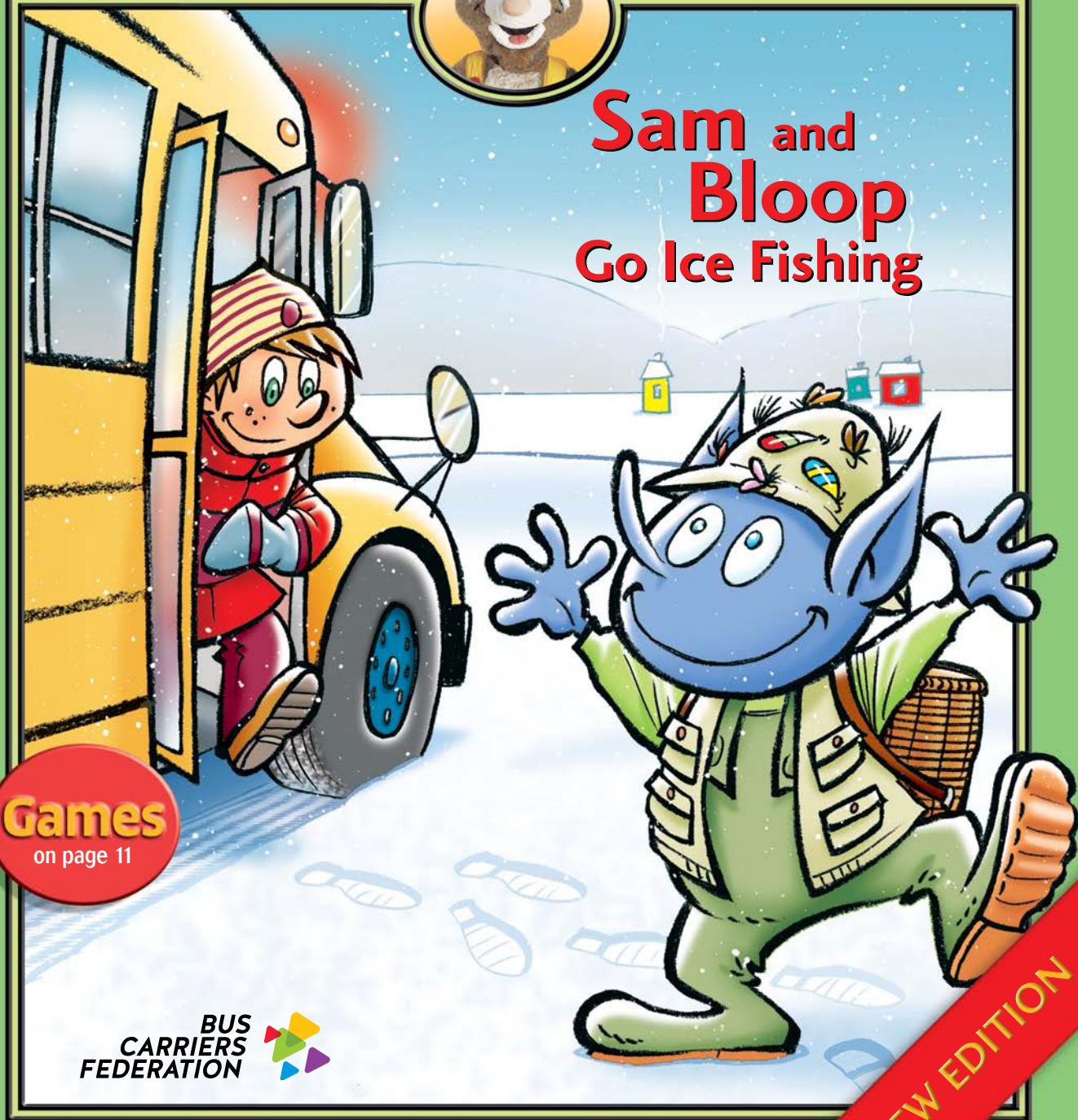


Sam and Bloop Go Ice Fishing



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In a few minutes, Sam and the rest of his class will be heading out for an afternoon of ice fishing. Bloop is so excited he jumps up and down while putting on his fishing outfit.

"You don't need all that stuff!" cries Sam. "We're going to be late for the bus. I'll wait for you outside!"



"Where is Bloop and what in the world is he doing?" the students wonder, anxious to leave.

Then out runs Bloop, wearing his funny fishing outfit.

"Stop running this instant!" orders Mrs. Pistachio, his teacher. "That can be dangerous!" she tells him with a stern look.

*Bloop is late.
Which rule should he obey?*

Turn to page 12 for the answer.



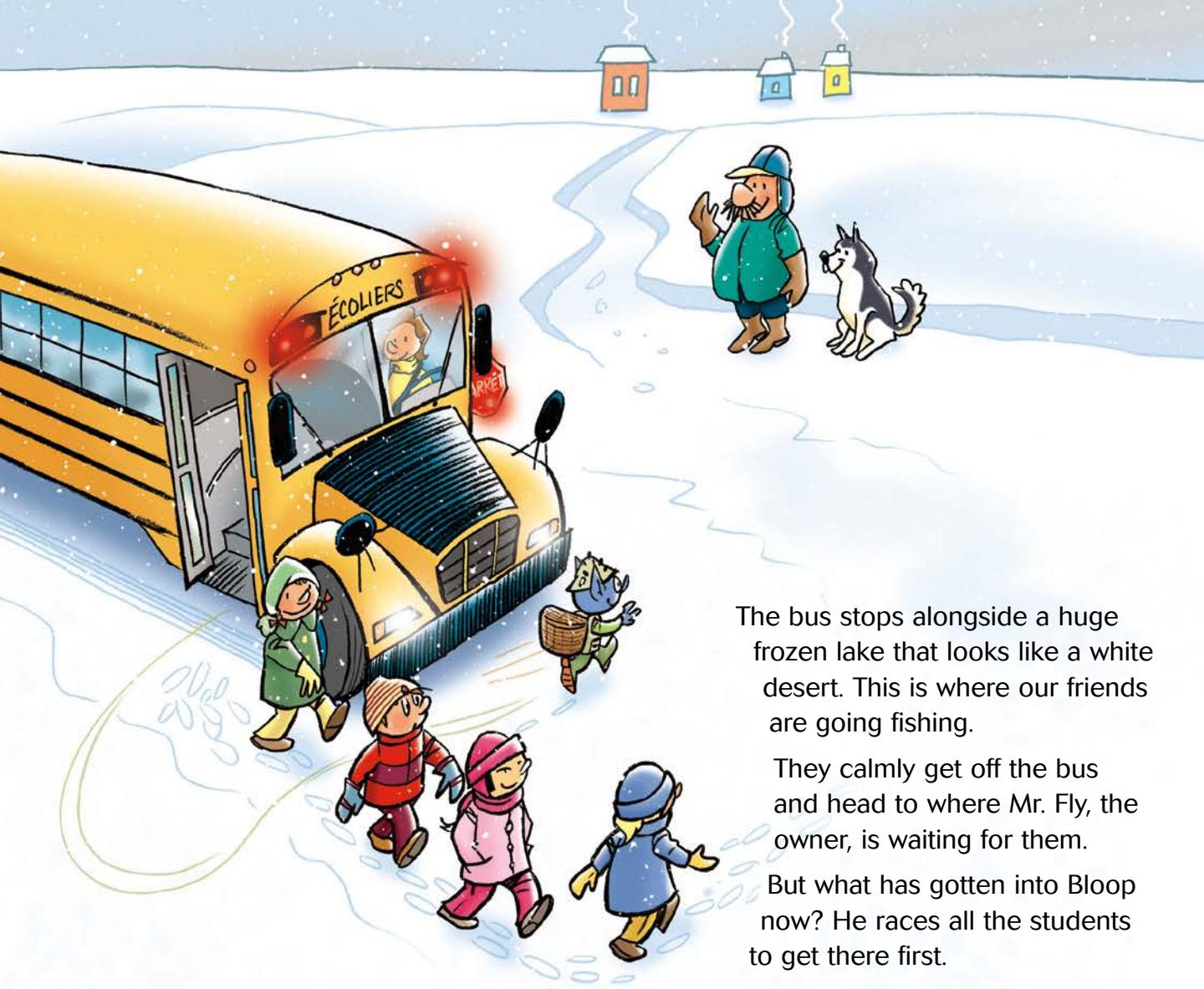
Sam and the other students are already seated on the bus. But Bloop just cannot sit still. Feeling mischievous, he pulls a raspberry gummy worm out of his basket and dangles it in front of the driver's nose.

"You're blocking my view!" the driver cries out. "Your fooling around could cause an accident. Please don't disturb me again."



*In his excitement, Bloop forgot two rules.
Do you know which ones?*

Turn to page 12 for the answer.



The bus stops alongside a huge frozen lake that looks like a white desert. This is where our friends are going fishing.

They calmly get off the bus and head to where Mr. Fly, the owner, is waiting for them.

But what has gotten into Bloop now? He races all the students to get there first.

"Stay with us, Bloop!" Sam yells from behind. "That's really dangerous. You could have been hit."

Once again, Bloop wasn't careful.
What rules did he disobey?

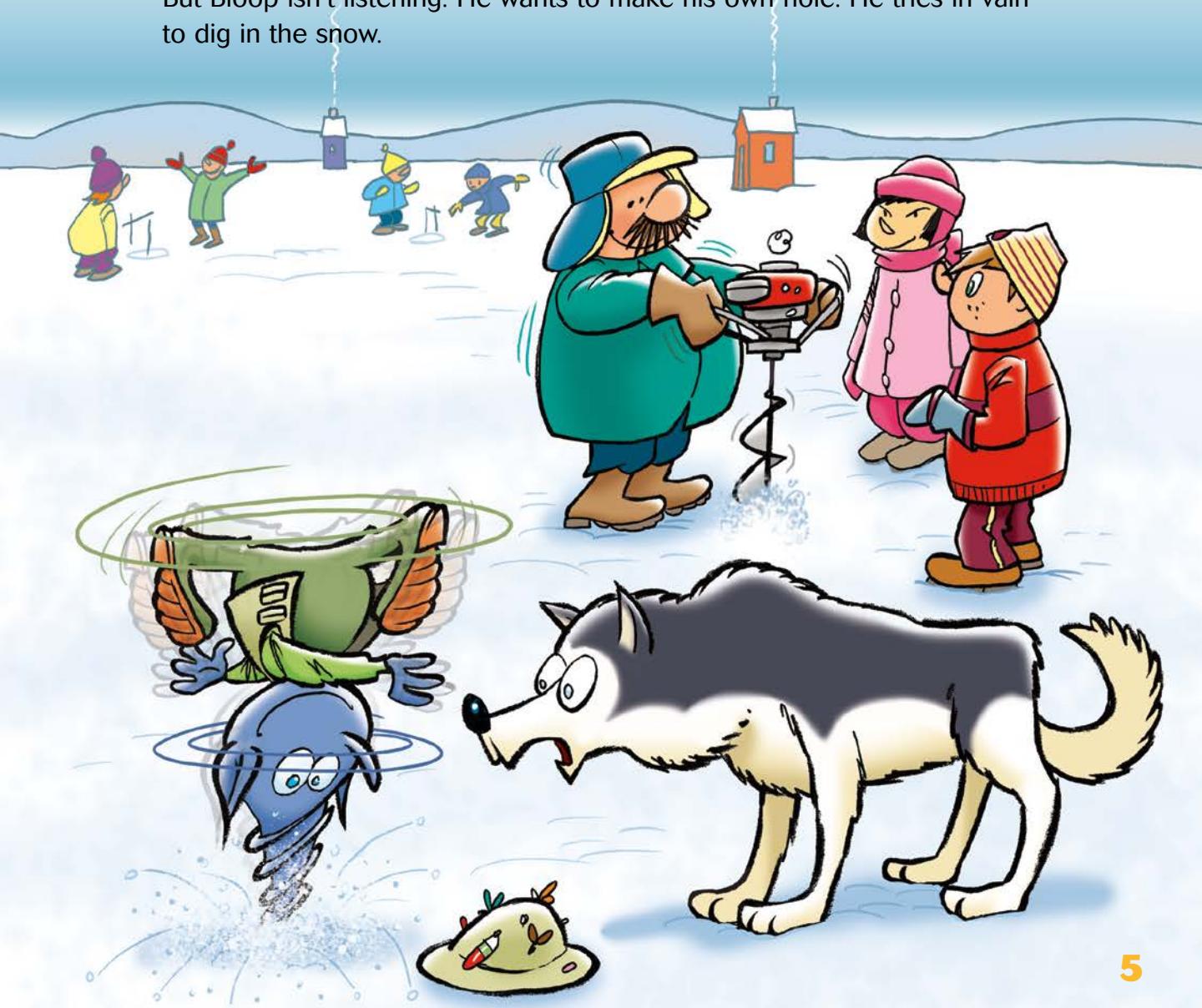
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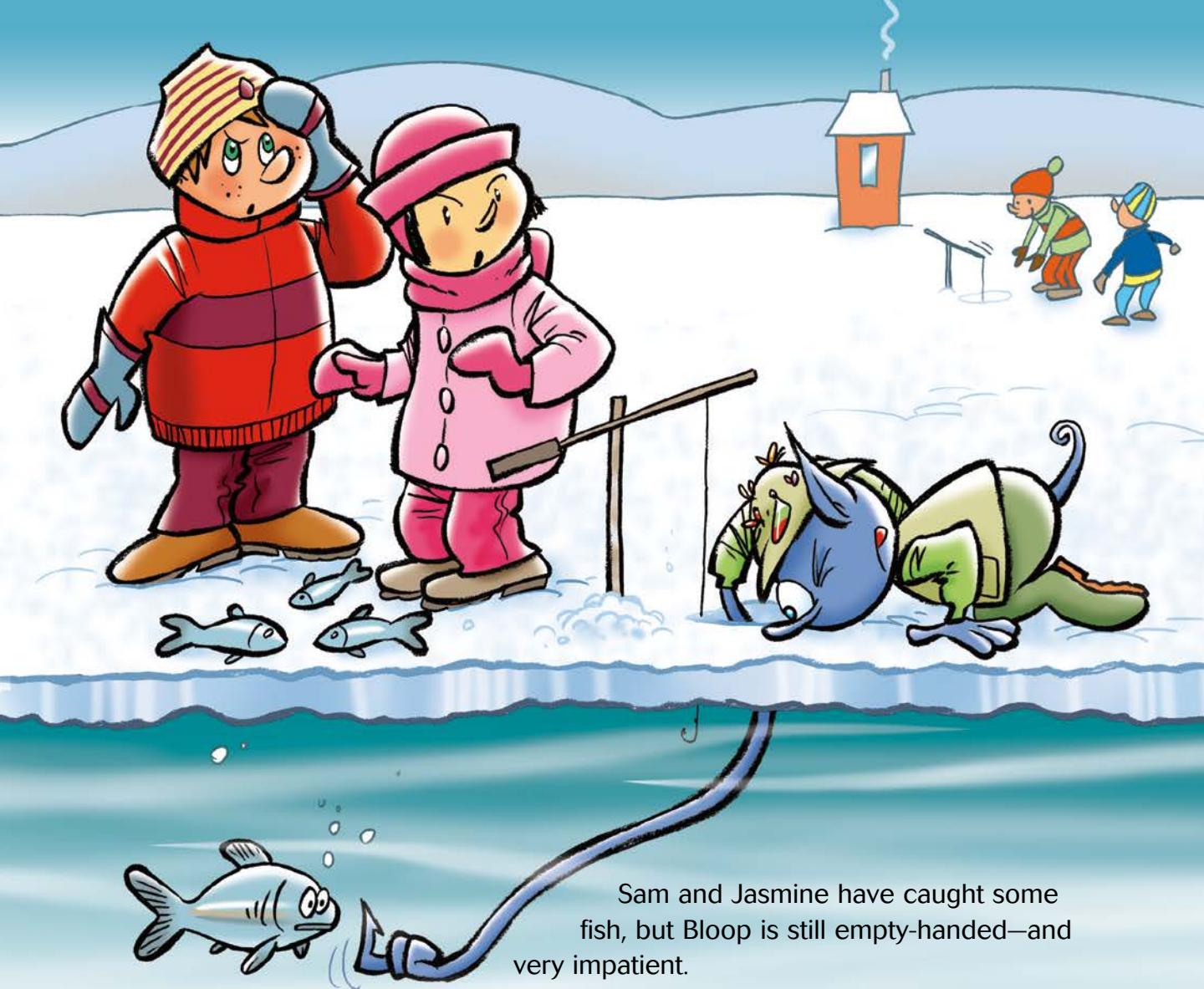


Sam and Jasmine watch closely as Mr. Fly cuts a hole in the ice with his big auger. He shows them how to fish.

"We'll put the tip-up on the edge of this hole. A very fine fishing line with a hook goes into the water. We put the bait on the hook. When the tip-up moves forward, that means we've caught a big one."

But Bloop isn't listening. He wants to make his own hole. He tries in vain to dig in the snow.





Sam and Jasmine have caught some fish, but Bloop is still empty-handed—and very impatient.

Tired of waiting, he decides to take things into his own hands and catch a fish his way.

His friends can't believe their eyes. They're flabbergasted!

"Bloop! What on earth are you doing?" asks Sam. "Ever since we left school, you haven't followed a single rule."

That little rascal Bloop! He has managed to catch a really big fish. But he is so excited that he gets all caught up in his fishing line. Now he's really in a tangle!

Sam and Jasmine don't think he's funny at all.

"Because of the way you're acting, we'll definitely be late for the bus," says Sam, now in a bad mood. "We have to be there soon."



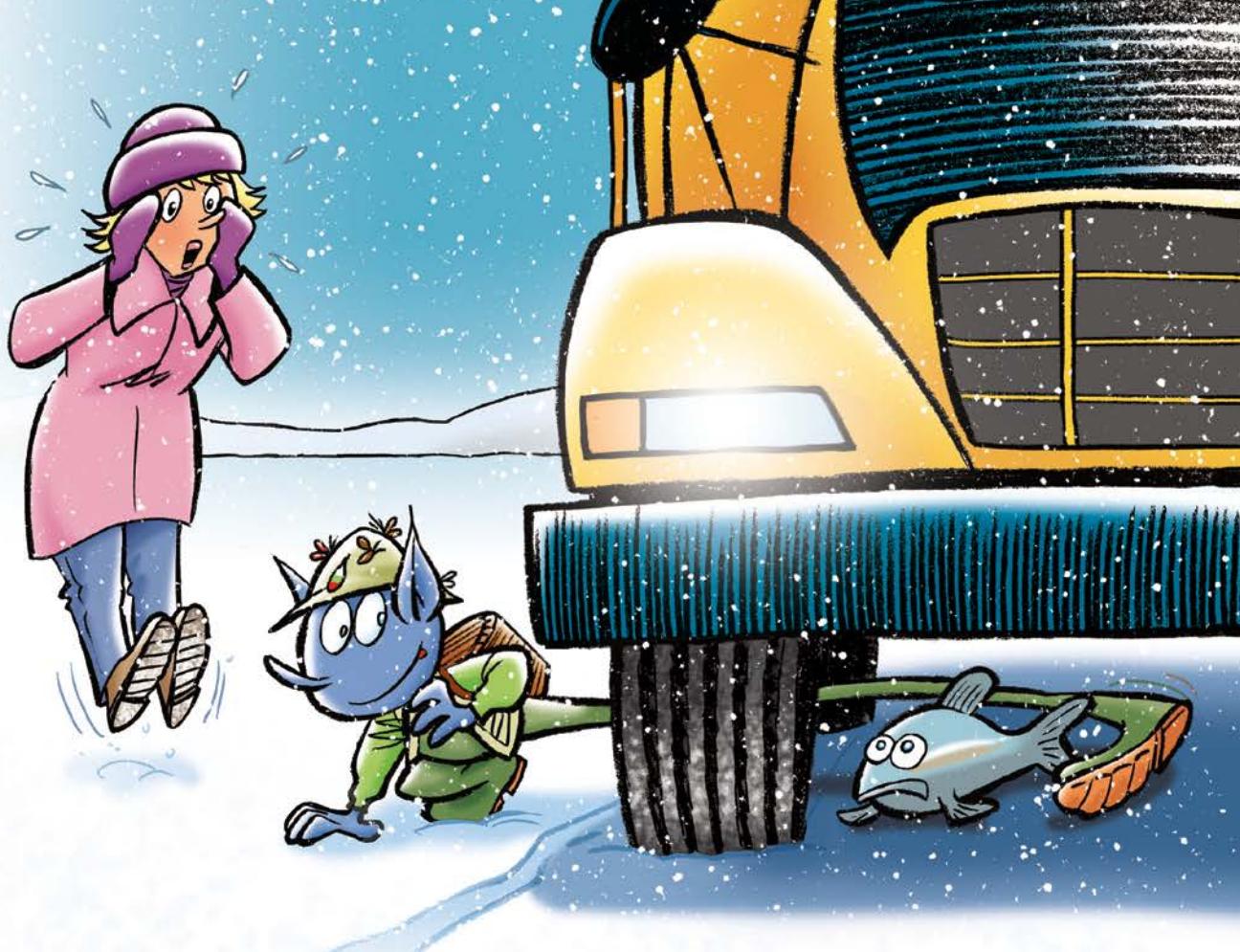
Whew! That was close. The three buddies arrive just in time to get in line. But Bloop, overjoyed with his catch, rushes toward the approaching bus to show the driver his big fish. "Oh boy, what carelessness!" the other students seem to say as they watch him run past.



*Bloop made two big mistakes.
What rules did he forget this time?*

Turn to page 12 for the answer.





Bloop is running so fast that the fish slips out of his hands and lands under the bus as it stops next to the line of students.

Bloop stretches his long leg to get his fishing trophy back. Mrs. Pistachio is horrified. "What is that reckless Bloop up to now?" she wonders.

"Come back here this instant!" orders the teacher angrily. "Are you deliberately trying to break the rules?"

*Bloop took an enormous risk.
What rule did he forget?*

Turn to page 12 for the answer.





Before the bus leaves, the students relax comfortably in their seats after a fun afternoon in the fresh air.

"To congratulate you on your good behavior during the fishing outing, here is a treat for each of you," says Mrs. Pistachio, smiling as she hands out crunchy fish-shaped cookies.

What do you think—does Bloop deserve a treat?



Games

Do not write anything in this book! If you need to, write your answers on a separate sheet.

1 Word jumble

Six words having to do with school transportation have been scrambled.

Example: UBBSUES = BUBUSSE

Unscramble the six words, then find the mystery word using the letters in the colored boxes.

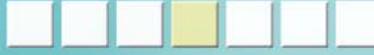
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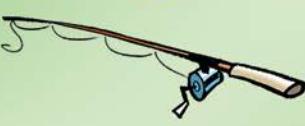
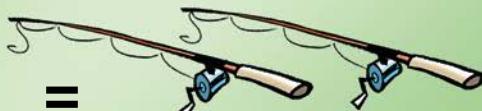


3 Math fun

Knowing that a fishing basket costs the same amount as two fishing poles, **how many worms** is a fishing basket worth?



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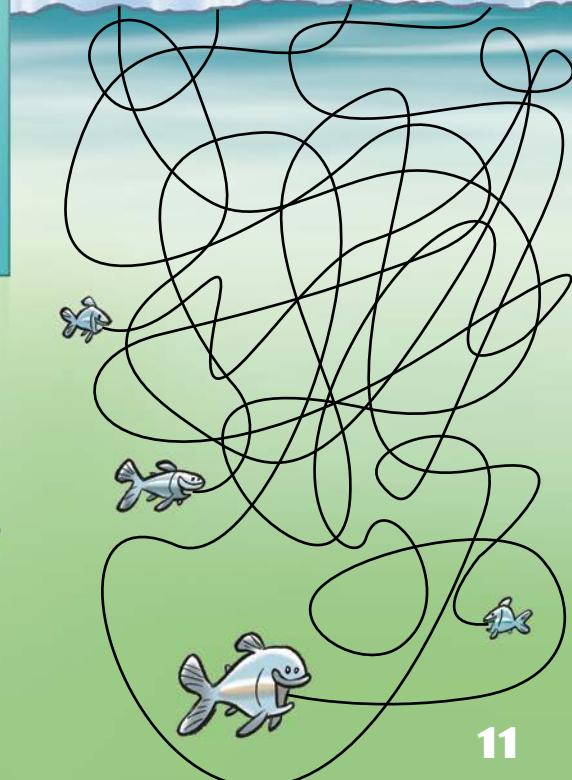


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2 What a catch!

Which of our friends will catch the **biggest** fish?





Read the following safety rules

I go to the bus stop early to avoid running. [\(Answer to page 2\)](#)

I stay in line to wait for the bus without shoving others. [\(Answer to page 8\)](#)

I wait until the bus has come to a full stop before approaching it.
[\(Answer to page 8\)](#)

I get on the bus in single file and hold onto the handrail.

I go straight to my seat and sit down.

I leave nothing in the aisle. [\(Answer to page 3\)](#)

I avoid distracting the driver. [\(Answer to page 3\)](#)

I keep my things in my bag.

I keep my head and my arms inside the bus at all times.

I do not throw food or other things out the window or onto the floor of the bus.

I remain seated at all times until the bus has come to a full stop.

I move away from the bus as soon as I get off and I stay away from the wheels.

I count ten steps after getting off the bus before crossing in front.
[\(Answer to page 4\)](#)

I make sure the driver has seen me before I cross in front of the bus.
[\(Answer to page 4\)](#)

I walk in front of the bus, then I check for traffic to the left, to the right and to the left again before crossing the street. [\(Answer to page 4\)](#)

I wait for the driver's okay before trying to recover something I dropped that has rolled under the bus. If I cannot speak to the driver, I wait until the bus has left before picking up the object. [\(Answer to page 9\)](#)

I never go behind a school bus.

Discuss with the teacher the importance of obeying the rules.

Answers to the games on page 11.

1 School, handrail, traffic, driver, caution, obey
Mystery word: **safety**

2 Sam

3 24



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