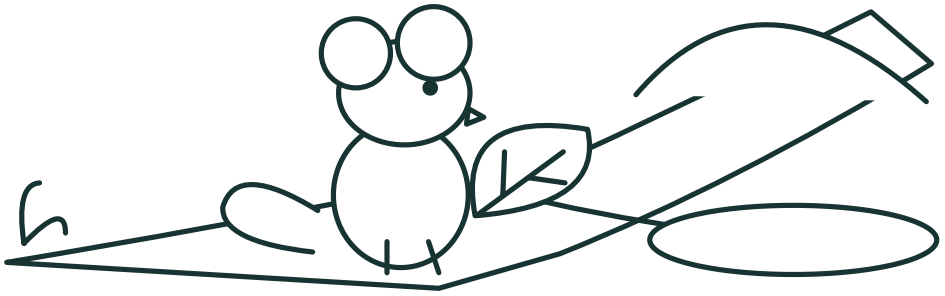
The Leaf Boat

For the adult: Read aloud, starting at section 1. Let your child choose. Read only the section the choice sends you to; don't read every section in order.

Print all three pages, single-sided, at 100% or "fit to page," on A4 or Letter paper. Colour or black-and-white both work. No cutting or supplies needed.



1 · A leaf with a curl

Moss the mouse finds a broad leaf. Its edges curl up like a tiny boat.

"What could you become?" Moss wonders. He tucks a little flower into his pocket and carries the leaf to a fork in the path.

One path leads to a still pond. The other climbs a soft, grassy hill. Where shall Moss go?

Follow the pond path → section 2, page 2

Climb the grassy hill → section 3, page 2

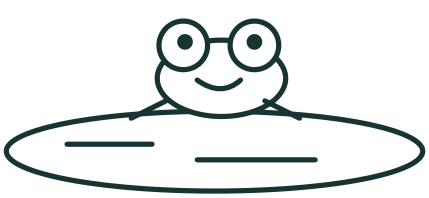
2 · Beside the pond

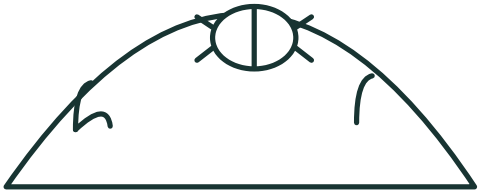
A frog sits beside the water. “That leaf could float,” she says. Moss sets it on a dry stone. The flower would fit inside.

Across the pond, Moss sees the grassy hill. The leaf could be a picnic cloth, too. What shall he make?

Float a flower boat with Frog → section 5, page 3

Carry the leaf to the hill for a picnic → section 4, page 3





3 · At the top of the hill

A beetle waves from the grass. “A lovely place to sit,” she says. Moss spreads his leaf beside her.

Below them, the pond shines. “Or we could send your flower for a little sail,” says Beetle. What shall Moss do?

Stay for a leaf picnic with Beetle → section 4, page 3

Carry the leaf down to the pond → section 5, page 3

4 · A picnic on a leaf

On the hill, Moss lays the leaf flat. Beetle brings two oat crumbs. Moss puts his flower in the middle.

They sit beside their tiny picnic cloth. The grass sways. A cloud looks like a mouse’s ear.

“A good place for a leaf,” says Moss. “And a good place for us.”

The end · You chose a cosy picnic.





5 · A flower sets sail

At the pond, Frog steadies the leaf while Moss places his flower inside. She gives the little boat a soft nudge.

It turns in a slow circle, then drifts back to the bank. Moss and Frog watch from their dry stone.

“A round-the-pond journey,” says Moss. The flower nods in the breeze.

The end · You chose a gentle sail.

Want a different ending? Start again at section 1, page 1.

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