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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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!

★ 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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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.

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.