How Leopard Got His Spots
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Do you know how Leopard got his spots? Once upon a time, Fred Turtle was playing catch with Hal Hyena. Hal tricked Fred. Then he ran away. Fred felt very sad. He went out for help. “Help! I am stuck in the plants,” he yelled. Len Leopard ran to help. Chop! Chop! Chop! Len cut the plants off and let Fred out. Fred and Len danced in the sun. “This is such fun!” they said. “I have never been this glad,” said Fred. “I like to paint if I am glad!” Fred mixed paints from many flowers. Then he painted black stripes on Zel Zebra. Fred painted Jill Giraffe next.