

# Not Just a Little!

by Lois Grippio



Bob loved to make good things to eat. He grew wheat and vegetables on his farm. He had chickens. He used them to make yummy meals. Still, it was no fun cooking for just himself. It was no fun eating alone.

Bob wanted to share his food with his neighbors. He wanted to sit around a big table. He wanted to laugh and have fun.

## READ & RESPOND

Theme

**Why does Bob want to eat with his neighbors?**

---

---

---



Bob called his neighbor Luis. "Can you come to my house for dinner?" Bob asked.

"I cannot leave the store," Luis said. "I am staying open late to earn more money."

Luis sold fruit and vegetables. He never made time to talk or have fun. Bob called his other neighbors. They were busy, too. Bob sat on his porch and thought. He tried to figure out a way to get his neighbors together.

Copyright © by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.

**READ & RESPOND**

Make and Confirm Predictions

**Do you think Bob will get his neighbors together? Explain.**

---

---

---



Bob came up with a plan. He cooked chicken in a pot. It smelled very good. Bob went to the park with his pot of chicken.

Bob walked past Luis's store. The door was open. Luis smelled the chicken. He came outside and saw Bob.

"What is making that good smell?" Luis asked.

"The smell is the chicken in my pot," said Bob.



Copyright © by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.

### READ & RESPOND

Make and Confirm Predictions

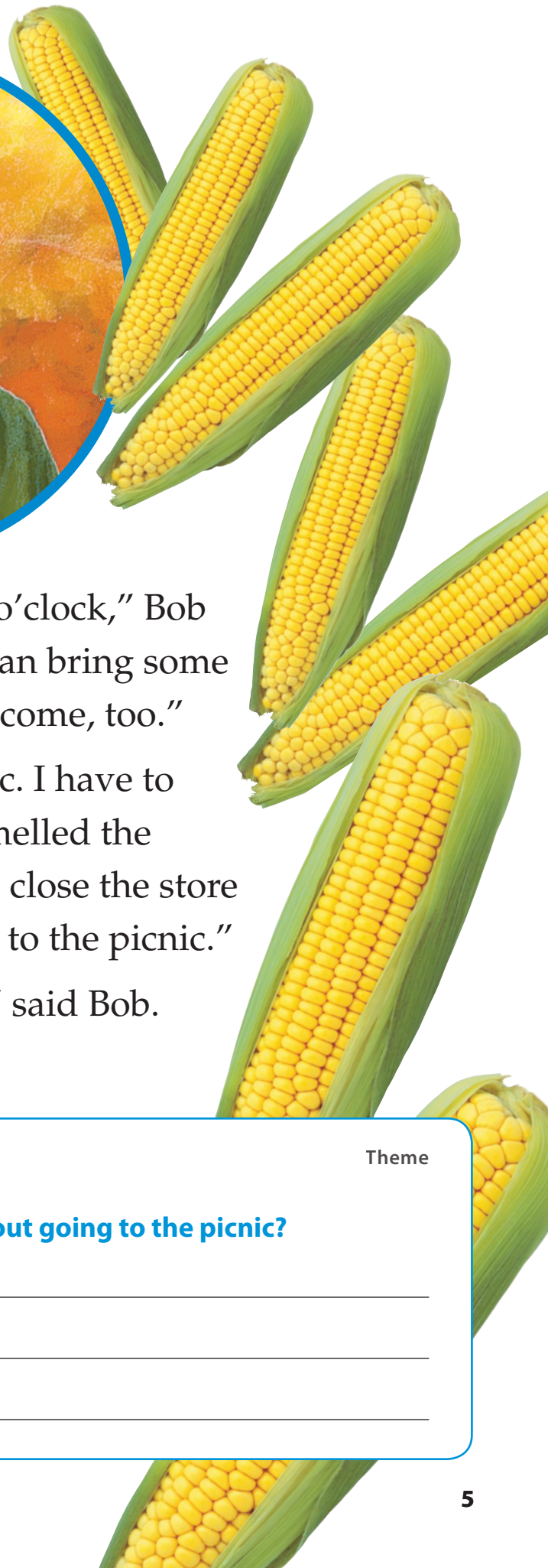
**Why do you think Bob takes his chicken to the park?**

---

---

---





“There is a picnic at four o’clock,” Bob said. “You must come! You can bring some food. Tell your customers to come, too.”

“I am too busy for a picnic. I have to work,” said Luis. Then he smelled the chicken again. “Maybe I will close the store early. I can bring a little corn to the picnic.”

“No, no! Not just a little!” said Bob. “Bring lots of corn!”

Copyright © by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.

### READ & RESPOND

Theme

**What makes Luis change his mind about going to the picnic?**

---

---

---



Copyright © by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.

Bob went on his way. He stopped at the library. He stopped at the hardware store. Everyone smelled Bob's chicken. They all wanted to come to the picnic.

At last, Bob arrived at the park. He put his chicken on the table. Bob's neighbor Lee came by.

### READ & RESPOND

Make and Confirm Predictions

**Do you think everyone will come to the picnic? Why, or why not?**

---

---

---





“Luis contacted me. He told me there is a picnic. I will bring a little bit of milk,” Lee said.

“No, no! Not just a little!” said Bob. “Bring lots of milk.”

At four o’clock, Lee came back to the park. He brought lots of milk. Luis came to the park with lots of corn.

Copyright © by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.

### READ & RESPOND

Make and Confirm Predictions

**Why do you think Bob is telling people to bring more than just a little?**

---

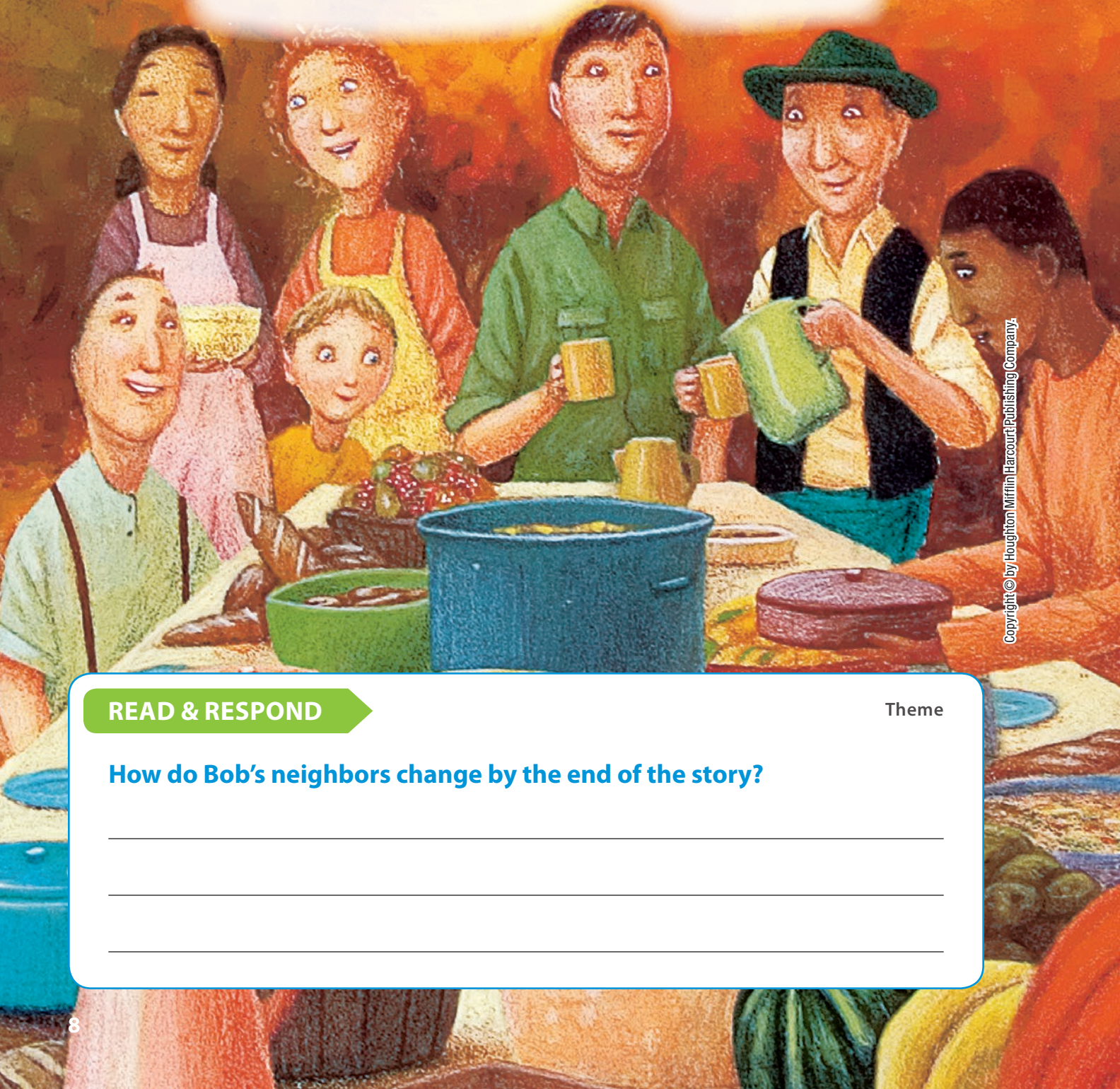
---

---



More and more people came to the park. They all brought lots of food. Soon the picnic became a grand party.

Everyone had fun. Everyone talked and laughed together. Bob was happy. His plan worked just fine.



Copyright © by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.

**READ & RESPOND**

Theme

**How do Bob's neighbors change by the end of the story?**

---

---

---



# Reread and Respond



**1** Write three things to tell about Bob.

---

---

---

**Hint**

Look for clues on page 2.

**2** How did Bob get his neighbors together?

---

---

---

**Hint**

Reread the story to help you.

**3** What is the theme of the story?

---

---

---

**Hint**

Think about what the characters learned.