

**Phonetic Concepts Practiced** 

oa (boat) oe (toes)

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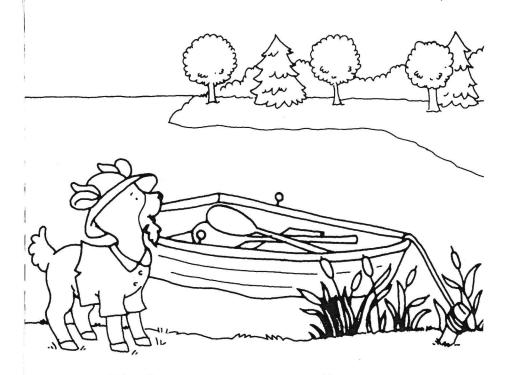


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Early one morning, Goat went to the lake. At the lake, there was a rowboat. "This must be Joe's rowboat," said Goat. "I know he'll loan it to me."

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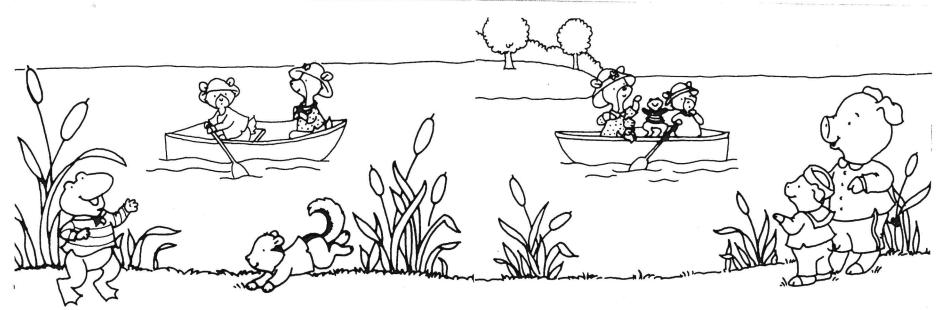


Goat got into Joe's boat. He rowed back and forth on the lake.

Soon Doe came down the road. She looked at Goat rowing Joe's boat.

"That is a pretty boat!" said Doe. "May I get in?"

"Yes, Doe, step right in," said Goat. "You are a light load." So Doe got into the boat.



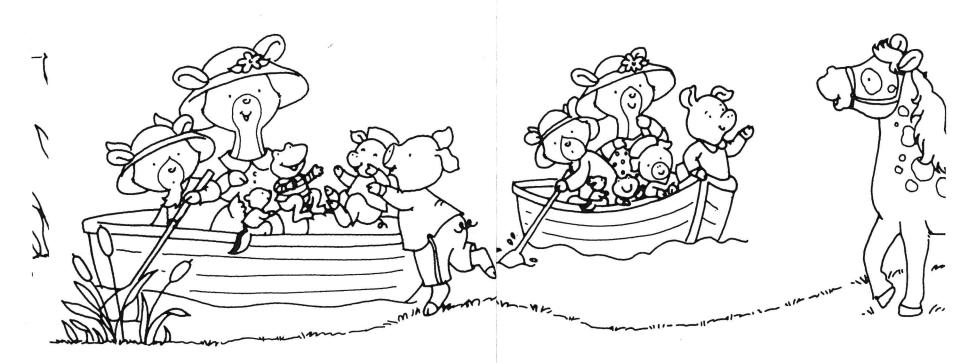
Goat rowed back and forth again. "I can row quite well!" he boasted.

"Yes, you can!" answered Doe.

Soon Chipmunk and Toad came by. "May we join you?" they asked.

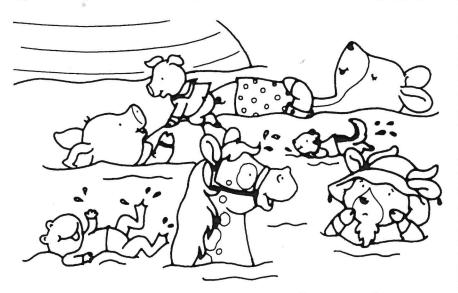
"Yes, put your toes right in." said Goat. "I mean your feet.
Anyway, come on in!" The two got into the boat.

In a little while, Pig and Piglet came by. "May we get in the boat?" asked Pig.



"I have quite a big load," said Goat. "It is a bit crowded!" "We don't mind!" said Pig and Piglet. And in they went. Soon Horse came by. "Hello, my good friends!" said Horse. "May I join you?"

"If you get in, will this boat still float?" asked Goat.



Horse put just one leg in the boat. But it was too big a load. The animals got soaked.

"Woe is me!" said Goat.

"Don't feel bad, Goat," said the animals. "Just float and have fun!"

The End

## Understanding the Story

Questions are to be read aloud by a teacher or parent.

- 1. Whose rowboat does Goat find?
- 2. What does Goat do with the rowboat?
- 3. Which animals get to ride in the boat with Goat?
- 4. Why does the boat tip over?
- 5. What do the animals tell Goat to do at the end?

Answers: 1, Joe's rowboat 2, row back and forth on the lake 3, Doe, Chipmunk, Toad, Pig, and Piglet 4, Possible answer: because Horse makes the load too heavy 5, just float and have fun

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