

# Vicky The Velvet Worm Learns To Share

In the heart of the lush, green rainforest lived a tiny creature named Vicky. Vicky was a velvet worm, soft and squishy, with a velvety skin that shimmered in the sunlight. She wasn't very big, but she had a special talent: she could shoot sticky silk from her mouth to catch her food! This made Vicky feel very proud of herself.

One sunny day, Vicky went exploring through the mossy forest floor, looking for her favorite treat—juicy little bugs. As she wandered, she noticed other creatures gathering in the forest clearing. There were ants marching in a line, beetles rolling balls of dirt, and even a small snail sliding slowly along a leaf.

Vicky had an idea. "If I use my silk, I can catch \*all\* the bugs for myself!" she thought. So, she scurried to a tall rock and, with a quick squirt, she captured a whole bunch of bugs in her sticky silk.

Excited, Vicky began to eat. But soon, she noticed something strange. The other creatures, who had also been searching for food, started to look sad. The ants stopped marching, the beetles sat still, and the little snail gazed longingly at the pile of bugs Vicky had caught.

Seeing them so upset, Vicky felt a pang in her heart. She hadn't thought about how the others would feel when she took all the food for herself.

Just then, a wise old butterfly fluttered down beside her. "Vicky," the butterfly said gently, "there is plenty of food in the forest. But when you take more than you need, it leaves others hungry. Sharing makes everyone happier."

Vicky thought about what the butterfly said. She looked at the pile of bugs and realized she had caught far more than she could eat. Slowly, she turned to the other creatures and said, "I'm sorry. I was greedy. Please, take what you need."

The ants, beetles, and snail came over, and with smiles, they each took some of the bugs. Everyone had enough to eat, and soon the clearing was filled with happy chatter again.

Vicky felt a warmth in her heart that was even better than the pride she had felt when catching all the bugs. She realized that sharing made her feel good inside and brought joy to others, too.

From that day on, Vicky the velvet worm always remembered to share, and she became friends with all the creatures in the forest. Together, they enjoyed the beauty of the rainforest, knowing there was enough for everyone.