Benny & Sparky

AN EDUCATIONAL STORY

Once upon a time, there lived a curious dog named Sparky. Sparky had soft, fluffy fur and big, shiny eyes that sparkled with excitement. He loved going on adventures and exploring the world around him. One sunny day, Sparky noticed his owner and best friend, Benny, looked very sad and unwell. Sparky was worried and went up to Benny to ask what was wrong and why he wasn't in school today.

"Benny, my dear friend, what happened?" Sparky asked, his tail wagging with concern. Benny sniffled and replied, "I'm sick, Sparky. I have a cold, and I don't feel good at all."

Sparky had never heard of a cold before, so he tilted his head and asked, "What is a cold, Benny? How did you get it?"

Benny explained, "A cold is an illness caused by tiny creatures called germs. They are so small that we cannot see them with our eyes, but they can make us feel sick. Germs can spread from one person or animal to another, and that's how I caught the cold." Sparky wanted to learn more, so he asked Benny to teach him about them.

"Germs, my little friend, are tiny living things that can make us sick," Benny began. "They are like little bugs that can hide on surfaces, in the air, or even on our hands and paws." Sparky's eyes widened with curiosity as he asked, "But how do germs make us sick?"

Benny grabbed a **Kleenex®** tissue from his bedside and kindly continued, "When germs find their way into our bodies, they can cause infections. They multiply and grow, making us feel unwell. Sneezing, coughing, or even touching things can spread the germs to others."

Sparky nodded, eager to know how he could protect himself and his friends from these sneaky germs. Benny reassured him, saying, "Good hygiene is the key, Sparky. Washing your paws and keeping your surroundings clean can help get rid of most germs."

Sparky listened carefully and made a promise to himself to keep his paws clean and his surroundings tidy. He knew that by doing so, he could help prevent the spread of germs and keep his friends healthy. Sparky started spreading the word about germs and the importance of good hygiene to everyone he met. He showed all the neighborhood pups how to wash their paws properly and keep surfaces clean and sparkling.

Before long, the entire neighborhood was filled with happy, healthy faces, thanks to Sparky's and Benny's efforts.

Sparky became known for his adorable face and his knowledge about germs. From that day on, Sparky and Benny shared their knowledge and visited schools teaching students and parents alike how to stay healthy.