

The Water Bottle That Stayed Full



An everyday Canadian adventure with Ash, Leo and Dad.
A little mystery. A useful reminder.

A full-bottle mystery



Something strange had happened to Ash's water bottle. It had travelled through the park, past the playground and all the way to the biggest maple tree. But it was still full.

Does it refill itself?



Ash held it up. “Dad, I think I’ve discovered a mystery.” Leo leaned closer. “Does it refill itself?”

A leaf-hunt challenge



That morning, Ash and Leo had set out on a leaf hunt with Dad. Their challenge was to find three different leaf shapes along the path.

So many things to remember



Ash had remembered her sketchbook. She had remembered her pencils. She had even remembered the little cloth for cleaning her muddy shoes. But every time they stopped, she reached for her drawings instead of a drink.

Two different shapes



They found a leaf shaped like a tiny hand. Then a long, narrow leaf.

A very confused tree



Then one with a hole that looked remarkably like a surprised face. Leo held it up to his eye. “Hello! I’m a very confused tree!” Ash giggled.

A discovery in the backpack



At their snack break, she opened her backpack and discovered the bottle. “Oh,” she said. “I brought my water. I just forgot it was there.”

Make it easy to remember



Dad smiled. "Packing something is the first step. Making it easy to remember can help too."

A relaxed water break



They sat together on a bench. Ash took a drink of water and rested beside her friends. There was no race to empty the bottle. They had time to enjoy their break.

A simple everyday choice



“For everyday drinking, water is a good choice,” Dad said. “Even when it doesn’t come in a colourful packet?” Leo asked. “Even then.”

Hidden beneath a sketchbook



Ash looked at her backpack. The bottle had been hidden beneath her sketchbook.

Its own lookout spot



She moved it into the outside pocket, where she could see it. “Now it has its own lookout spot!”

A quick check together



Before they continued, Dad asked, "What shall we check?"
"Sketchbook," said Ash. "Laces," said Leo.

Mystery solved



“And our water,” they said together. On the way home, the bottle was no longer completely full. Mystery solved.

A useful reminder



The bottle hadn't been magical. Ash had simply needed a little reminder. What helps you remember something useful?

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Your useful reminder



With a grown-up, draw one useful thing you want to take on your next outing. Where could you put it so it is easy to remember? Check your plan together.

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