The Sad Snail

Herbert lived in a garden next to a woodshed. Herbert was a snail who lived by himself. He liked to climb the bushes and snack on the leaves. Herbert had a good life, but he was sad that he had no friends. One morning, Herbert woke up and found that his shell was too small. He had eaten so many leaves that now his body was too big. He needed to find a new shell. Herbert was scared. He had never left his garden before. He crawled to the edge of the woodshed. He knew he needed to be brave.

Herbert met a worm along the way. The worm asked to come along, and together Herbert and worm looked for a shell. They met a cricket. The cricket asked to come along, and together Herbert, the worm and the cricket looked for a shell. They met a slug. The slug asked to come along, and together Herbert, the worm, the cricket and the slug looked for a shell.

Finally, Herbert found an empty shell that fit just right. He told his friends it was time to go home. They were all sad. Herbert asked them all to come with him. Now they would never have to be sad again.