

Curious George[®]

Cleans Up

Adaptation by Stephen Krensky
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It was an exciting day. A new rug had arrived. George was curious to see if it would fit.



It did!
George liked it. It was
the right color.



It was soft to walk on.
The rug was just perfect.



All that walking made George thirsty.
He poured himself a big glass of grape juice



Then he went back to the rug.
It felt squishy between his toes.



George thought it would be fun to jump on the rug. So he jumped.



George forgot about the grape juice. It jumped, too.



What a mess! George had to get that juice off the rug. He used paper towels first. They did not work.

George remembered soap was good for cleaning. If one soap was good, many soaps would be even better.

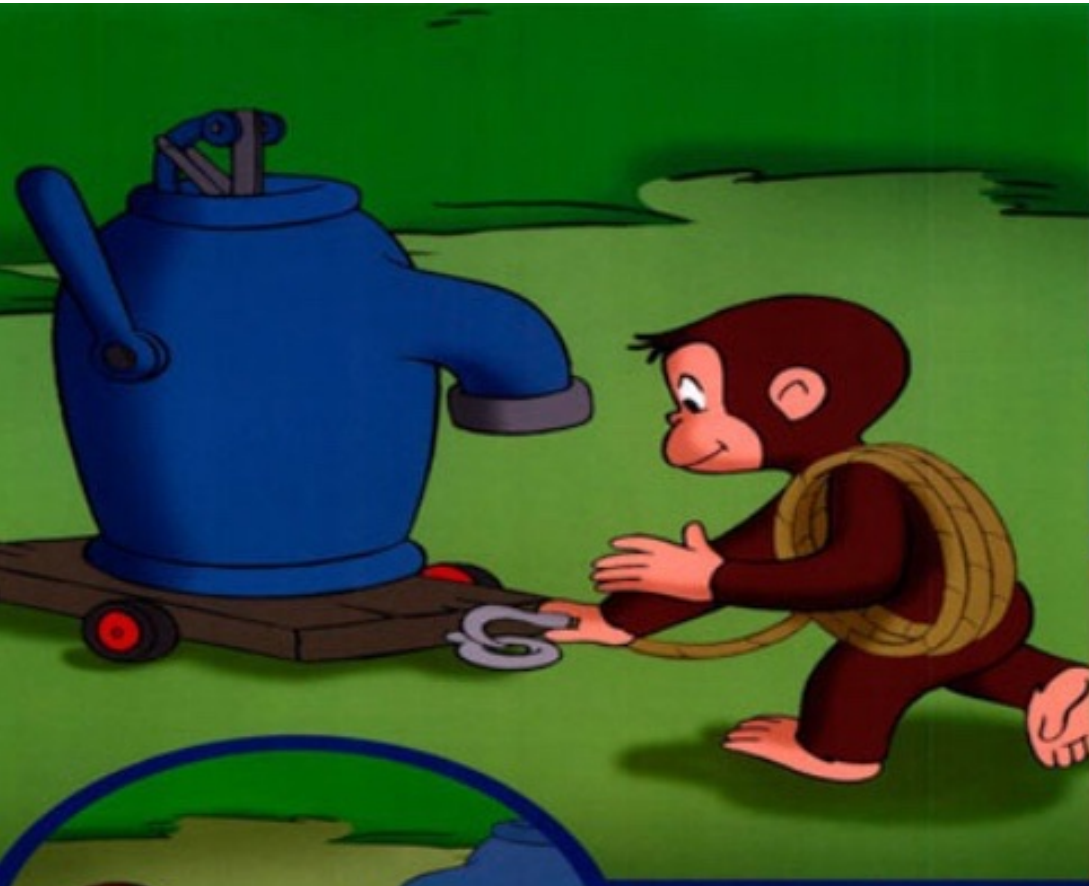




Now all George needed was water.



Maybe he used too much.



George went to borrow a water pump from a nearby farm.



It was heavy, so he had to put it on wheels. And he had to get help towing it home.

He used the pump a long time.
Finally there was more water
outside than inside.





When George was done, the rug was cleaner than ever.



The whole room was cleaner, even if it was a little wet.



But it took a while for everything to be perfect again.

SIMPLE TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGY



Curious George gets into trouble easily, but he always manages to find a way to fix things. In **Cleans Up**, he solves the problem with the help of a few simple tools. The pump was too heavy for him to lift or carry, so he used wheels and a rope for towing to help him reduce the pump's weight. What would you do in the following situation to help you solve the problem?

THINK ABOUT IT

You have a very heavy box of books that you need to move across the room without carrying it in your arms the whole way. You have the following materials: a rope, a large, flat board of plywood, several plastic logs, and a helper. How would you do it? (See possible solutions below.)

1) You put the wood on the logs, and the box on the wood. As one of you pushes the box and board over the logs, the other keeps moving the last log to the front edge of the plywood to keep your board moving. 2) You tie the rope to the box and both of you pull it. 3) You move the books a few at a time! Are there any more solutions?