A PICTURE STORY TO READ ALOUD

Tilly the Tiny Tow Truck

The big trucks say Tilly is too small to help, until Dump gets stuck in the mud and Tilly has a clever idea.

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Tilly was the smallest truck at the building site. She had a little hook and a big smile.

"You're too small to help," rumbled Dig the digger. "Much too small," grumbled Dump the dump truck. Tilly's headlights drooped.

Then CLUNK! Dump's back wheel rolled into a deep, muddy ditch. He was stuck!

Dig pushed. Crane pulled. The mud just went SQUELCH. Dump didn't budge.

"I have an idea!" beeped Tilly. She zoomed off down a narrow path where the big trucks couldn't fit.

★ The End ★

Talk about the story

- Why couldn't the big trucks fix the problem on their own?
- What was Tilly's clever idea?
- When have you helped, even though you're small?

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Dump revved his engine. Vroom... VROOM! Up and out he rolled!

"Thank you, Tilly!" cheered the big trucks. "Small can be very clever," smiled Dig. Tilly gave her happiest honk. Beep-beep!

Soon she came back, pulling a long wooden plank. Bumpity-bump, bumpity-bump.

"Put it under the wheel!" said Tilly. Crane lowered the plank into the ditch, nice and slow.