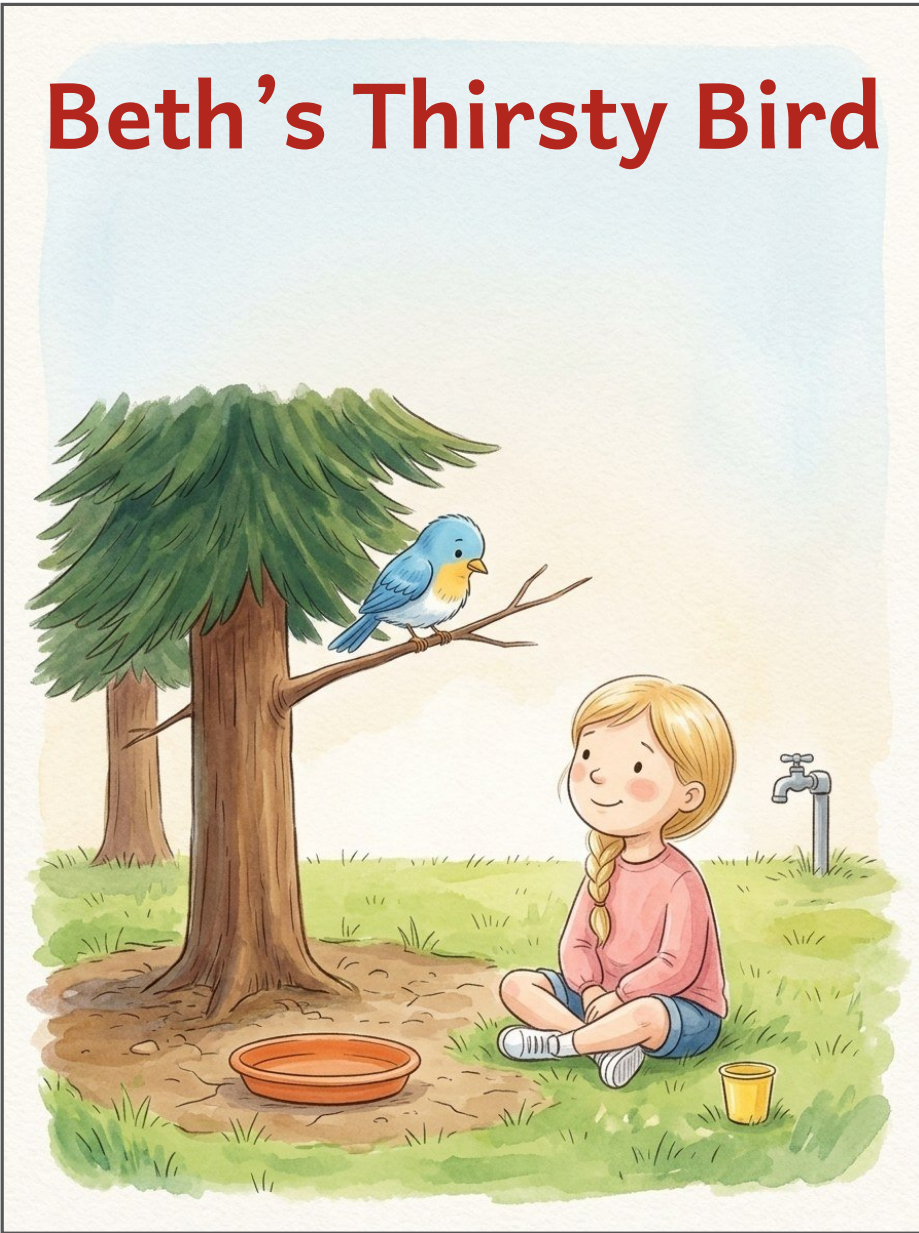


Beth's Thirsty Bird



Beth was a kind girl.



She sat by a tall fir pine and saw
a little bird.



The bird sat on a stick and did
not sing.



Its dish in the dirt had not a drop.



Beth thought, "That bird must be thirsty." First, Beth went to get a fresh drink.



She put it in the bird's dish.
Then, she held the dish up.



"Here you go, little bird," she
whispered. The bird flew down
from the fir pine.



It took a long drink. Then it gave a glad chirp. Beth felt full of mirth.

Words in This Book

Focus skill

IR r-controlled vowel

R-Controlled — IR words

girl, fir, bird, dirt, thirsty, first, chirp, mirth

High-frequency words

was, a, she, and, the, be, to, it, you

Other story words

Beth, kind, sat, by, tall, pine, saw, little, on, stick, did, not, sing, its, dish, in, had, drop, thought, that, must, went, get, fresh, drink, put, then, held, up, here, go, whispered, flew, down, from, took, long, gave, glad, felt, full, of

Talk About It

1. Where did Beth see the little bird?
2. What did Beth put in the bird's dish?
3. How did Beth feel at the end?

Read It Again

Read the book again. Point to every word from the R-Controlled — IR list. How many can you find?