

WOW! Wonders of Water

Brownie Elf Water Story

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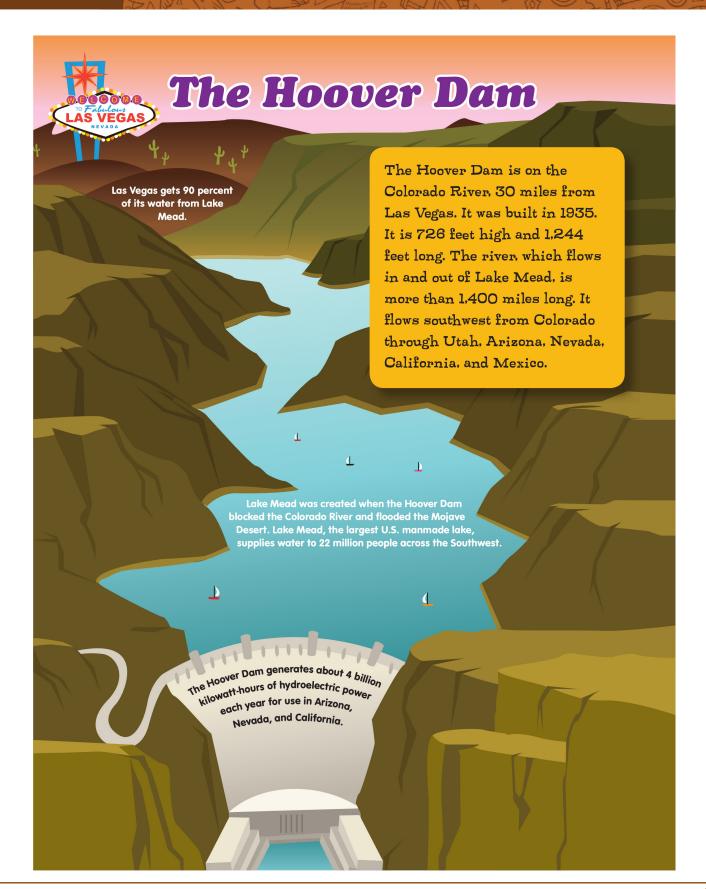
"But when people build a big dam," Brownie Elf continued, this time in a quieter voice, "it can be hard for some animals. A dam can make it hard for fish to swim up the river to lay their eggs or to swim downstream to the ocean. Sometimes, when really big dams are built, wetlands near rivers disappear. That means no more home for the animals that lived there and depended on wetlands plants for food. We have to find ways to protect the animals and help people."

"Can we help?" Campbell asked.

"You can," said Brownie Elf. "Just try every day to do one thing to save water. When you use less water and less electricity, that helps people and animals.

"Another way to help is to tell others what you know," Brownie Elf continued.











"Not just the big things that you learned about water but smaller things, too. Small things—and small acts—can be very important. A lot of small, positive acts can add up to very big, positive changes for water."

"I think I know what you mean," said Campbell.
"Yesterday I asked my sister to turn off the water
when she brushes her teeth. But first I held a bowl
under the faucet while it ran and showed her how
much water she was wasting. Does that count?"

Water Wisdom

It's your job to give your cat fresh water every day. If there's water left before you refill the bowl, what should you do with it?

- **A.** Pour it down the drain.
- **B.** Water the houseplants with it.
- C. Pour it into the trash.

Answer. B—Try to reuse and save water in every way you can. Remember: Every drop you save makes a difference.







"And I asked my father to fix our leaky faucet,"
Jamila said. "I put a bucket under it overnight
to show him how much water it was wasting."

"And I never use a hose anymore to clean the driveway," Alejandra added. "I sweep. I saw how much water was just running into the street."

Brownie Elf smiled. "Yes, those are all small but important things. My job is complete! You really love water and care about saving it and keeping it pure so there is enough for the world to share. Every day you will learn more and teach others, too."

And so, the four friends said good-bye. "We'll always remember what you taught us," the girls said. "We'll pass it on all our lives."

