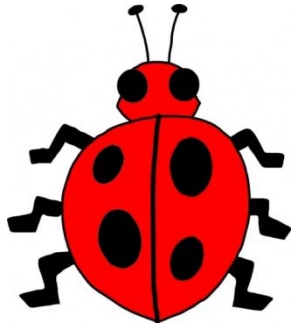


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The Big Red Bug

Once upon a time, there was a big red bug named Tim. Tim loved to hop and hum. One day, Tim saw a pot on the rug. The pot had a lid, and it was shut.

Tim was very curious. He wanted to see what was in the pot. He used his leg to tap on the lid. Tap, tap, tap! The lid did not budge. Tim was not sad. He kept trying. He was a very strong bug.

Finally, the lid popped up! Tim peered inside and saw a big, fat nut. Tim was so happy! He loved nuts. He took the nut and began to munch. Yum, yum, yum!

As Tim ate, his friend Bob the dog came by. Bob saw Tim with the nut and wagged his tail. Bob asked, "Can I have some?" Tim was kind and said, "Yes!" They both shared the nut and had fun in the sun.