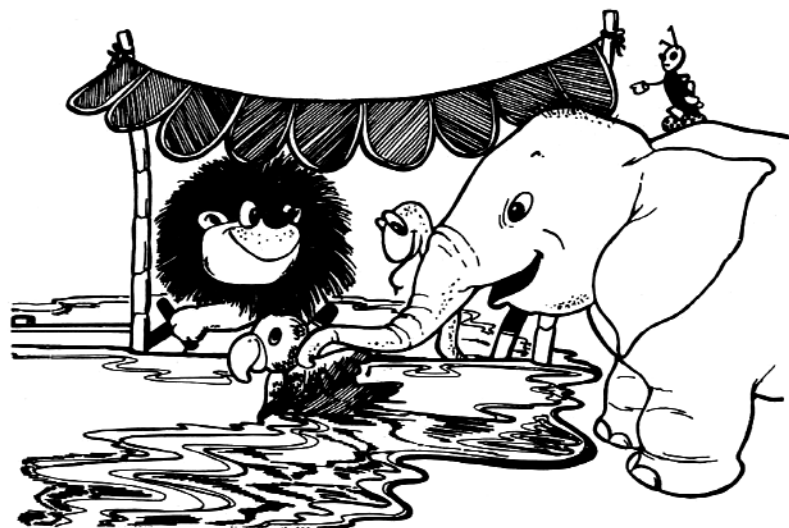
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Level	Book	Title	New Words	New Sounds	Special Words
ONE	1	I See Sam	I, see, Sam	/a/ /s/ /m/	I, see
	2	Sam			
	3	See Sam	am		
	4	See Me	me		me
TWO	5	Mat	Mat	/t/	
	6	See Mat	Mit, Sis	/i/	
	7	Meet Mit	meet		meet
	8	See It	in, it	/n/	
THREE	9	Sit On It	sit, on	/o/	
	10	Sis	is		is
	11	Sam Sat	sat		
	12	It Is Ann	Ann, this		this
FOUR	13	Ann and Nan	and, Nan	/d/	
	14	Nan and the Man	a, the, man		a, the
	15	Sam is Mad	mad, that		that
	16	Sid	at, Sid		
FIVE	17	We Will See	we, will, with	/w/ /l/	we, with
	18	Sid and the Mess	fell, mess	/t/ /e/	
	19	Sis in a Mess			
	20	Nat Sits	fit, Nat		
SIX	21	Nat	sun, them, us, what	/u/	what, them
	22	Mat in the Sun			
	23	Run, Feet, Run	feet, fun, run	/r/ /ee/	
	24	Who Am I?	Nell, who, yes	/y/	who
SEVEN	25	Nell and Ed	did, Ed, let, well		
	26	Sis in the Well	need, she	/sh/	
	27	Ann is Sad	net, ran, sad, no		
	28	Ed and the Sheet	fill, sheet, shut		
EIGHT	29	Mat Did it	mud		
	30	The Shell	sand, sell, shell		
	31	Sell the Shell			
	32	The Hat	fish, hat, he	/h/	
NINE	33	Mat in the Hat			
	34	Mat and the Net	nut, rat, set		
	35	Mat the Rat			
	36	See Them	feel, not		
TEN	37	Mit is Wet	fat, if, wet		
	38	Will We Win?	fan, needs, sits, win		
	39	The Seed	fans, hand(s), hill, seed, weed		
	40	Mat and the Weed	fills, runs		
ELEVEN	41	Was It Wet?	met, hit(s), was, to		
	42	Fun With the Sheet			
	43	The Men	bad, him, men, be	/b/	
	44	The Bad Men			
TWELVE	45	Mat at Bat	bat, his, wish, ball		
	46	The Bat Rat			
	47	Mat is Wet	bell, but, has,		
	48	The Fun Fish			
THIRTEEN	49	The Bus	ant(s), Ben, bus, had		
	50	Ben the Ant			
	51	The Bee	bed, bee, Bill, hid		
	52	The Ant and the Bee			

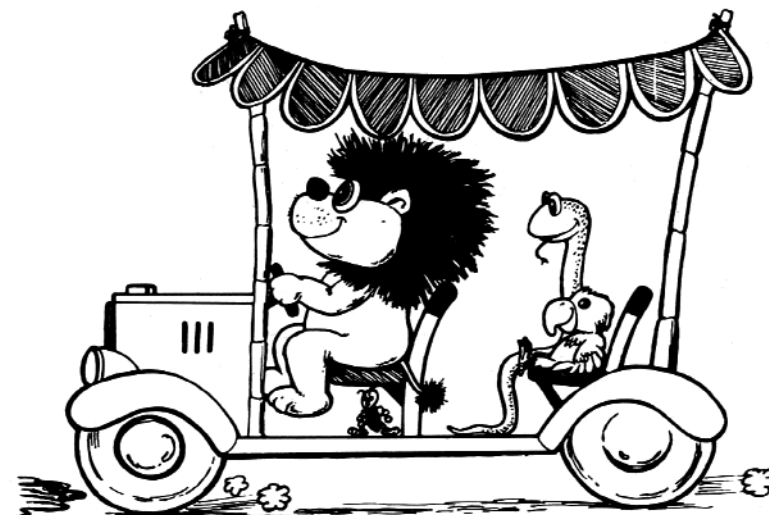


“See Will,” said Nan.

“See Ben the Ant.”



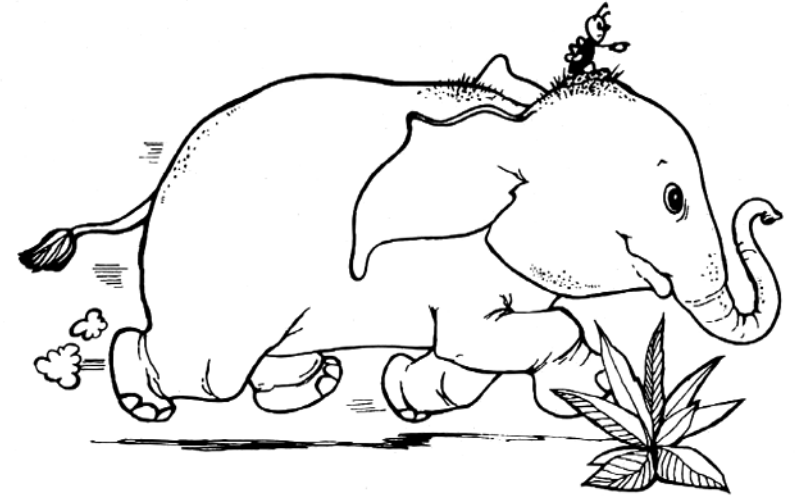
Will said to Sam and Sis,
“I will set Nan in the bus.”



Sis, Nan, and Sam sit in the bus.
Ben the Ant sits with them.

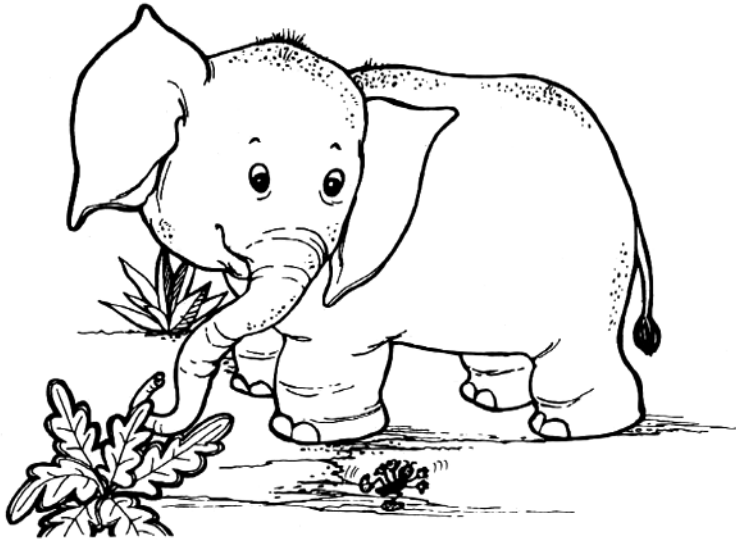


The bus runs into mud.



Will ran.

He had Ben the Ant on him.



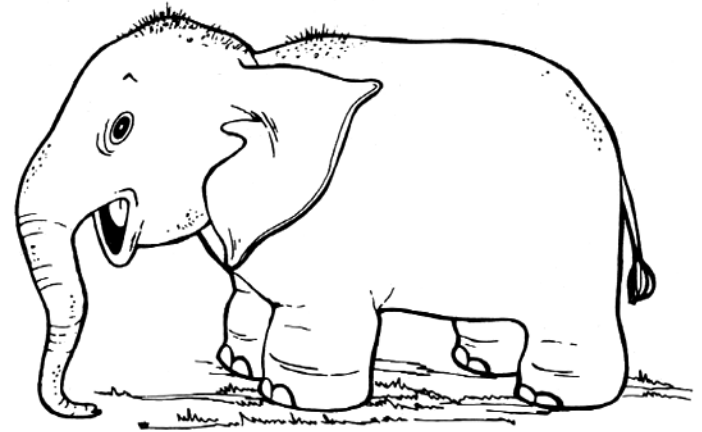
“Nan fell in the mud!
Run with me!”



“The bus will not run in this mud.
I wish we had Will with us.”



“We need Will.”



“Is that Ben the Ant?”



“Will! Will!
The bus is in the mud!
Nan is in the mud!”



“I fell into this mud!
I wish we had Will with us.”



“Sam, Sis, sit in the bus,”
said Ben the Ant.
“I will run to Will.”



Ben the Ant sees Will.