

Mentor Text

Anansi and the Magical Fruit

One day, Anansi the spider was walking in the forest. He found a magical fruit that would make anyone who ate it the fastest animal in the forest. He decided to play a trick on his friend, Turtle. He thought that it would be fun to make his friend Turtle chase him.

Anansi ate the fruit and got ready to beat Turtle. But Turtle was smart and knew what Anansi was up to. Turtle quickly made a plan. Before the race, he dug a hole in the ground where Anansi would run. Then, they started the race. Anansi didn't notice the hole in the ground. As he ran past, he tripped and fell right into it! He tried to get out, but the hole was too deep. He cried out for help.

Turtle slowly walked over to him. He had outsmarted Anansi! Turtle agreed to help Anansi out of the hole if he would stop playing tricks on his friends. Anansi made the promise, and Turtle pulled him out of the hole. Anansi learned that playing tricks on others didn't always work out the way he wanted. Sometimes it is better to just be kind and honest with friends.