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The Hummingbird and the Wise Old Owl

Once upon a time, in a lush and colorful forest, there lived a tiny hummingbird named Ruby. Ruby was known for her brilliant green feathers and her love for sweet nectar. She spent her days zipping from flower to flower, enjoying the warm sunshine and the company of her friends.

As summer began to fade, the air grew cooler, and the flowers started to wither. Ruby noticed that many of her friends, the other hummingbirds, were leaving the forest. They were flying south, where it was still warm and the flowers were still blooming.

"Where are you all going?" Ruby asked her friend, a wise old owl perched in a nearby tree.

"We're migrating, Ruby," the owl hooted gently. "When the weather gets cold and the flowers die, hummingbirds must fly to warmer places where there is plenty of food."

Ruby flapped her wings nervously. "But I've never traveled that far before! What if I get lost? What if I get too tired? I'm so small—I'm not sure I can make it."

The wise old owl looked at Ruby with kind, knowing eyes. "You may be small, Ruby, but you are also strong and determined. The journey may be long, but if you trust yourself and take it one flap at a time, you will find your way."

Encouraged by the owl's words, Ruby decided to start her journey. She said goodbye to the owl and began flying south, following the other hummingbirds. At first, the journey was easy. The air was still cool, but the sun was shining, and Ruby found plenty of flowers along the way.



But as Ruby flew further, the weather became rougher. Strong winds pushed her back, and rainclouds darkened the sky. Ruby started to feel tired, and she began to doubt herself. "Maybe I should have stayed in the forest," she thought. "This is too hard for me."

Just as Ruby was about to give up, she remembered the wise old owl's words: "Take it one flap at a time." Ruby took a deep breath, flapped her wings, and pushed forward. Slowly but surely, she made her way through the storm, following the other hummingbirds.

After what felt like forever, the storm passed, and the sun broke through the clouds. Ruby looked down and saw a beautiful field of flowers below. The sight filled her with new energy, and she swooped down to drink the sweet nectar.

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The land was warm and full of flowers, just like the owl had said. Ruby felt proud of herself for completing the journey. She knew that when it was time to return to the forest in the spring, she would be ready.

And so, Ruby the hummingbird learned that even the smallest creatures can achieve great things if they believe in themselves and keep going, one flap at a time.

Moral of the story: Even when the journey is tough, believing in yourself and taking it one step at a time will help you reach your goal.



1. Why is Ruby nervous about migrating? _____

2. How did the wise owl encourage Ruby? _____

3. Explain the moral of this story in your own words. _____
