

Little Bird Learns to Fly

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Every day, Mother took Little Bird and his brother and sister out of their nest. She led them down the long leafy branches of their tree. "It's time to learn to fly!" Mother Bird chirped one sunny spring morning. The birds took turns flapping their wings to try out their new feathers. Sister and Brother Bird hopped down the branch moving their wings up and down. Little Bird would flap his wings, but no matter how hard he tried, he could not fly as high as his brother and sister.



Soon, Brother and Sister began flying everywhere. They flew down to the ground to get water from a puddle and grabbed berries to eat as a snack. Little Bird watched them from the safety of the branch. "Come on, Little Bird. You can do it!" said Brother. "Flap your wings like this," called Sister as she flew through the air. "I can't fly, I don't know how," Little Bird said to his mother. "You will learn to fly, you just have to keep practicing," explained Mother.

Little Bird spent the next few days flapping his wings and hopping down the branch. Each time he got a little higher, but he was too afraid to hop off the branch to test his wings. Then, one morning while he was practicing, Little Bird felt the wind blow through his feathers and a drop of rain hit his beak. "It's time to come back to the nest, it's starting to rain!" called his mother. All at once, a strong gust of wind blew Little Bird off the branch. He flapped his wings just as he had practiced many times. Before he knew it, he was flying. "Look at Little Bird, he is flying!" squeaked Brother. Little Bird's family flew over to him chirping happily. "You did it!" they shouted with joy. Little Bird's practice had paid off. He could finally fly! Together, they spent the rest of the rainy day flying, singing, and cheering for Little Bird.

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