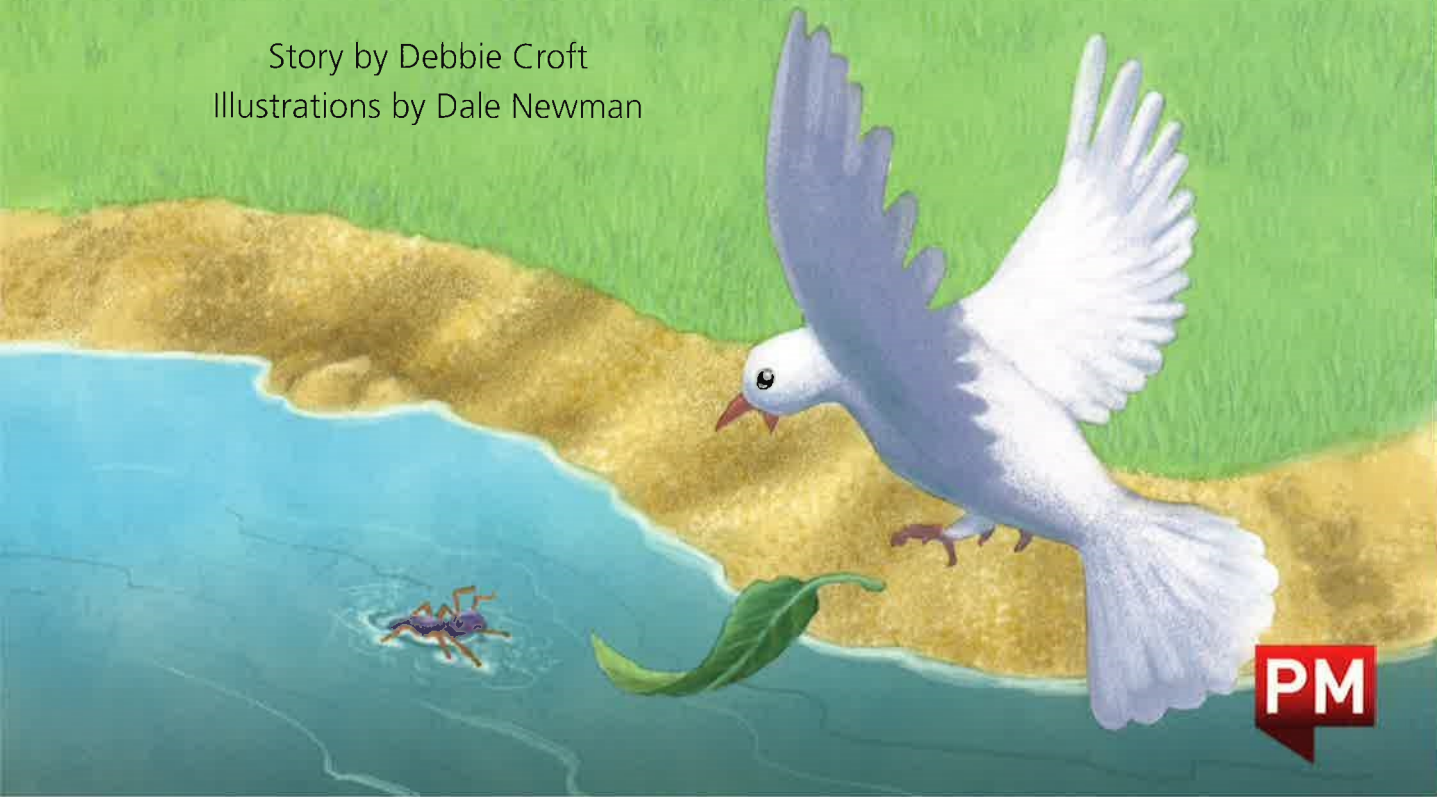
The Little Ant and the White Bird

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Level 10 **Running words** 189

Key High-frequency Words

fast, long, new, slowly, Then, Who

Key Teaching Points

Talk about the moral of this fable: If you are kind to others, they will be kind to you.

Read to the end of page 7. Predict possible outcomes for the little ant.

Discuss the white bird's solution.

Key Questions

Why did the white bird drop the leaf into the river? *(Literal)*

Why did the ant tell the white bird that one day he would help her? *(Inferential)*

Word Study

List and discuss the descriptive words in the story, e.g. *very hot day; white bird; long grass.*

Articulate clearly the word *Splash*. Talk about the imagery conveyed through the use of specific intonation.

Discuss the difference in meaning between the words: *into, onto.*

Links with other PM Books

PM Guided Reading	Level 9	*The Lion and the Rabbit*
PM Guided Reading	Level 11	*The Lion and the Mouse*

It was a very hot day.

A little ant came out
of the long grass
to find some water to drink.



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The ant walked and walked.

He walked a long way.

Then, he came to a river.

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The ant ran very fast

down to the water.

Splash!

The little ant went into the river!

"Help!" he cried.

"Who will help me?"



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