



NMP!

AND MOTHER EARTH

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Hi.

My name is Nipi.

I am one of Askî's
friends. We live in
the same pond.



I live with my mom, dad, brothers and sisters in a beaver lodge at one end of the pond.

I spend lots of time chewing on branches. My family built and cares for a large dam at one end of the pond.

We make sure there are no leaks so the water doesn't escape.

I am a four-legged, but I am able to walk on two legs because of my big tail.

My job is to take care of the pond.

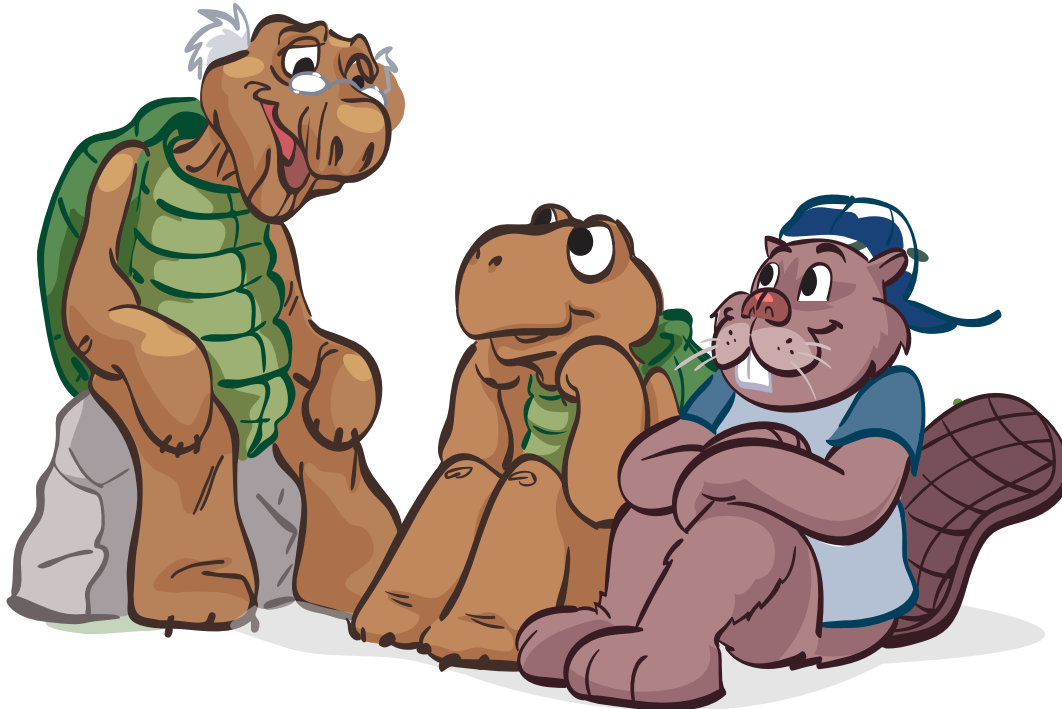
This is important for all other beings that use the pond.

All of the swimmers depend on us. We make sure there is enough water for them to live.





Sometimes we sit and listen
to Askî's grandparents tell us
stories about Turtle Island.



They are good stories and they
remind us why it is important
to look after Mother Earth.



They help us learn how to live together in harmony and to look after each other.





The old stories tell us about the
times before there were two-leggeds,
toys and even television!



These stories were not written down;
they were told to others. Now it is
our turn to tell them to you!



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