



Read this silently and then out loud.

THE KIND CRANES

Six hungry little birds once sat by the sea.

"Let us cross the sea," said one.

"We can get fat worms over there."

"But the sea is so wide!" said another. "How can we get across?"
Soon a fish came along.

"Fish, will you take us across the sea?" asked the little birds.

"I will take you down into the sea!" said the fish.

"We will go just like this!"
And he swam down, down,
down, into the sea.

"Dear! dear!" said the little birds.

"Dear! dear! Let us wait."



Read.



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So the hungry little birds waited.

By and by a sheep came walking along.

"Sheep, will you take us across the sea?"

asked the little birds.

"I never swim," said the sheep, "and I
can not fly.

Why don't you wait for the cranes?"

"Who are they?" asked the little birds.

"They are great, big birds," said the
sheep.

"Their wings are so strong that they
can fly across the sea.

They have long beaks and long necks.

They have long legs and big backs.

The cranes are very kind.

Every year they take other little birds
across the sea.

They will take you, too."

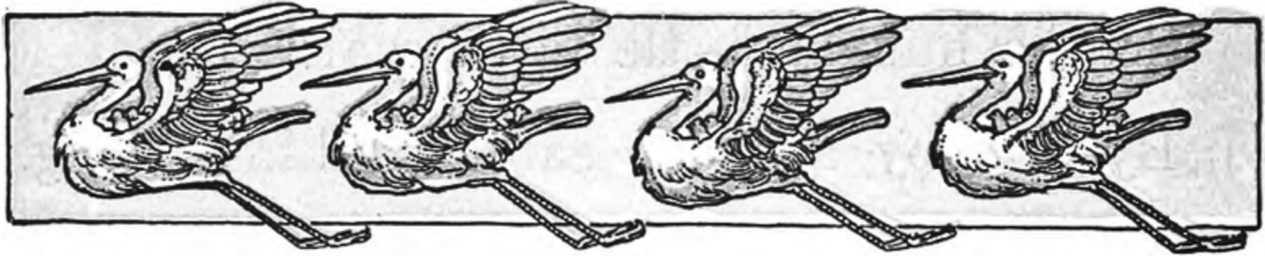
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So the hungry little birds waited.
By and by four cranes came flying along.
The little birds called to the first crane,
"Will you take us across the sea?
We can get some fat worms over there."
"My back is full of little birds now,"
said the first crane. "Ask the last crane.
He can take you across."
So the little birds called to the last crane,
"Will you take us across the sea?"
"Yes, I will take you," he said.
"My back is nearly full.
See all the little birds on it!
But you are so little that I can find a
place for you. Hop on!"

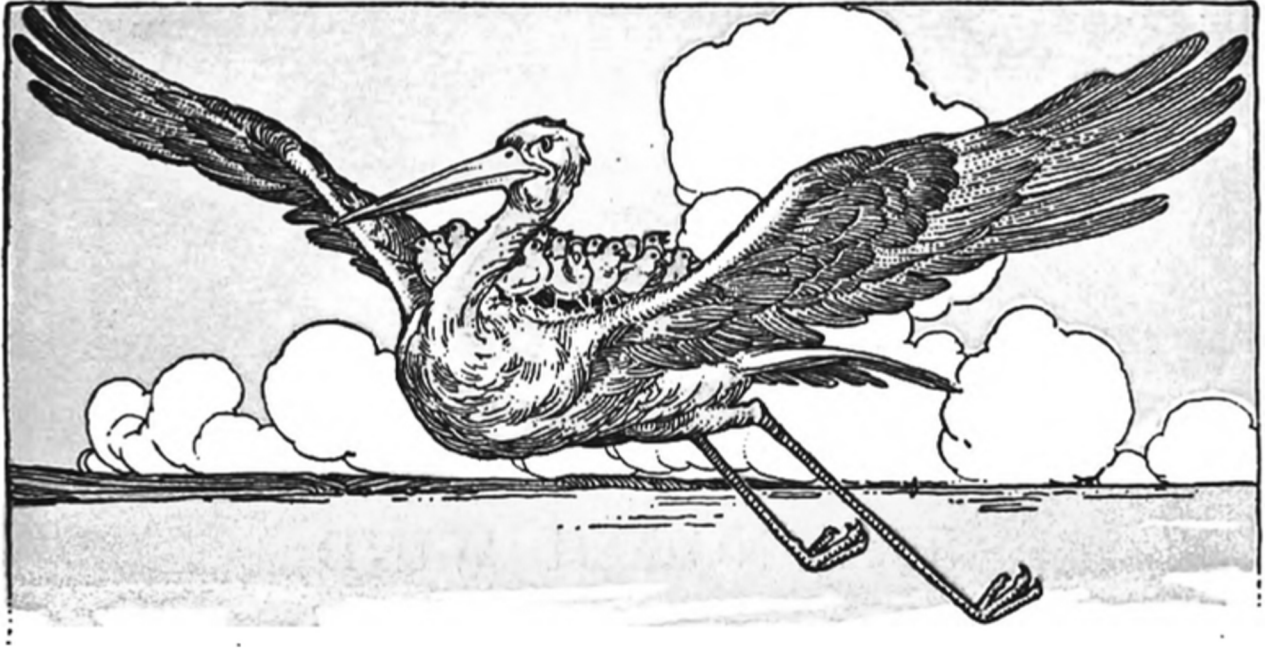
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The six little birds hopped on to his back.

The other birds made a place for them.

"Are you all right?" asked the crane.

"Here we go, little birds."

The little birds held on with their beaks
and their claws.

Away they flew, across the wide, wide
sea.

They found all the worms they could eat.

And the six little birds got fatter and
fatter.

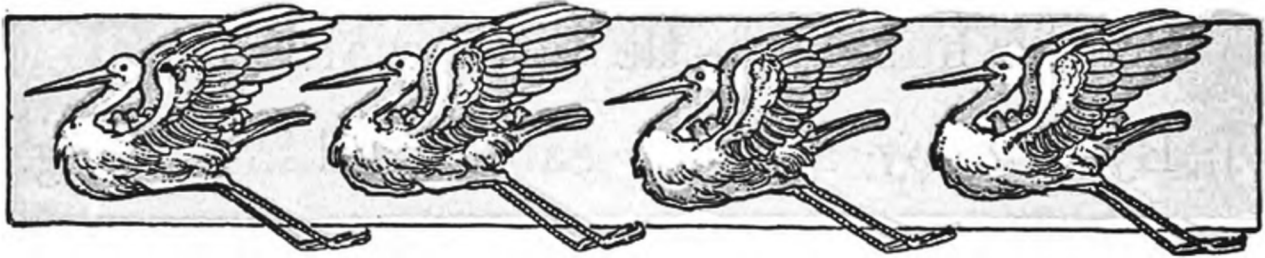
Discuss.



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Teacher instructions: Discuss the illustration and the passage with your learner.



What do you see in the illustration?

What did the little birds want?

*Which animals did the little birds
ask for help?*

*Who ended up helping the little
birds and how did they help them?*

Write. 

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Copy the passage.

“Are you all right?” asked the crane.

“Here we go, little birds.”

Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed midline, repeated six times.

Write.



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Use the illustration as inspiration to write a sentence.

