The Grumpus Rumpus

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Mama Wagtail was worried. Baby Grumpus just did not know how to show that he was happy.
“Turn up the corners of your mouth just a wee bit, Grumpus,” Mama Wagtail would say.

But little Grumpus only looked grumpier.

“I cannot,” he said, ruffling his feathers. “My mouth goes down instead of up.”
Mama Wagtail had an idea. She took Grumpus and flew down to Dog.
“Dog, how do you show that you are happy?” she asked.

Thump! Thump!
Mama Wagtail then went to Cat. “Cat, how do you show that you are happy?” she asked.

“Miaow!” mewed Cat. “I purr when I feel happy.”

_Purrrrr! Purrrrr!_
Mama Wagtail hopped over to Pig. “Pig, will you show Grumpus what you do when you are happy?” she asked.

“Khhrr khrr,” grunted Pig, jumping straight into a large puddle of dirt. “I roll in mud when I feel happy.”

*Splash! Sploosh!*
Just then Papa Wagtail arrived. “How is my little boy?” he whistled. Papa Wagtail was very happy to see their baby. He whistled, swooped up and looped around. That’s how happy he was.
“I think I can also do that. I am happy!” cried Grumpus.

And off they all went whistling, swooping up and looping happily.
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Mama Wagtail is worried because her baby Grumpus does not know how to show that he is happy. But how do animals and birds show that they are happy? Find out in this wonderful story about animals and birds.

This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.