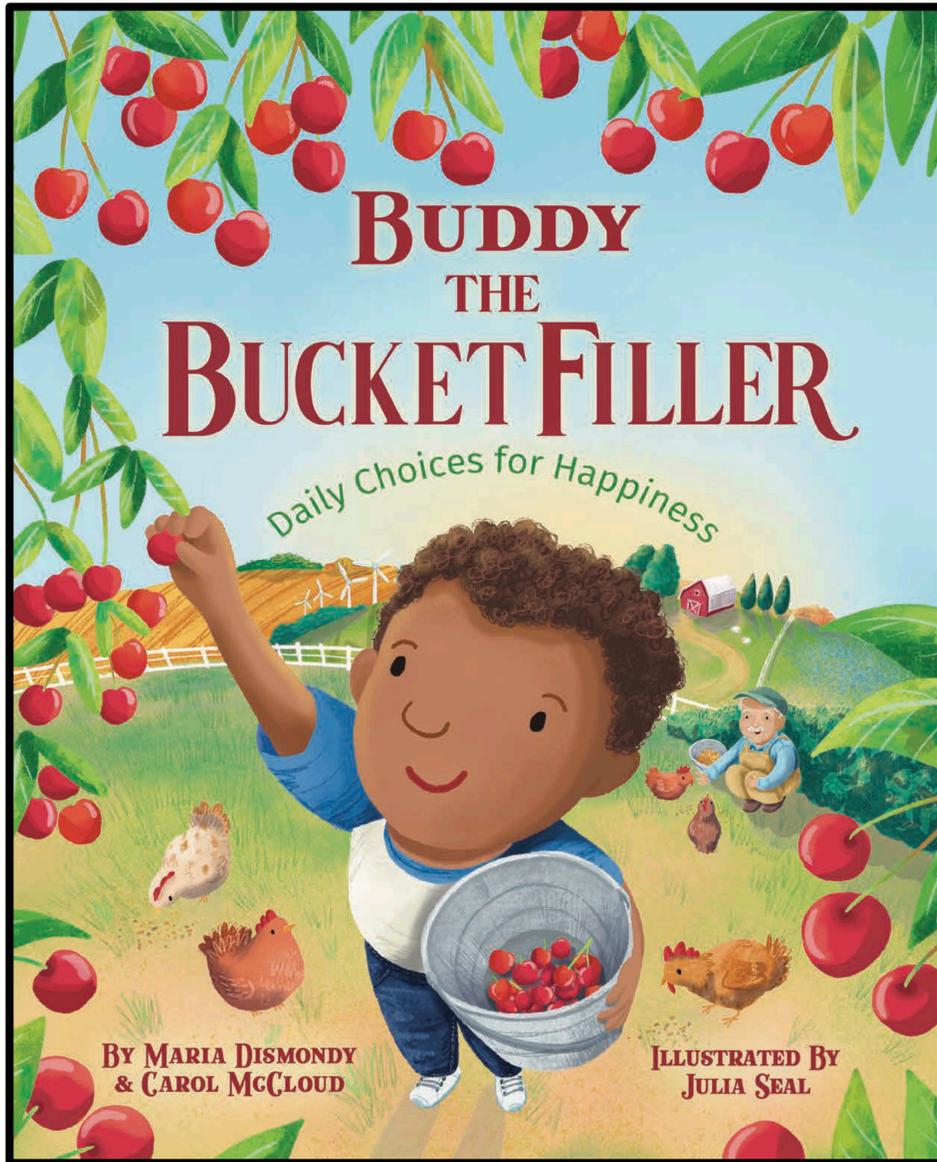


Buddy the Bucket Filler

READER'S GUIDE



Book by **Maria Dismondy**
& **Carol McCloud**

Reader's Guide by **Elizabeth Mundt**

Buddy the Bucket Filler

Table of Contents

- Page 1: Discussion Questions
- Page 2: Listening Notes
- Page 3: Event Sequencing
- Page 4: Main Idea & Key Details
- Page 5: Bucket Filling with Uncle Frank
- Page 6: Author's Purpose/Message
- Page 7: Book Review
- Page 8: Character Analysis
- Page 9: Who Said It?
- Page 10: Filling Buckets Everywhere!
- Page 11: Creator Page
- Page 12: Reader's Guide Credits



Buddy the Bucket Filler

Discussion Questions

BEFORE READING

- Based on the cover, what do you think the setting of this story is?
- What do you think a “bucket filler” might be?
- What are some daily choices YOU make for happiness?

DURING READING

- Uncle Frank used to say, “You win when you treat everyone with kindness and respect.” What does this mean?
- What are some of the ways Buddy and Uncle Frank fill buckets during Buddy’s trip?
- Why did Buddy decide to use his allowance money on the woman who looked sad?

AFTER READING

- Buddy realized his happiest memories were made filling buckets. What are some of your happiest memories helping others?
- Read through The Bucket Filler Blueprint, and chat about each element.

Buddy the Bucket Filler

Listening Notes

Fill in the blanks as you listen to the book read aloud.

“You win when you treat everyone with _____
and _____.”

“I learned in school that whenever you say or do
something kind for others, you _____
_____.”

After they arrived and
had lunch, Buddy’s dad
handed him this week’s
_____ from
his chores back home.



They returned to the farm and
loaded the truck with several
jars of homemade _____
_____.

Buddy explained how everyone has an invisible _____
that holds their _____.

Buddy put everything in his pocket on the _____,
paying for her entire meal.

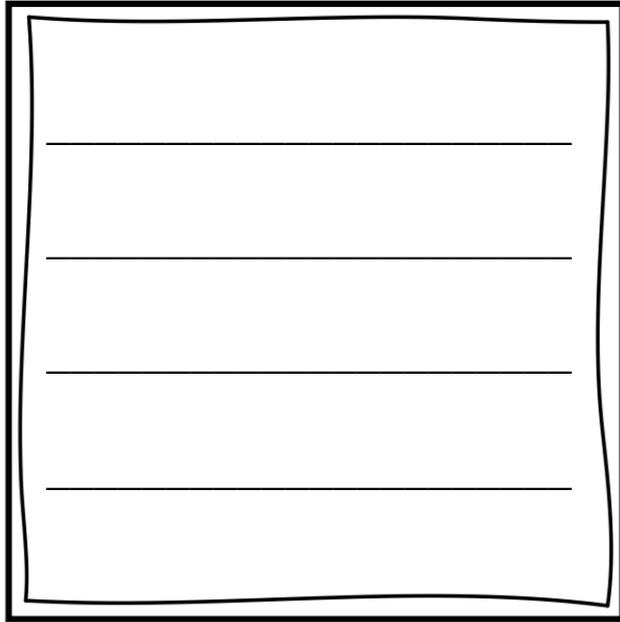
Buddy thought about how he had a chance to fill buckets
every _____. He learned that the more you
_____, the happier you are.

Buddy the Bucket Filler

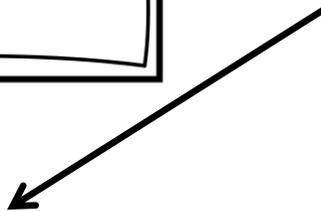
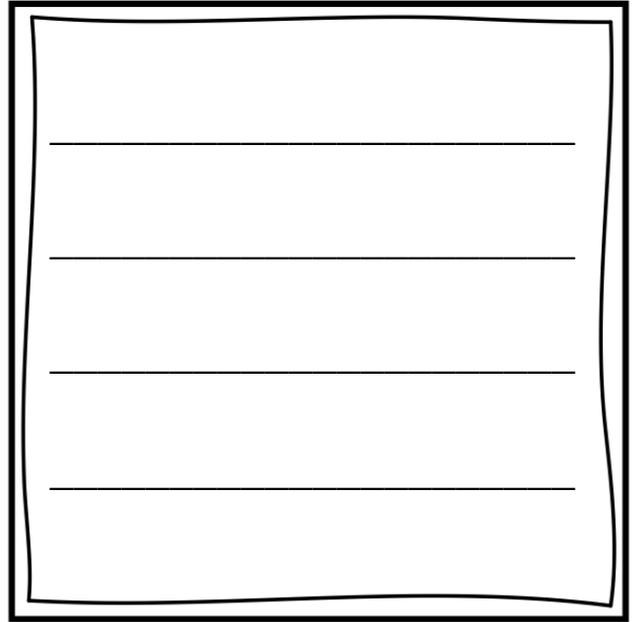
Event Sequencing

Retell the story by writing details or drawing on the story board below.

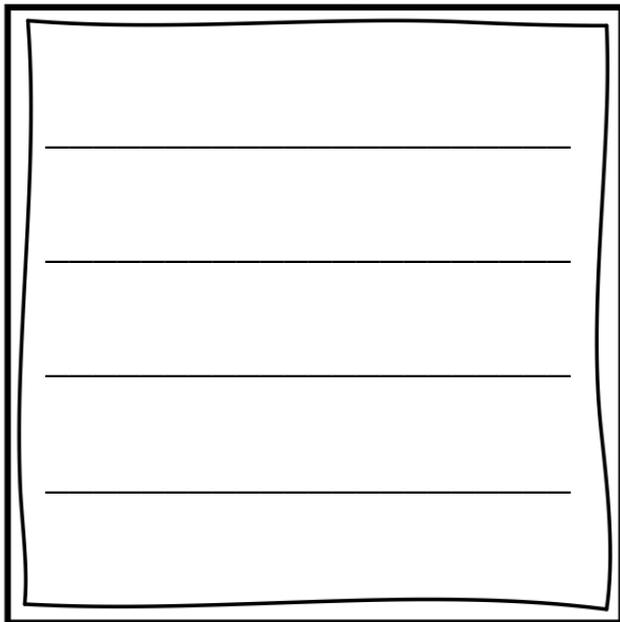
FIRST



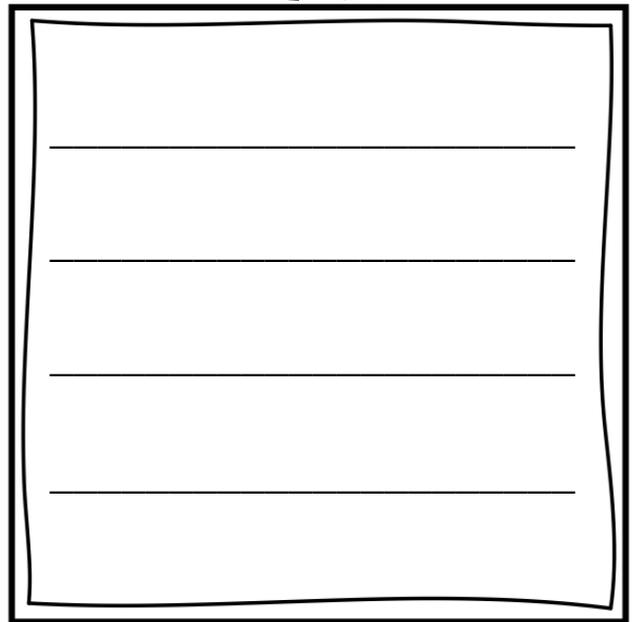
NEXT



THEN



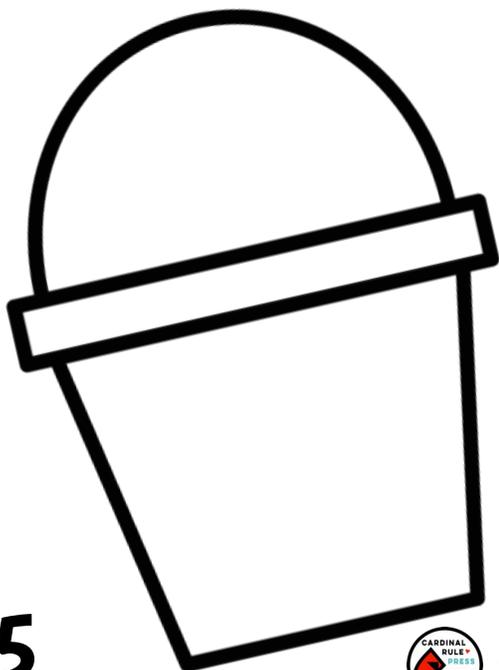
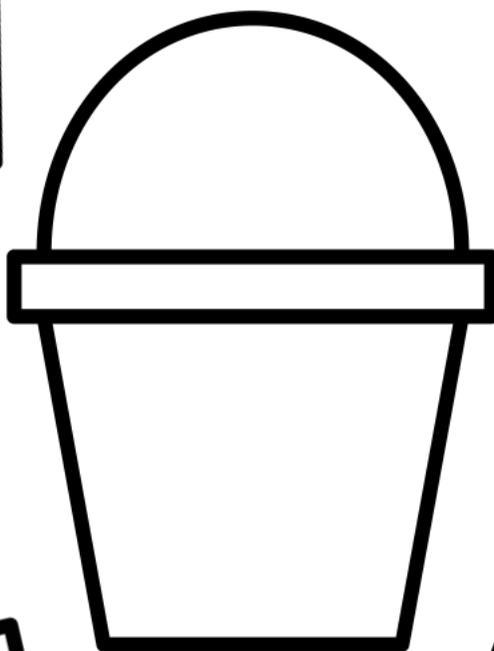
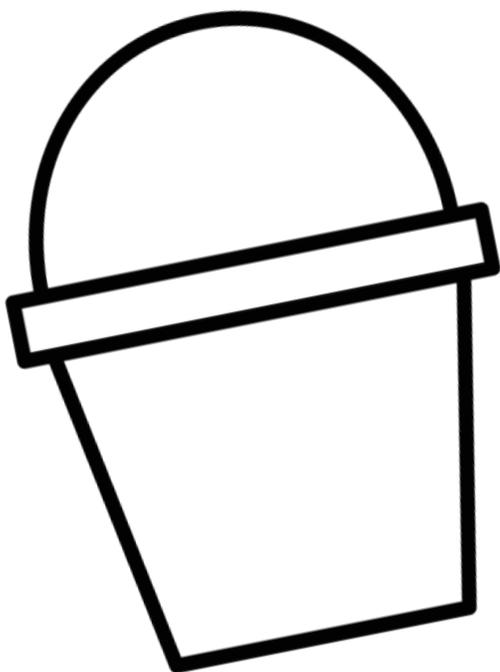
LAST



Buddy the Bucket Filler

Bucket Filling with Uncle Frank

In each of the buckets, write one way that either Buddy or Uncle Frank filled a bucket in the story.



Buddy the Bucket Filler

Authors' Purpose/Message

AUTHORS' PURPOSE Why did the authors write this book?

I think the author wrote this book to



MESSAGE/LESSON What is this book trying to teach me?

I think this book is trying to teach me

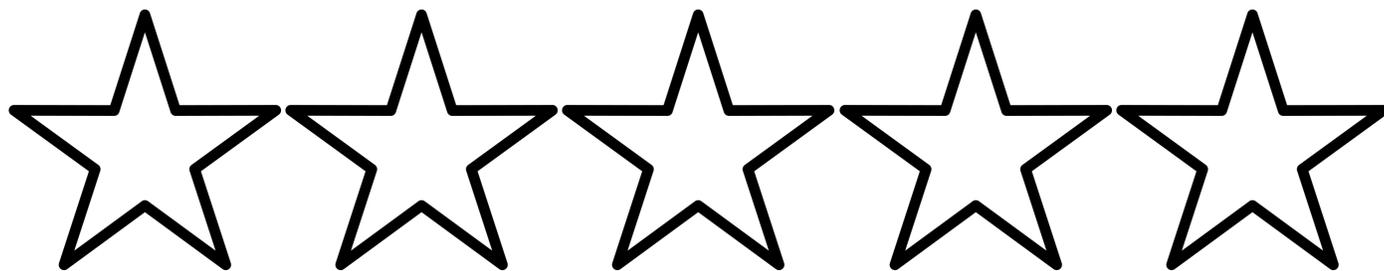


Buddy the Bucket Filler

Book Review

MY RATING:

Fill in the stars with your rating of this book!



MY THOUGHTS:

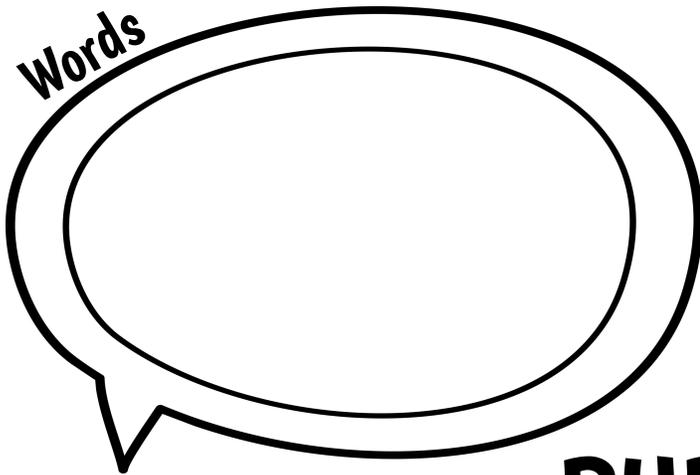
Share why you gave the book this rating.

Buddy the Bucket Filler

Character Analysis

Directions: Complete the graphic organizer. Write Buddy's words, thoughts, and actions in the shapes below.

Words

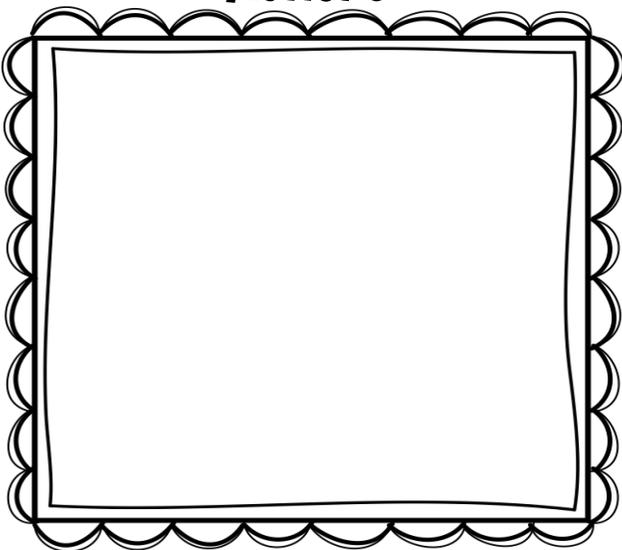


Thoughts



BUDDY

Actions



Based on Buddy's words, thoughts, and actions in the story, describe his character traits. What kind of person is he?



Buddy the Bucket Filler

Who Said It?

Draw a line between the quotation from the book and the character who said it – Buddy or Uncle Frank?

"You win when you treat everyone with kindness and respect."

"I learned in school that whenever you say or do something kind for others, you fill their bucket."

"When we are good to someone, we fill their bucket with a little more happiness, and that fills our bucket, too."

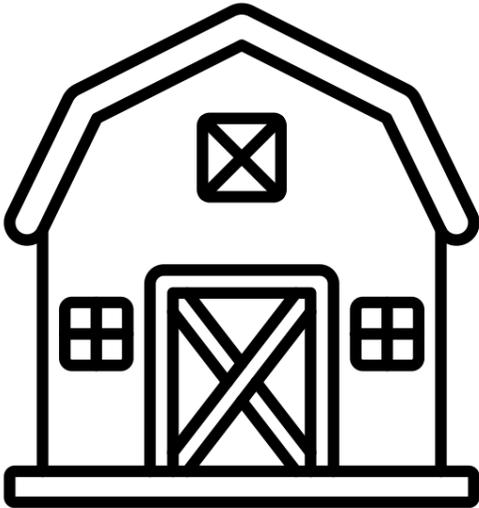
"But it's not about us, so let's ask Opal to say her bill was paid for by strangers after we leave."



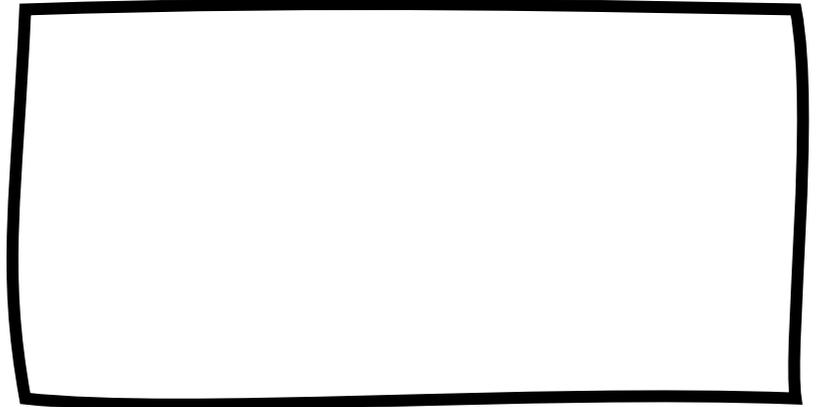
Buddy the Bucket Filler

Filling Buckets Everywhere!

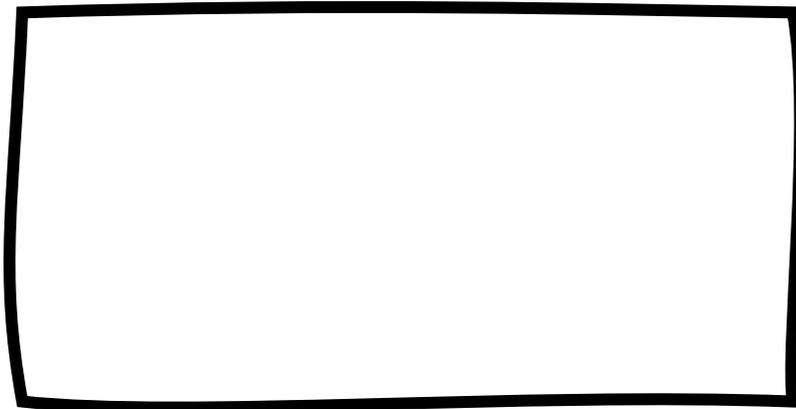
Brainstorm and record examples of how you can fill buckets in these different places.



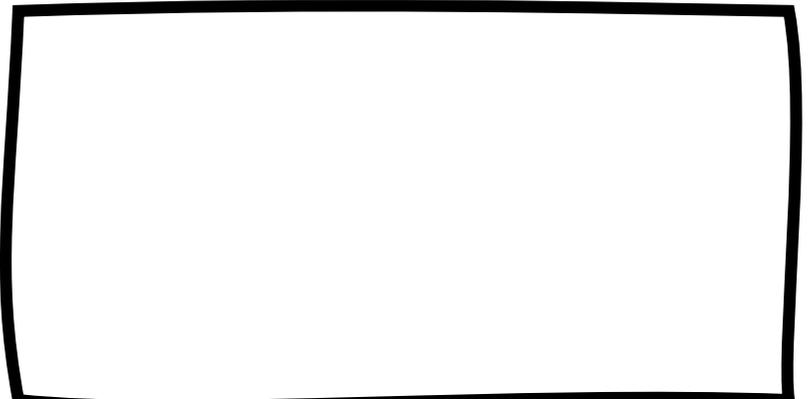
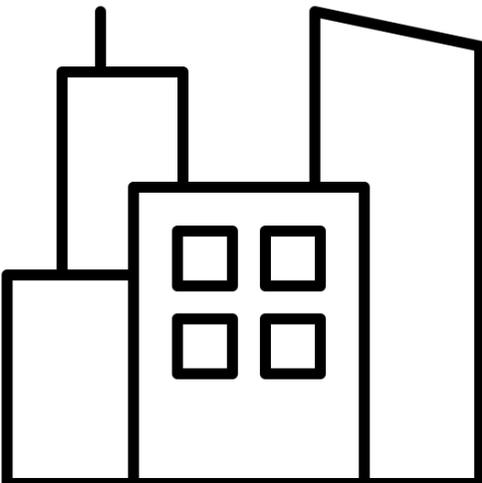
ON A FARM



AT HOME



IN THE CITY



Buddy the Bucket Filler Creator Page

Hello, I'm Elizabeth!

I am a mom, educator, and content creator specializing in children's books. I am especially passionate about inclusive kid lit, particularly social-emotional learning (SEL) titles that have useful applications in kids' lives. I hope you enjoy this Readers' Guide as much as I enjoyed creating it!



What fills my bucket:



You can find me (Elizabeth) on social media @thekidlitmama and at thekidlitmama.com.

Buddy the Bucket Filler

Reader's Guide Credits



Icon credits:

Eye by Silviu Ojog from Noun Project

Brain by Meaghan Hendricks from Noun Project

think by Kirby Wu from Noun Project

Favorite by andrewcaliber from Noun Project

Word Dialogue Balloon Clip Art by Prawny TeachersPayTeachers

Barn by Circlon Tech from Noun Project

Home by AomAm from Noun Project

City by ArtWorkLeaf from Noun Project

