A PICTURE STORY TO READ ALOUD

Bumble's Garden Band

Bumble the bee starts a garden band, and Tiny Ant, who can only squeak, discovers a sound all her own.

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The End

Talk about the story

- What sound did each bug make in the band?
- How did Tiny Ant find her own way to make music?
- What could you use at home to make a drum?

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Every morning, Bumble the bee hummed a happy tune.

Hmmm-hmmm-HMMM!

"Let's start a garden band!" said Bumble. Cricket came with his chirp: cree-cree! Ladybird came with her tap-dancing feet: tippy-tap!

Tiny Ant wanted to play too. She opened her mouth to sing… but only a teeny-tiny squeak came out.

"I'm too small to make music," said Tiny Ant, and she went to sit under a leaf.

Drip… drop… A raindrop fell on Tiny Ant's leaf. Plink! Another fell on a flowerpot. Plonk!

Tiny Ant's eyes went wide. She tapped the leaf: plink! She tapped the flowerpot: plonk! She shook a seed pod: shaka-shaka!

Tiny Ant marched back to the band with her leaf drum, her flowerpot bell and her seed shaker.

Hmmm, cree-cree, tippy-tap, PLINK-PLONK, shaka-shaka! It was the best band the garden had ever heard.

The flowers swayed. The butterflies danced. And Tiny Ant played the loudest little drum of all.