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Stellaluna wants to be with her bat family, but she gets separated from her mother and doesn't know how to fly. So she is taken in by a family of birds and learns to eat insects and worms. Then she learns how to fly and is reunited with her bat family.