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The Ugly Duckling

by Hans Christian Andersen

Once upon a time, there was a mother duck.

One day, she laid some eggs and waited for them to hatch.

Three of the eggs started to crack. Tap, tap, tap!

Three pretty, yellow baby ducklings came out.

At last, the big egg started to crack too. Bang, bang, bang!

One big, grey and ugly duckling came out.

“Oh no! How ugly and different he is from my other children!” said the Mother.

Nobody wanted to play with him. “Go away! You are ugly!”

The ugly duckling was cold, sad and lonely.

Then Spring came.

When the ugly duckling looked into the pond, he saw a beautiful white bird!

“Wow! Who’s that?” He said. He was no longer a grey, ugly bird!

He had grown into a beautiful swan, just like his brothers and sisters.

Don’t judge others because of how they look!