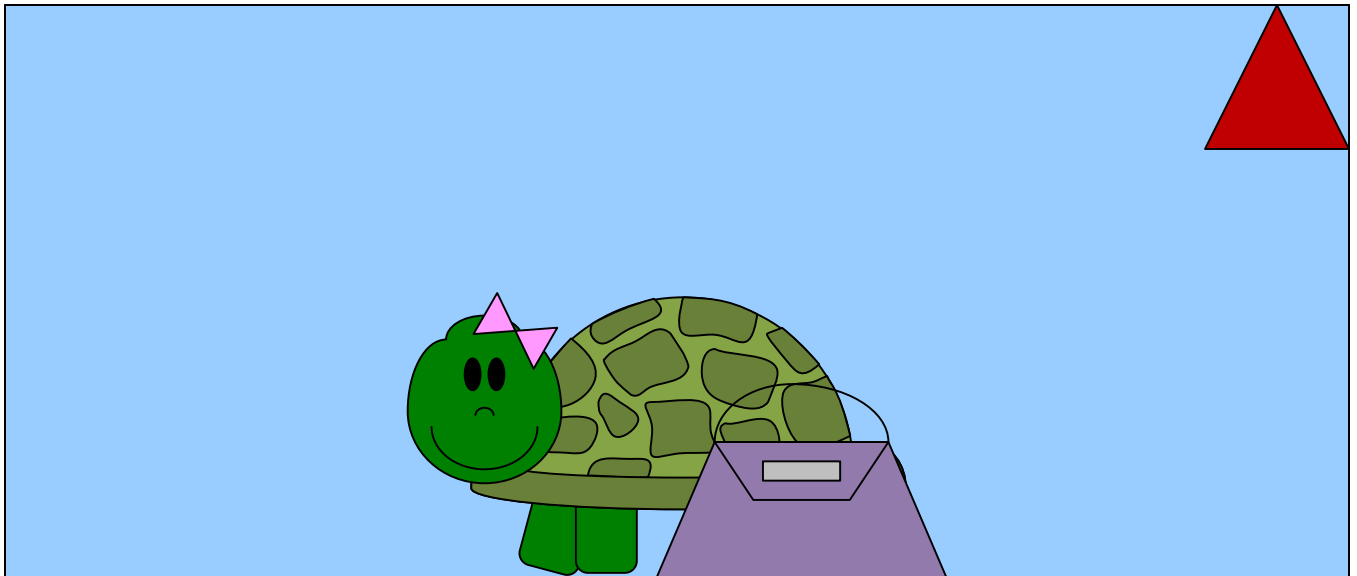


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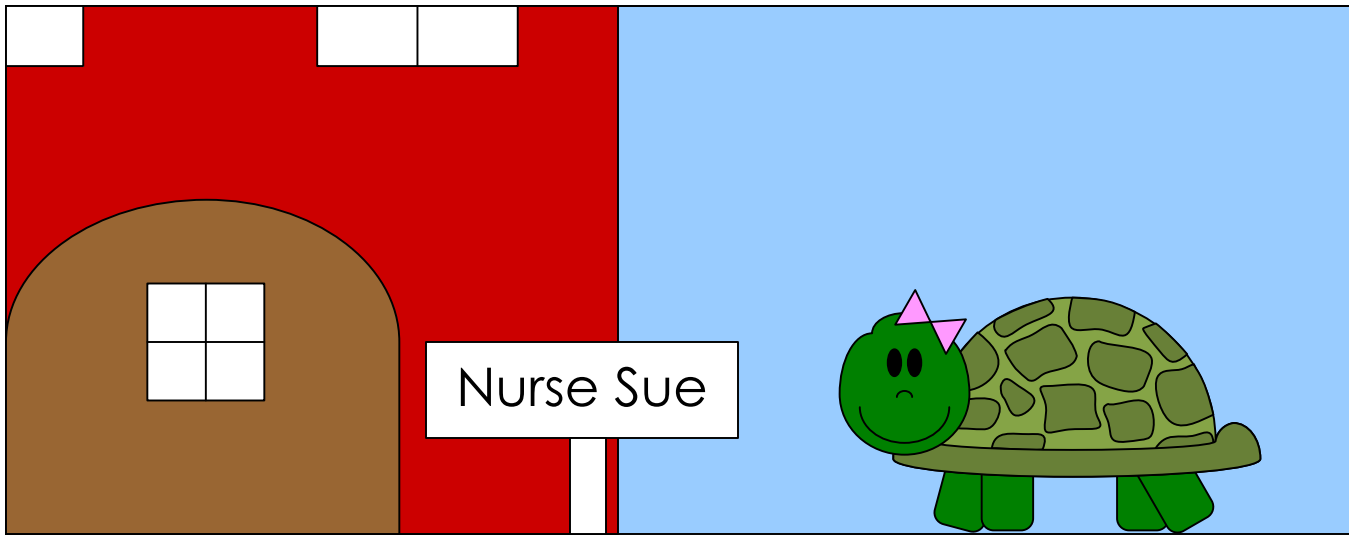
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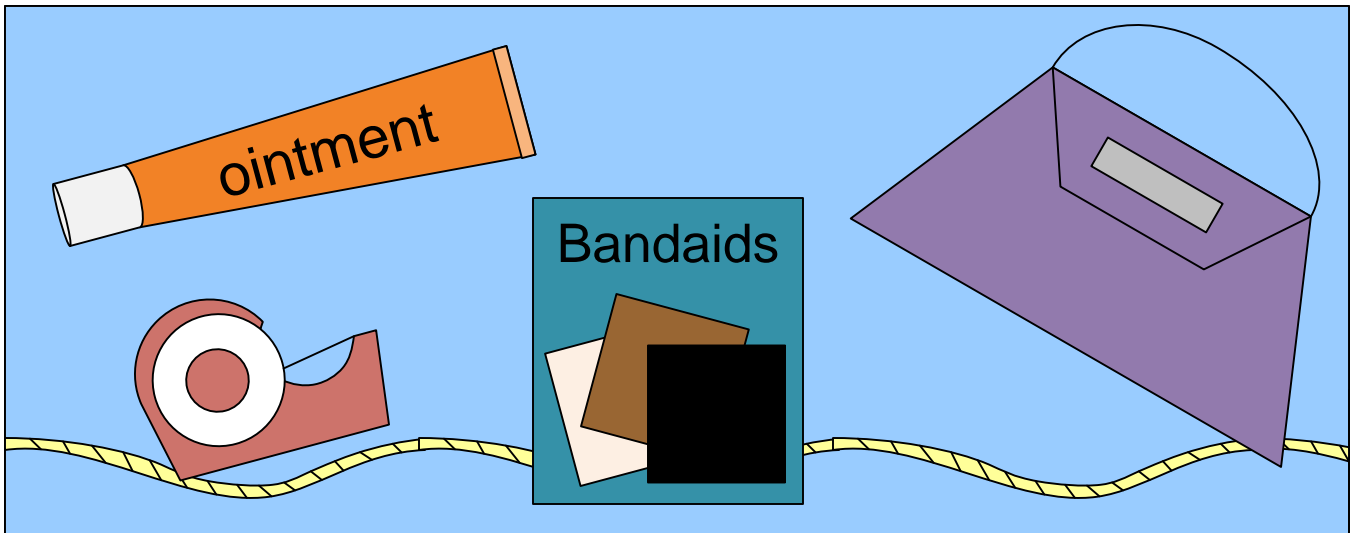
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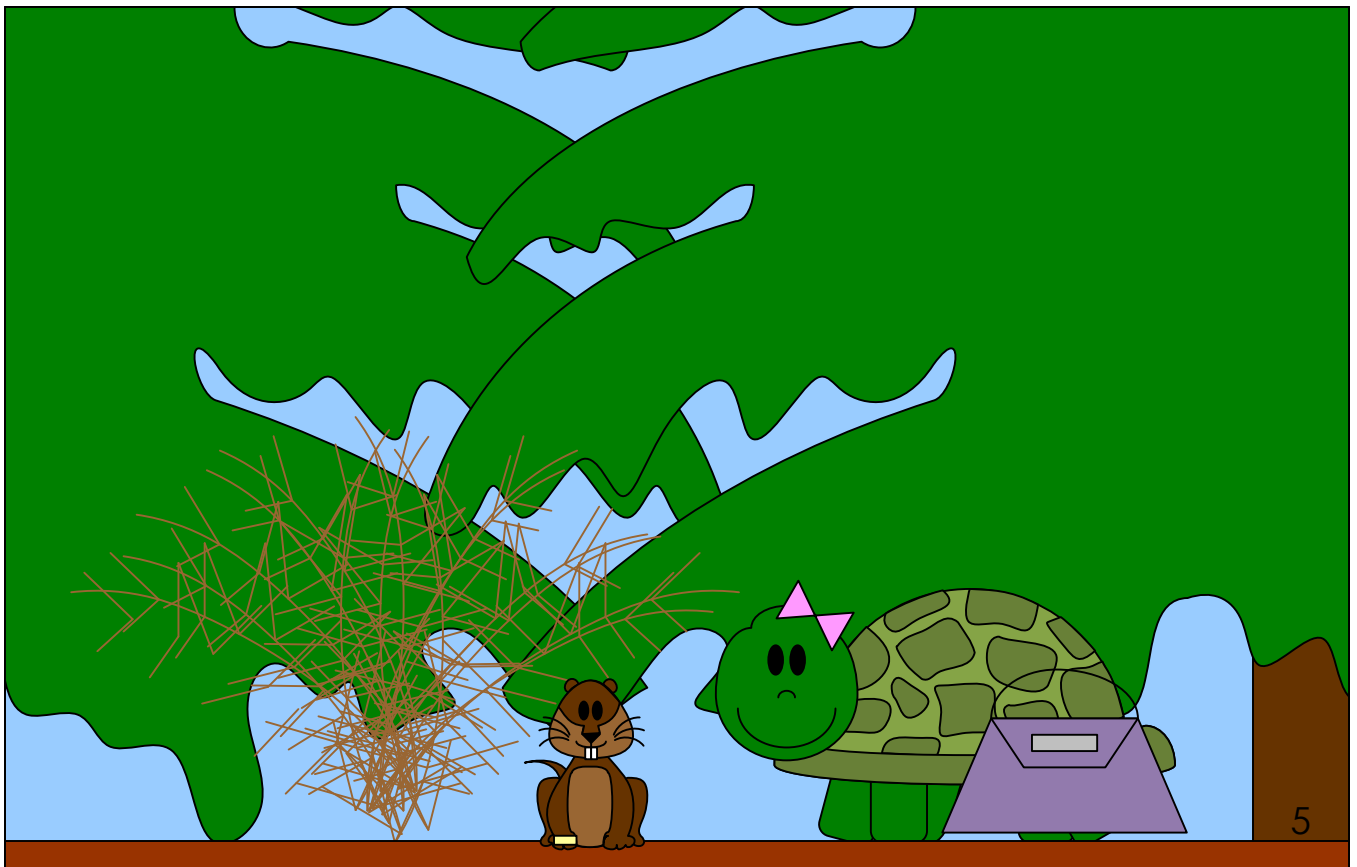
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Nurse Sue is a turtle that helps her friends. Nurse Sue likes to help her friends when they need her. Sue has a house in town where people can go to her when they are hurt or sick. She will also go to her friends where they are if they cannot get to her house.



Sue is a good nurse and always does what it takes to help others in need. She has a purse with many things in it that can help people. She keeps Band-aids, ointment, rope, tape, and other things in her purse. She always has what she needs to help people who are sick or hurt.



Just yesterday Sue helped a brown gopher. He got his hand stuck under a thorn bush. The thorns from the bush scratched the gopher's hand. Nurse Sue could hear the gopher crying in the forest. Sue followed the sound into the forest and found the brown gopher.

"Help! Help!" cried the gopher.

Sue walked to the gopher. "I am Sue and I am a nurse," Sue said. "Let me try to help you."

"How can you help?" the gopher asked.

"I can help you get your hand out from under the thorn bush. I will put a Bandaid on your scratch to make it better," Sue said.

"Oh, thank you, Nurse Sue!" yelled the gopher. "That sounds good!"

Sue helped the gopher get his hand out of the thorn bush. She put some ointment on the scratch and put a Bandaid on it.

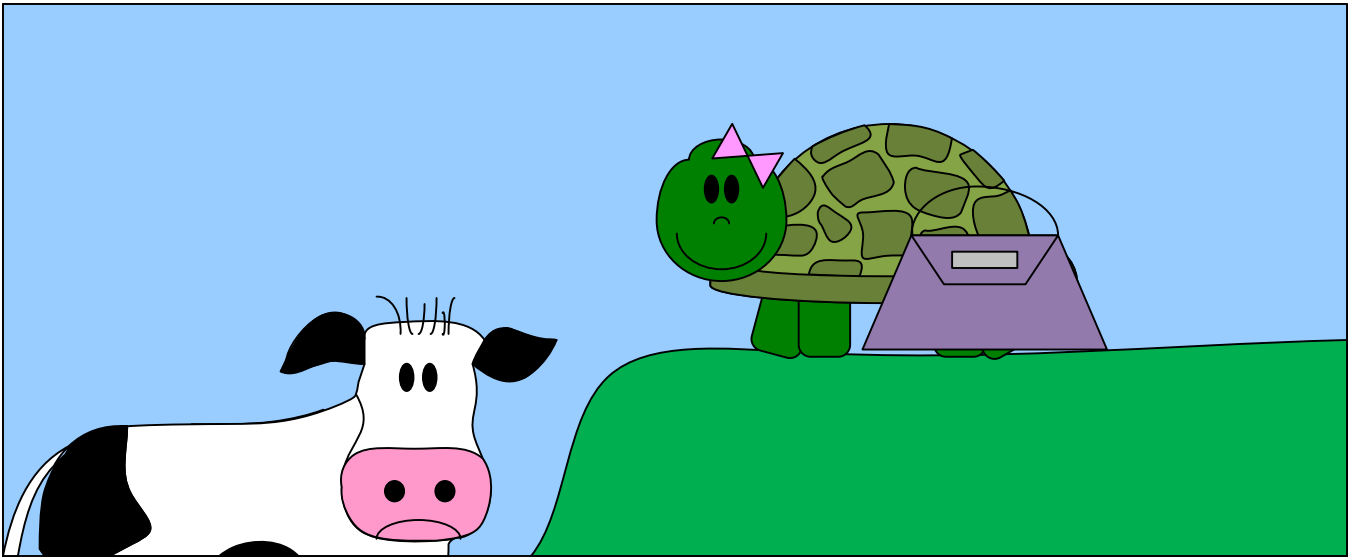
On the way back to town from the forest, Nurse Sue walked by a cow in a deep ditch.

"Cow, are you OK?" asked Sue. "Why are you in this ditch?"

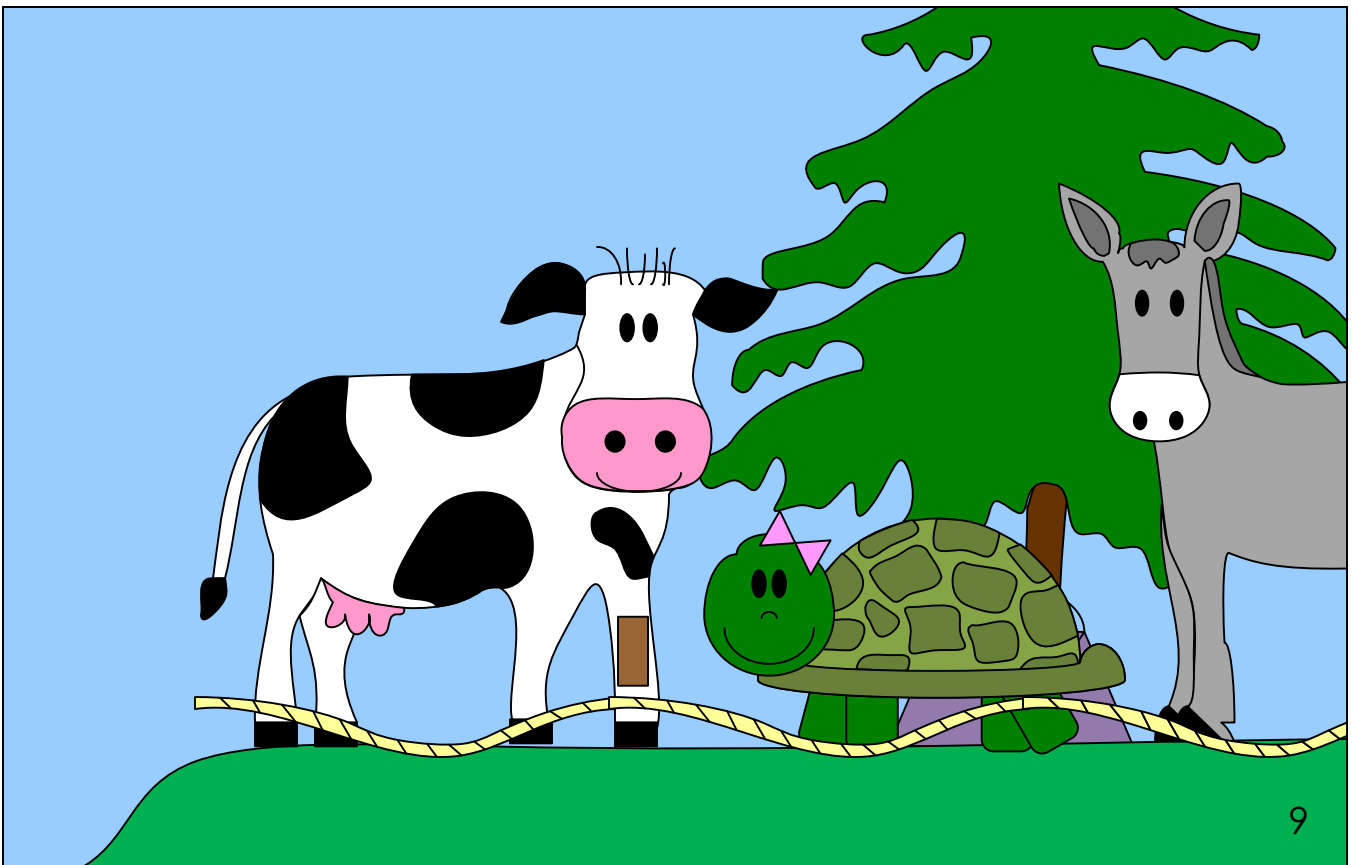
"I was looking at the ground, walking around, and eating grass. I just fell in," said the cow. "I did not see the ditch. I hurt my leg when I fell. Now I cannot get out of the ditch."

"Oh, no!" said Sue. "Well I am a nurse and I will help you get out of this ditch."

"How will you help me?" asked the cow. "You are a small turtle, and I am a big cow."



Sue thought about it. She did not know how she was going to get the big cow out of the deep ditch, but she knew she would think of something. The cow was right. Sue was a small turtle and could not pull a cow out of a ditch.



Just then a mule walked by and Sue had a thought.

“Wait, mule,” Sue said. “Will you please help me pull the cow out of this deep ditch? He hurt his leg and cannot get out of the ditch. I am small and cannot pull him out. I need your help.”

“OK,” said the mule, “but how will we get the cow out of the ditch?”

“I have some rope in my purse,” Sue said, “that can help us pull the hurt cow out of the deep ditch.”

Sue put the rope around the mule, around a tree, and then around the hurt cow.

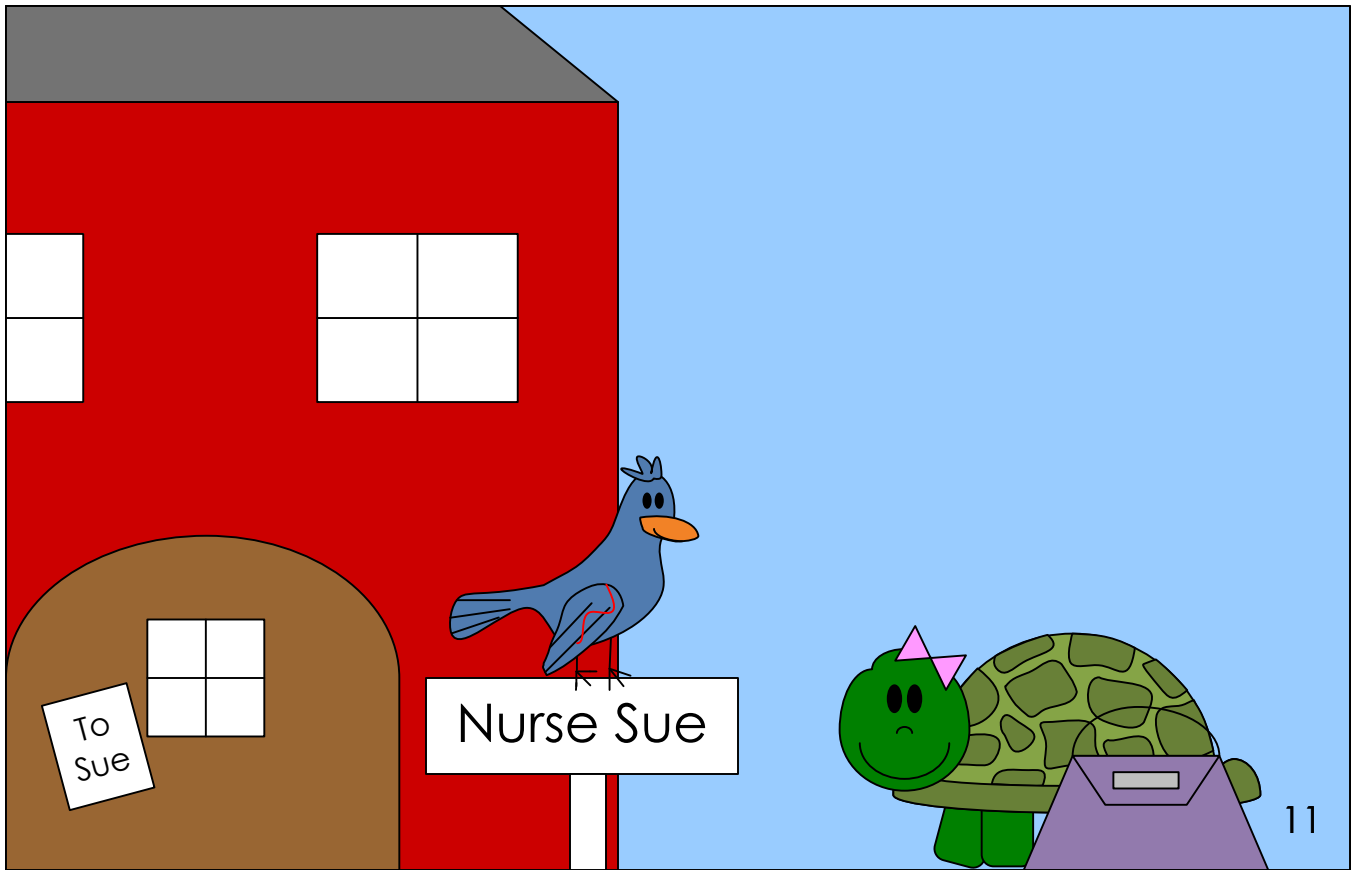
“OK, mule,” Sue said. “Start pulling.”

Sue and the mule pulled. They pulled harder and harder. The cow came out of the ditch. Sue put a Bandaid on the cow’s hurt leg.

8 “Oh, thank you, Sue!” said the cow.

Sue went back to town after helping the gopher and the cow. When she got to town, there was a bird at her house. The bird had hurt his wing when he flew into a broken window. Sue looked at the wing. It had a bad scratch. Sue washed the scratch and put some ointment on it.

“Oh, thank you, Sue,” said the bird. “I will never fly into a window again.”



“Thank you for walking to my house,” said the raccoon. “I am glad you got my letter. My tooth hurts and I cannot eat any food. How can you help my hurt tooth?”

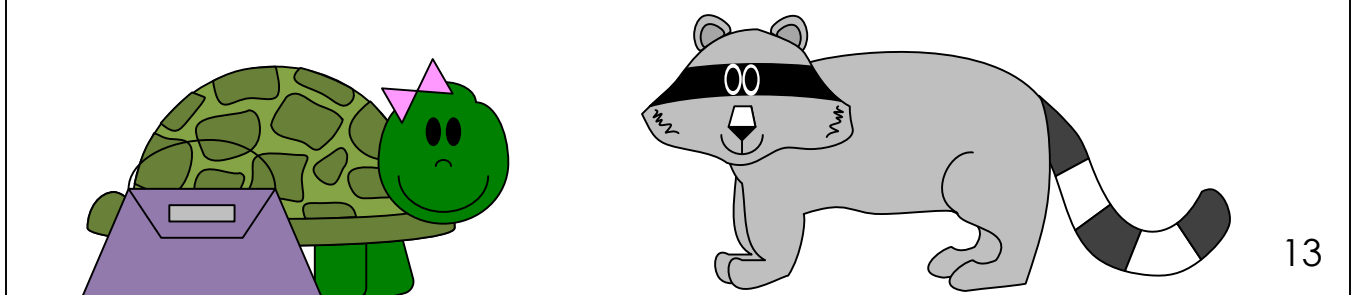
“Let me look and see,” said Sue.

Sue looked in the raccoon’s mouth. There was a bit of fruit stuck by one tooth. She pulled the fruit out and right away the raccoon felt better.

“You just had a bit of fruit stuck by your tooth,” said Sue.

“You should feel much better now.”

“Thank you, Sue!” said raccoon.



As the bird left Sue's house, she said, "Look, there's a letter on your door." Sue picked up the letter. It said...

Nurse Sue,

I hurt my tooth eating some bad fruit.  
Can you please help me? I am at my  
house on the other side of town.

From,  
Duke the Raccoon

Sue got her purse and went to the other side of town to the raccoon's house. The raccoon was in a lot of pain.

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On the way back to her house, Sue saw her nephew, Luke.

"Oh, Sue!" said Luke. "I am glad I ran into you. I hurt my eye on a stick when I was eating some leaves. Can you please help me?"

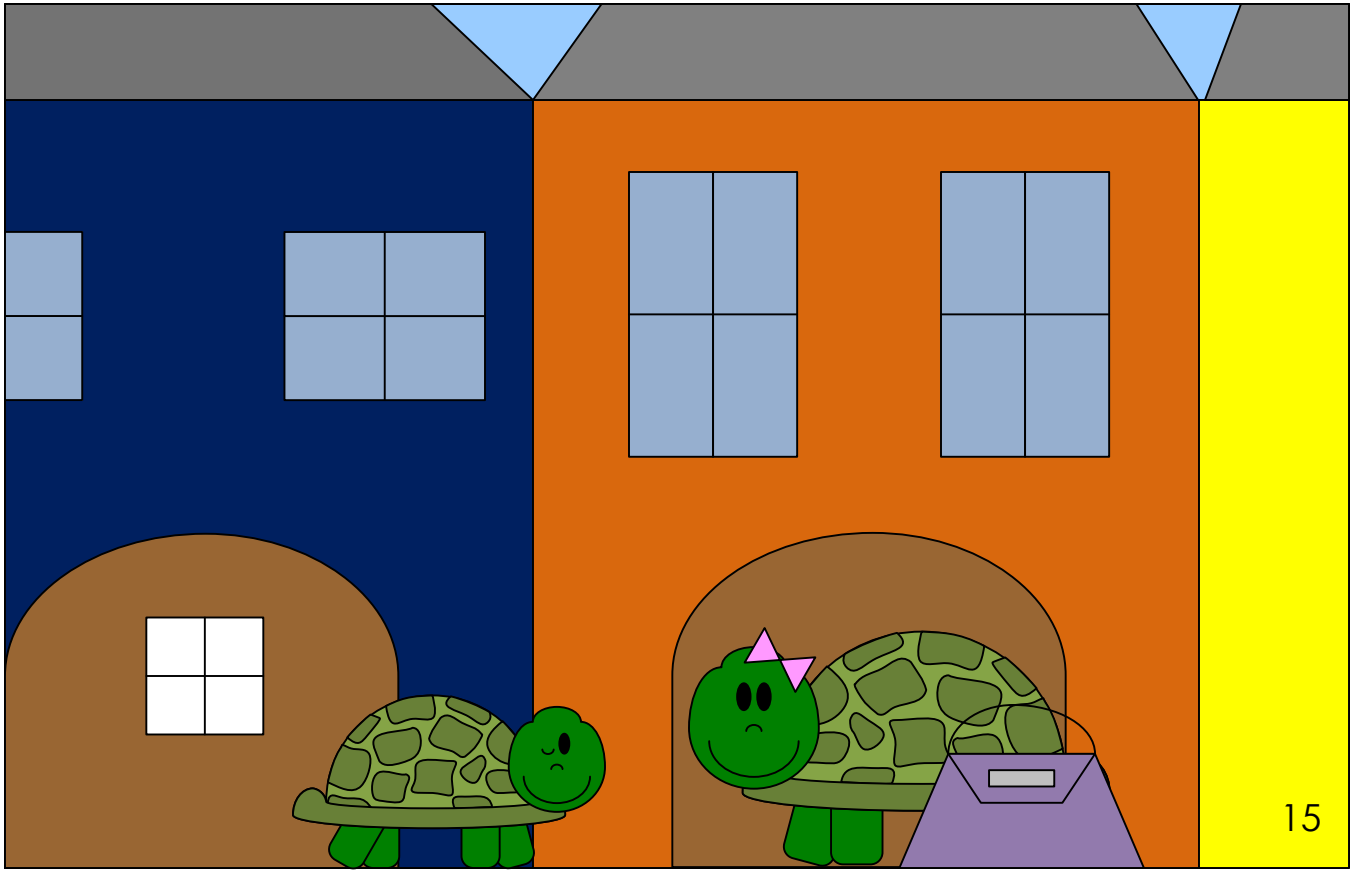
"Yes," Sue said. "I will be glad to help you. Come with me to my house. We need to wash your eye and I have some eye drops that should make your eye feel better."

Sue and Luke rushed to Sue's house. Sue washed his eye and put some eye drops into his eye.

"Thank you, Sue!" said Luke.

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Sue did a lot yesterday. She helped a lot of her friends. She helped a gopher with a hurt hand. She helped a cow who fell in a ditch and hurt his leg. She helped a bird with a hurt wing. She helped a raccoon with a hurt tooth. She helped her nephew who had a hurt eye. Sue is just a small turtle, but she can do many good things. Sue felt good because she had helped a lot of people.

