Pre-reading questions:
• What kinds of animals live in the ocean?
• Who is your newest friend?

Mrs. McBride lives in a blue house by the ocean. She has a striped pink swim suit and a magic banana tree!

Mrs. McBride is going swimming in the ocean. She brings a banana for a snack.

In the ocean, Mrs. McBride sees a red octopus being circled by three sharks. The sharks are mean to the octopus.

The sharks laugh at the octopus and say, “You are strange because you have eight arms!”
The octopus is sad and angry because the sharks are not his friends.

Mrs. McBride thinks, “I should help the octopus.”

She swims towards him, but a giant gray rock falls on her and she gets stuck! Now, she cannot move.

The octopus sees that Mrs. McBride is in trouble. He says, “Let me help her!”

He uses his eight long arms to lift the rock off of Mrs. McBride.

“Thank you, octopus!” Mrs. McBride says. “You saved my life. Take this banana as my thanks to you!”

The octopus eats the banana and starts growing bigger and bigger. The sharks see how big the octopus has grown. They are afraid! The sharks swim away quickly.
Mrs. McBride and the octopus become friends. Now, Mrs. McBride visits the red octopus in the ocean.

The sharks learned that you should not be a bully because you do not know who might be able to react with magic.

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