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TALES OF THE ECO-KIDS

Comic Five - May - Gardening

I'm Buzz, and these are my friends Vespa, Honey and Bumble! Join us on our quest to make the world a better place, one step at a time!

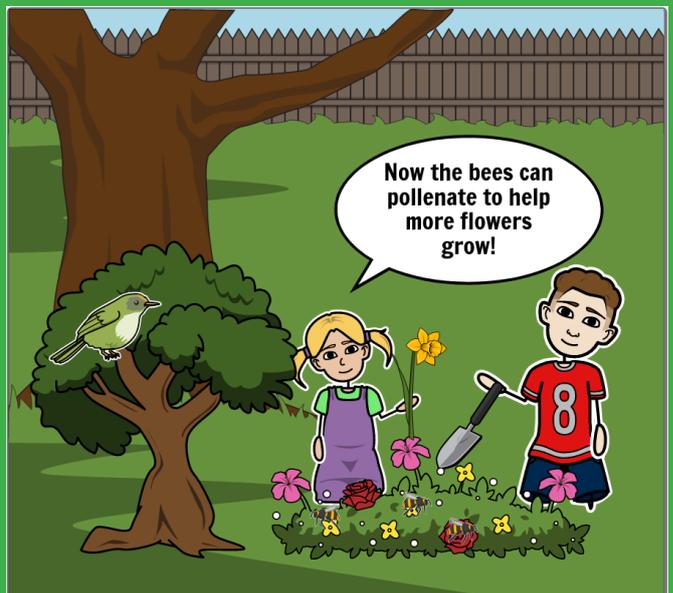
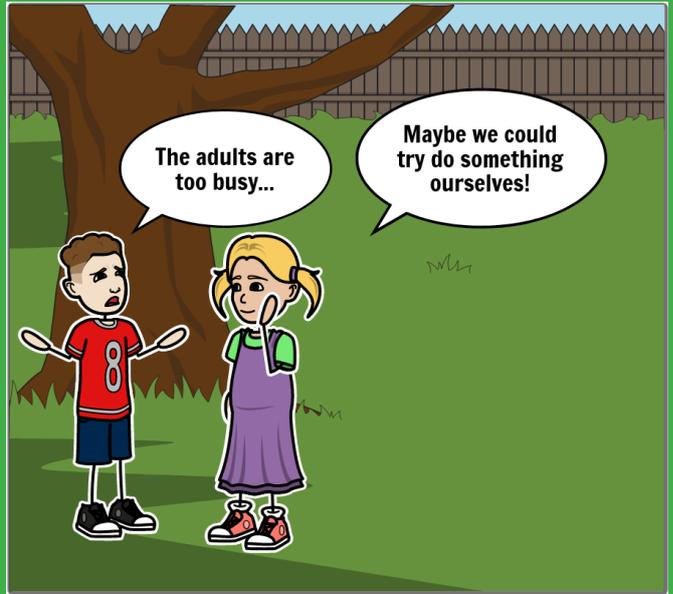
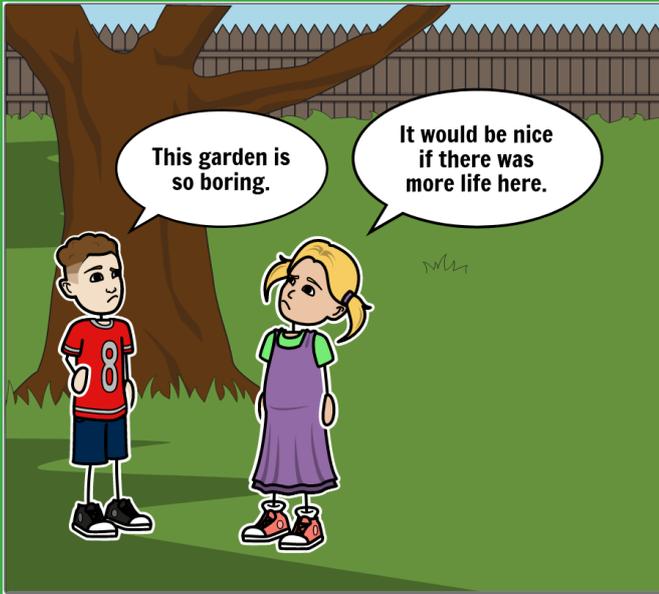
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Tips for Parents

Get the whole family involved in with just a few easy steps:

- **Demonstrate:** teach and explain to children how to create a beautiful garden, full of life with many plants that attract animals. Bring them around the garden and tell them the different names for plants and flowers. Why not buy a small plant pot, some compost and some fruit or vegetable seeds and sow the seeds with your children. This way children will participate in growing their own food and understanding more about the ecosystem they live in.
- **Develop Understanding:** Organic food is healthier than mass-produced food that is full of chemicals and pesticides. By planting your own fruit and vegetables in a natural way, children will develop a greater understanding of how planting a fruit, vegetable or herb garden can help to increase their overall health.
- **Provide Opportunities:** allow your children to participate when you are planting flowers in your garden. Why not research online and find flowers and plants that attract endangered species like bees, you can then plant a 'bee garden' with your children and do your part to preserve this ecosystem for bees.
- **Discuss:** Allow children to collect fruits and vegetables from your garden. As well as watering the plants and take care of the garden in general. When they have participated in the gardening activities, stop and discuss this with them. Talk to them about the different plants, the value of trees to the environment and how ecosystems can be sustained through pollinators, like bees.

Fun Activity for Young Learners

With the help of an adult, buy seeds and plant them in your garden, take care of them and allow to grow up. Be patient and in the future, you will gather the fruits of your effort!



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