Jelly

A Bug in My Cup

LITTLE READERS



Mia sits at a garden table.
An empty cup is in front of her.
The sun shines on the flowers.



Max sits near Mia.
He watches a ladybug fly by.
His tail rests on the grass.



Mia sees something tiny.
It is on the edge of her cup.
"What is that?" she asks.



Mia looks surprised.

There is a little red bug!

It has small black spots.



The bug walks on the cup.

It moves along the rim.

Mia watches carefully.



Mia stays very still.

She does not touch the bug.

"Hello, little bug," she says.



Max looks at the cup.
He waits a little way back.
Mia is glad he is calm.




"Mom!" calls Mia.
"There is a bug on my cup!"
The bug keeps walking.

Mom comes to the table.

"What did you find?" she asks.

Mia looks at the cup.



"Look at the little bug,"
says Mia. "It is red
with black spots."



Mom looks at the bug.

She listens to Mia.

"That is a ladybug," she says.



Mom smiles at Mia.

"Ladybugs are small and gentle.

Let us help it find a flower."



The cup is upside down.

The bug rests under it.

"We can move it gently."



Mia looks at the cup.
The ladybug is still there.
"How can we help it?"



Mom brings a piece of paper.

She holds it near the cup.

"We can use this," she says.



Mia watches Mom carefully.

Mom slides the paper close.

Max sits nearby.



Mom puts the paper near the bug.

She moves it very slowly.

The ladybug looks around.



The ladybug steps on the paper.

Its tiny feet hold on.

"It is there!" says Mia.



Mia keeps her hands still.

Mom holds the paper gently.

They do not rush.



Max sits quietly on the grass.

He waits with Mia.

His tail moves a little.



Mom carries the paper.

The ladybug rides on top.

Mia walks beside Mom.



They go to a little flower.

It grows in the sunny garden.

"This looks nice," says Mia.



The ladybug steps onto the flower.

It holds on to a petal.

Mom moves the paper away.




Mia smiles at the ladybug.
"You found a flower!" she says.
The bug rests in the sun.

The ladybug climbs the flower.
Its tiny feet move slowly.
Mia watches from the path.



Mia stays a little way back.
She gives the ladybug room.
It explores the flower.



Mom points to the bug's spots.

"Can you see them?" she asks.

Mia looks carefully.




Mia counts the tiny spots.
"They are very small!"
she says to Mom.

The ladybug opens its wings.

Mia watches it closely.

The wings are very thin.



Mia looks surprised.

"It can fly!" she says.

Mom smiles at her.



The ladybug flies over flowers.

It moves through the sunshine.

Mia waves goodbye.



Max looks up at the sky.

He watches the little bug.

Then it flies out of sight.



Mia and Mom go inside.
They wash their hands well.
The water feels warm.



Mom washes the empty cup.

She uses soap and water.

The cup is clean again.



Mia dries the cup.

She uses a clean cloth.

"All done!" she says.



The family goes back outside.

The garden is bright and warm.

Mia carries her clean cup.



Mia fills her clean cup.
Water flows from the tap.
Now she can take a drink.



Max has water in his own bowl.
He takes a nice cool drink.
Then he rests on the grass.



Mia sees a ladybug on a flower.

It rests on a little petal.

"Hello again," she says.



Mia and Mom smile together.
They helped a tiny garden friend.
What a lovely day!



What does Mia see
on her cup?
Describe the little bug.



Who does Mia ask

for help?

What is the bug called?



What does Mom use
to help the ladybug?
Look at the picture.



Where does Mom take
the ladybug?
How does she move it?



What does Mia see
on the ladybug?
Look closely.



What happens when
the ladybug opens its wings?
Tell a friend.



What do Mia and Mom do
before using the cup again?
Tell the story.



How can you be gentle
with a little garden bug?
Share your idea.




The End