Billy’s Balloon

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Billy is at the zoo.

After twisting through the gates, Billy is handed a map and a big red balloon.

Billy’s balloon is the colour of a bright red fire engine!
He holds his balloon when he sees the elephants stomping, trumpeting, and splashing.

Billy holds his balloon very tight and takes it everywhere he goes.
He holds his balloon when he sees the monkeys climbing, swinging, and playing.

He holds his balloon when he cheers at the seals diving, clapping and doing tricks.
He is still holding his balloon when his day suddenly goes wrong.

SPLAT!
But it’s okay.

After a bad thing happens, I’m sure something good will happen soon!

Billy holds his red balloon when he feeds the giraffe.
But all of a sudden…

SPLASH!
As Billy and his dad head for the gates, Billy stops.

“Here!” says Billy.

And Billy felt as happy as can be.

But it’s okay!

After a bad thing happens, I’m sure something good will happen soon!
Can you imagine that you have a balloon like Billy’s?

What colour is your balloon?
When bad things happen, we might feel sad and flat, like Billy’s balloon.

Imagine carrying your balloon all day long, like Billy did.

When good things happen, we feel big, bright and happy, like Billy’s balloon.
But remember, all day long our feelings can change.

After a bad thing happens, I’m sure something good will happen soon!
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