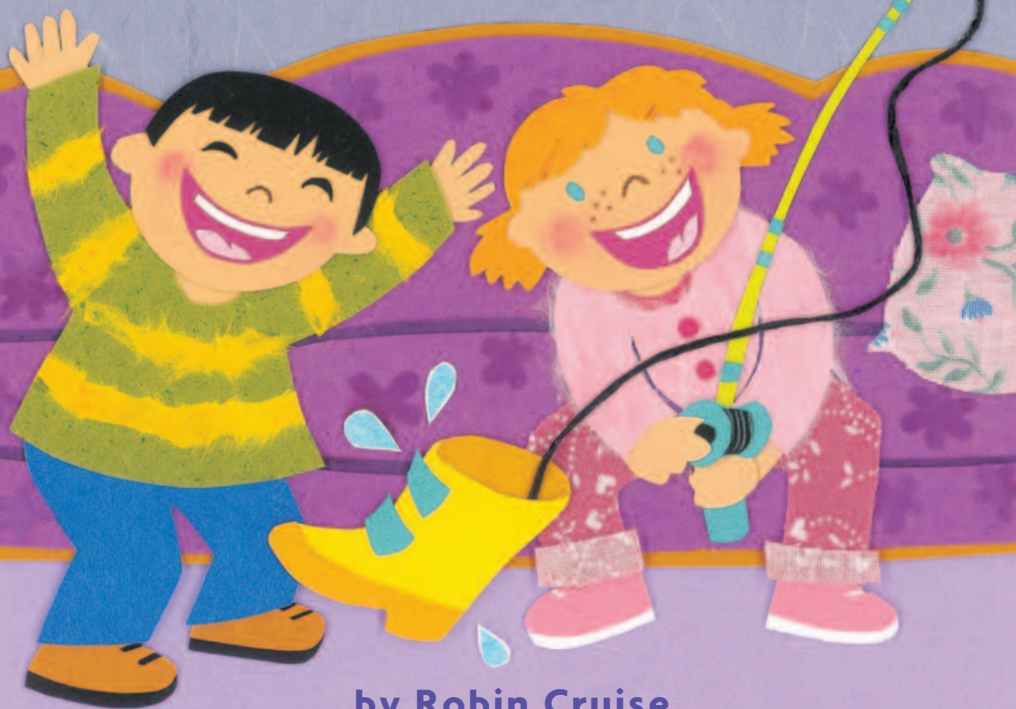


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- ▶ Nick was at the door.
- ▶ “Hello, Nick,” said Anna.
- ▶ “Come in from the rain.”



- ▶ “It is a very wet day,” said Nick.
- ▶ “It is cold, too. Now we can’t go to the lake together.”



“I feel sad,” said Nick. “There is nothing to do. The lake has fish.

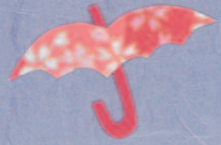
I love to go fishing.”



- ▶ “What should we play?” asked Anna.
- ▶ “I know! We will fish in my house.”
- ▶ Anna hurried from the room.

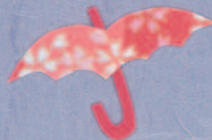


- 🔊 Nick hurried to help Anna.
- 🔊 “Here, Nick,” said Anna. “We’ll both take turns with the pole!”





- ▶ Anna and Nick were very busy.
- ▶ “I caught a big blue one!” said Anna.



“Yes, and I caught a big red one!”
said Nick. “This sure is fun!”



- “This sure makes me hungry!” said Anna. “Mama has made us
- something to eat.”








“I’m hungry, too,” said Nick. “I like to eat fish at the lake. I’m glad your mama didn’t cook those boots!”





- ▶ “I’m not sad or cold now,” said Nick.
- ▶ “I’m happy and warm.
- ▶ Rainy day friends are the best!”

Think and Respond

-  **1** What do Anna and Nick catch instead of fish?
-  **2** Why does Anna pretend to go fishing with Nick?
-  **3** What do you like to do with a friend on a rainy day?

  **Fish for Boots** Make boot shapes out of color paper. Use four different colors and make four pairs of boots. How many boots do you have? Use the boots to make some number sentences.

  **School-Home Connection** Have children read aloud the story to you. Then take turns reading aloud the dialogue and the narration.