

The Adventure of Emma and Nehemiah

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Pre-reading questions:

- What would you do if you got lost?
- Have you ever asked for help from someone that you did not know?

One night, an elephant named Emma was walking through the forest. While she was walking, a **leopard** jumped in front of her!

“Dinner time!” the leopard said to Emma.

Emma screamed and ran away. She continued running, **farther** and farther away. Emma did not know where she was. When she **crossed** a small stream, she knew that she had never been in this part of the forest before. She was lost!





Emma became tired of walking and laid down to sleep. She was **awakened** by the sound of **yelling**. She looked up. A **hornbill** was falling out of the sky!

Thump! He fell on her. The hornbill sat up and looked **confused**.

“Where am I?” he said. “I was resting and I fell off my **branch!**”

Emma said, “Hi, I’m Emma!”

The hornbill said, “Hi, Emma! I’m Nehemiah.”

“Can you help me?” asked Emma.

“Sure! What do you need help with?”

“I need help to find my way home.”

“Okay, I can help you! Which way did you come from?”

Emma **shrugged**. “I don’t know.”

Nehemiah pointed. “Let’s go this way!”

The two began their **journey**.

They soon came **upon** a giant river.

“This river is very big and I am too scared to fly

over it!” said Nehemiah.

“Climb on my back!”
said Emma. “I am big
and I can **cross** the
river.”



They **safely** crossed
the river with Nehemiah on Emma's back.

“Hey, look! There is my family's home! Thank
you, Nehemiah!”

Nehemiah smiled.
“Well, now I have to
find *my* family!” he
said, and they began
their next **adventure**.



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