

Seeing Salmon Swim

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Ashley was out in her yard one day. Her two cats were with her.

"What do you want to do today?" she asked her cats.

"We want to see salmon swim," said the biggest cat.

"Yes, that would be fun," said the smallest cat.

"OK. I think we can do that," said Ashley. She went into her home. Soon she came out with some brown paper, tape, and a pair of scissors.

"What are you going to do?" asked the smallest cat.

"I am going to make us each a pair of wings," said Ashley. She cut six wings out of the brown paper. She then taped two wings on the biggest cat, two wings on the smallest cat, and two wings on her back.

"How are these wings going to work?" asked the biggest cat.

"I have to go and get my magic nickel," said Ashley. "Then these wings will help us fly to where we can see the salmon swim."

Ashley went back into her home with the brown wings on her back. She was back in a wink with her magic nickel.

"Fly, fly, fly," she said.

Poof! Ashley and her two cats now had real wings on their backs. The biggest cat flapped his wings and lifted up off the ground. Ashley and the smallest cat did the same. They also lifted up off the ground.

"Follow me," said Ashley. She and the two cats flew up and away.

"Where are we going?" asked the smallest cat.

"We are going to a river near the ocean. The salmon swim up this river to where they lay their eggs," said Ashley.

In no time they were flying above a river near the ocean. They could see the salmon down in the water.

"We need to fly closer," said the biggest cat. The three of them flew down to just above the water. The salmon were huge. One salmon jumped up out of the water and almost hit Ashley.

"This is so cool to see," said the smallest cat. Ashley and her two cats flew above the salmon for

almost an hour. They had fun watching the salmon swim and jump.

"Time to go home," said Ashley. The three flew back home and landed in Ashley's yard.

"Thanks for taking us to see the salmon swim," said the two cats.

"You are welcome," said Ashley as she put her hand on her magic nickel. "Ashley, Ashley, Ashley, cats, cats, cats."

Poof! Ashley was Ashley again without wings and the two cats were two cats without wings. The three walked into Ashley's home thinking about salmon.

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