

Not a Rod, Steve?



Alex has a rod.
It is a fresh
rod.

She stands at
the water, set
to fish.





Alex can fish,
but Steve can
not. He has not
got a rod.

Dash, Steve,
dash! Get a rod!

Steve checks the
stash. Rocks and
blocks are in it,
but not a stick.

Gosh, not a stick!
He is upset.





Steve can see
land. Sticks are
on it, but it is a
long, long swim.
He shrugs and
hunts on.

Next he
rushes to the
huts. He hunts
and hunts. Not
a stick! Steve
is mad.





He peeps in
the bin. A rod
hangs in it!
Yes! Steve
grabs it in a
flash and grins.

But shucks, the
rod is worn. The
string can snap.

He hangs on to
it and hunts on.





Steve checks the
land and the
shrubs. He hunts
and hunts.

Not a stick and
not a scrap. He is
sad.

A rod is in a
pit! Steve jumps
in to grab it.

But the rod is
trash. It has a
big crack.

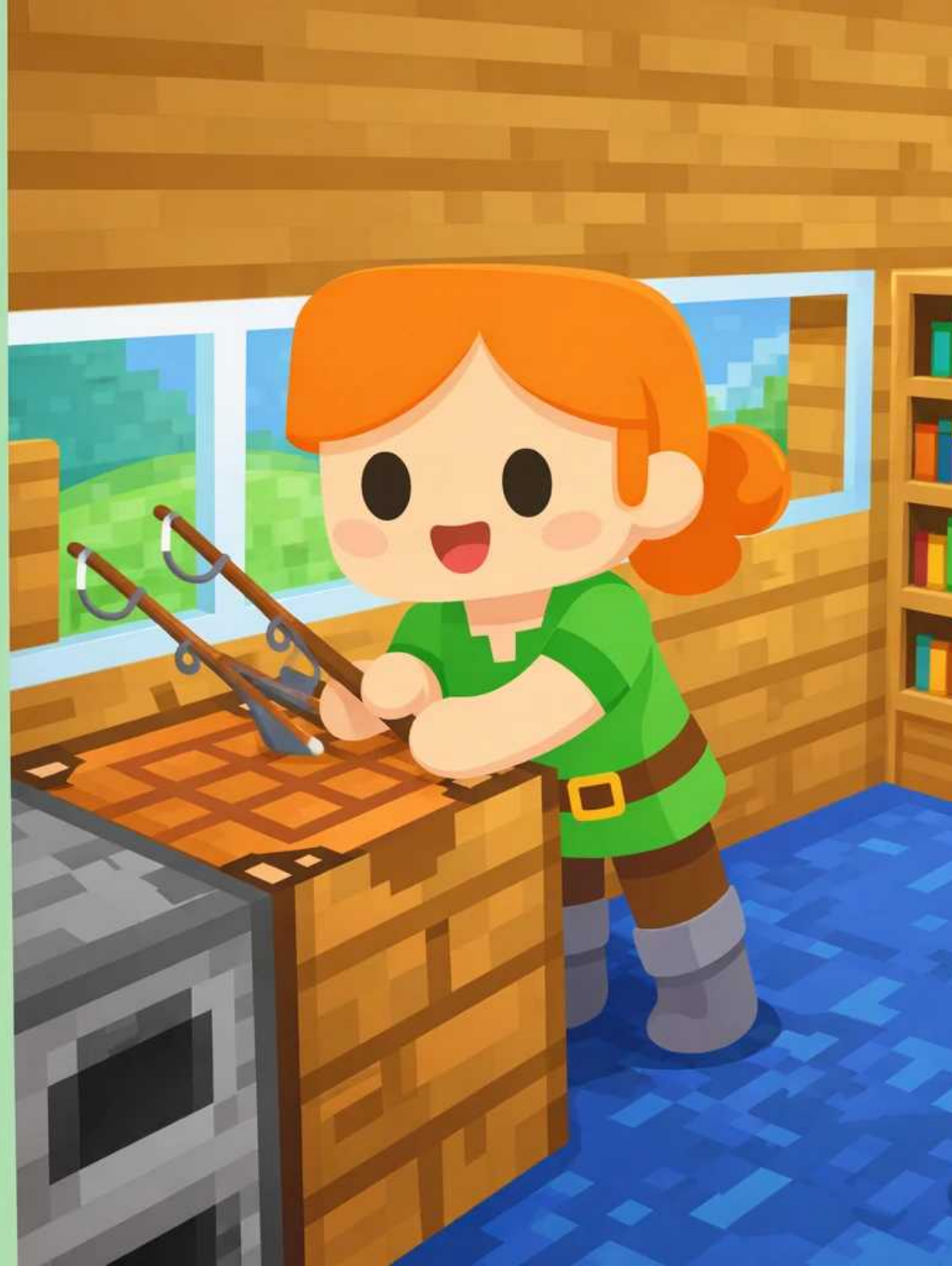




The sun drops.

Steve jogs back,
sad. He has two
worn rods, but not
a fish. He wishes
for a fresh rod.

Alex spots the
rods and gasps.
In a flash, she
is at the bench.
Snip, snap! She
can fix them.





Gosh, a fresh
rod! Alex grins.
She and Steve
can dash to
the pond and
fish.



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Alex has a shiny new fishing rod, but Steve's hands are empty. He searches the beach, the fields, even the shrubs, hunting for sticks and string, but the whole place has been picked clean. Will Steve dash around fast enough to find something before Alex catches every fish in the water? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Group 6: sh /sh/), this book practices words like 'fish', 'dash', 'gosh', 'rushes', 'wishes'.

Phonics Focus: <sh>

dash, fish, flash, fresh, gosh, rushes, she, shrubs, shrugs, shucks, stash, trash, wishes

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