

# The Bird and the Bear

First Day at Pine Forest School



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“Birdie!” Momma Bird called. “Come down and get some breakfast, or you’ll be late for school.”

Birdie pulled up the covers. He had never been to Pine Forest School.



Birdie hopped down the branches. “Mom, I don’t want to go to school. I don’t know anyone there, and I’m scared!”

Momma Bird chirped, “Don’t worry, Birdie. All the animals go to Pine Forest School. It’s where they learn wonderful things, and learning can be fun!”

But Birdie wanted to stay home.



Momma Bird insisted, so Birdie started walking to the school. He saw Chippy, Racky, and Skunker. They already had friends. Birdie had none.



Suddenly Birdie felt a paw on his back. Someone pulled his feathers. “Ow!” said Birdie. He looked up and saw an animal he had never seen before.



“What’s your problem, little bird? Can’t you have a little fun?” the animal asked. The other animals laughed.

Bunny tried to help. She said, “Don’t worry about Badger, Foxy, and Rat. They are mean to lots of animals.”

