



A SICK DAY FOR AMOS MCGEE

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Amos McGee is a zookeeper who spends his days taking care of the animals, rain or shine. When he wakes up one day too sick to go to work, how will the animals feel?

Questions:

1. Does Amos only focus on his tasks at work, or does he take care of his friends as well?
2. Does he take care of them by giving them food and feeding their bodies, or does he feed their hearts with his kindness and care?
3. How would the shy penguin feel if Amos did not sit quietly, but jumped around yelling? Would the penguin want to be around him?
4. Have you ever woken up in the morning and felt really sick? What did you do? Did anyone help you feel better?
5. Amos doesn't have family to help him get better. Who do you think will help him feel better?
6. Do the animals go to his house so that they will feel better, or so that he will? When he can't do the things he normally does because he feels so ill, do the animals get upset, or do they find new ways to spend time with him?
7. How did the animals show him empathy?
8. Why did the animals want to show him empathy? It is easier to show empathy to our friends, but should we show empathy to everyone, even people who are not our friends? Why?
9. Next time your mom or dad or teacher is sick, are you going to get upset and cry when you don't get to do what you want because they aren't feeling well? What can you do instead? How can you help a grown-up feel better when they are sick? How can you help another kid when they are sick?

