

Penny the Penguin's Problem

Grade 1-2

Penny wants to catch a fish for her mom's birthday. She knows it is her favorite food. Penny knows it will make her mom very happy to have a fish for her birthday. Penny can't find a fishing pole, so she uses a jar. She looks in the kitchen and finds a glass jar. Penny goes in her backyard where her pond is. There are a lot of fish in her pond. She sticks the jar in the water and moves it around, but the fish are too far away for her to use the jar.

Her big sister Peggy gives her some advice. "You can use a net with a long handle," Peggy says. The two sisters go into Peggy's room to get a net from her closet. Penny goes back to her pond. Penny tries to catch a fish with the net, but the fish are too fast for her to use the net.

Paul, her big brother, sees Penny outside and goes to see what she is doing. Penny tells him about her problem. Paul lets Penny use his fishing pole. They go to his bedroom and find his fishing pole leaned up against his door. Penny and Paul go in the backyard. He teaches her how to use the fishing pole, by using a rubber fish on the end to teach her how to cast. Penny then puts a hook and some bait on the fishing line. She casts the fishing line into the pond and waits. Penny feels a tug on her line and begins to reel it in. There is a fish on her line! She catches a fish for her mom's birthday. Penny's mom is very surprised Penny did all that work to catch a fish just for her!