

How Ranger Raccoon Met Steven

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Two Brothers and a Creek

Ranger Raccoon loved exploring the forest with his little brother, Rascal. They counted smooth stones and watched dragonflies dance above the creek. 'The water looks so shiny!' Rascal said. 'It does,' Ranger replied. 'But I wonder what's in it?'



Rascal's Mistake

One warm afternoon, thirsty Rascal drank untreated creek water. Later his tummy hurt. A grown-up took him to the veterinarian, who helped him feel better. Ranger hugged his brother. 'Next time we'll bring safe drinking water.'



The Big Question

Ranger sat by the creek. The water looked clear, but he had learned that clear-looking water was not always safe to drink. 'How can I find out more?' he wondered.



Hello, Steven!

Out rolled a small silver robot with glowing blue eyes. 'I'm Steven! I love science, questions, and snacks!' 'Can you tell if creek water is safe?' Ranger asked. 'Not just by looking,' Steven said. 'We need reliable information and the right tests.'



The Water Detectives

They studied how water is treated and why different tests look for different things. Rascal listened. 'So we ask a grown-up and drink water from a safe source?' 'Exactly!' cheered Steven.



The Water Safety Squad

'Let's help families learn about water!' Ranger announced. 'We can investigate leaks and teach safe habits,' said Steven. 'Can I ask the questions?' Rascal asked. 'Every discovery starts with a question,' Ranger said.



The First Mission

'Every drop has a story,' Ranger said. 'Let's go!' Steven checked his backpack. 'Wonderful! But can we solve the next mystery after lunch?' Rascal laughed. THE END ... AND THE BEGINNING!