



Uncle Wiggily's Adventures

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UNCLE WIGGILY GAVE A PARTY. IT WAS IN A MUDDY PUDDLE. THE BAD FOX MIXED THE SHOES ALL UP, AND THEN HE HAD TO SKUDDLE. HO! HO!

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Once upon a time, as Uncle Wiggily was coming home, after having been out in a rain shower with his umbrella, the bunny gentleman saw Johnnie and Billie Bushytail, the squirrel boys, sailing their boats in a mud puddle. "We're having lots of fun, Uncle Wiggily!" chattered Billie. "Yes, that is fun," said the bunny. Then he had a new idea. "Why not get up a puddle party?" thought the rabbit.



Happy over his new idea, Uncle Wiggily hopped home, and began digging a shallow hole in his yard. Then he made little banks of earth, and began filling the place with water. "What in the wide, wide world are you doing, Wiggy?" asked Nurse Jane Fuzzy Wuzzy. "Oh, making an extra big, fine mud puddle," said the bunny. "I'm going to give a puddle party, and the children can wade barefooted in it."



When Uncle Wiggily had finished making his mud puddle, he invited all the animal children of Woodland to come and wade and have fun. And they all came—girls and boys. They took off their shoes and stockings, and in wading they went. All of a sudden Billy No-Tail, the frog boy, hopped up to Uncle Wiggily, all excited. "Oh, Uncle Wiggily!" croaked Billy, "Nannie Wagtail is stuck in the mud!"



"What's that?" cried Uncle Wiggily. "Nannie stuck in the mud! That's too bad! I forgot to tell that goat girl not to go away down to the end of my puddle!" Into the water dashed Uncle Wiggily to help pull Nannie Wagtail out of the mud. And then, all of a sudden, out popped the bad old Fox. "I'll mix up all their shoes!" said the Fox. "And I'll put mud in some of them! I'll spoil this puddle party!"



Seeing that Uncle Wiggily and the animal children were down at the far end of the puddle, the bad Fox mixed up the shoes and filled some with mud. By this time Uncle Wiggily had pulled Nannie out, from where she was stuck, and was helping her to shore. "Never mind a little accident like that!" laughed the bunny gentleman. "Go on, have more fun, children! I'll get you some cookies in a minute!"



After Nannie was pulled from the mud, some of the animal boys made a raft of some old boards. "Come on, Uncle Wiggily! Have a ride!" called Sammie Littletail, the rabbit boy. So the bunny gentleman, who had taken off his shoes and socks, got on the raft. "Wait until they get through playing, and look for their shoes!" snickered the Fox. "They won't have so much fun! Then I can laugh!"



All of a sudden, when Uncle Wiggily and the animal children were having fun on the raft, Neddie Stubtail, the boy bear, pushed too hard on his pole, and the raft tipped too much on one side. "Oh, we're being spilled off!" mewed Kittie Kat, who didn't like to get wet all over. "That's nothing!" laughed Uncle Wiggily. "I'll carry you to shore! This is lots of fun!" The animal children thought so, too.



"Well, I guess you've had enough fun at my puddle party," said Uncle Wiggily after a while. "Better get dry, now, and put on your shoes and stockings." But when the children went to do this they found their shoes all mixed up, and some filled with mud. "Who did this?" cried Uncle Wiggily. "I guess it was the old Fox," barked Jackie Bow Wow. "I see him behind that bush, and he's laughing!"



"Oh ho! So the bad Fox did this, did he?" cried Uncle Wiggily. "Well, I'll teach him a lesson he will not soon forget! Come on, children! Drive him away with stones and mud!" Uncle Wiggily, the animal boys and girls rushed to where the Fox was hidden. But he did not wait for them. Away he skuddled over the puddle, with stones and mud hitting him. He wished he'd let the shoes alone.

So if the rain drop doesn't try to dance a jig on the point of the safety pin, and fall off into the bathtub, the next pictures and story will be about

UNCLE WIGGILY'S SPRING FLOWERS.

