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Sam liked to lie in the sun.
"Why can't the sun shine every day?" said Sam.



You should plant some sunflowers.



Sunflowers are big and yellow, just like the sun.



Sam bought some seeds.
It was a good day for planting them.

The sun was warm.

The soil was damp.

Sam found a sunny spot in his garden.



He made some little holes and put a seed in each hole.
He covered them with soil and watered them.



For the first few days Sam watched and waited.

But nothing happened.

Oh well, perhaps I'll never have
any big yellow sunflowers.



A few days later, Sam looked outside.

His flower bed had changed.
It was full of little leaves.

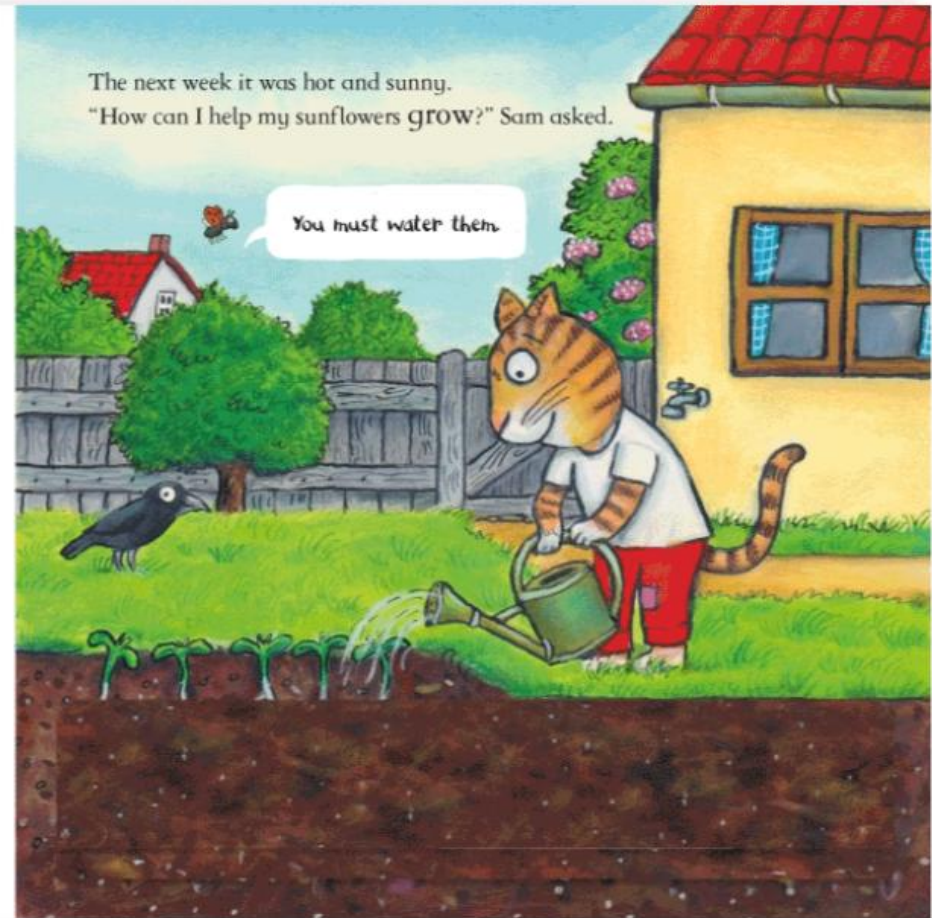


"I like these," said Sam. "They are little and green.
But where are my big yellow sunflowers?"



The next week it was hot and sunny.
"How can I help my sunflowers grow?" Sam asked.

You must water them.



On sunny days the plants grew.



On rainy days the plants grew too.



Soon there were lots of big green leaves on the stems.



"I like these," said Sam. "They are taller than me. But where are my big yellow sunflowers?"

"Look up here!" said Ladybird.
At the top of each plant was a big green bud.

The petals are kept safe inside the bud until the flower is ready to open.



"I like these," said Sam. "They are nice and round. But where are my big yellow sunflowers?"

Maybe tomorrow you'll have a nice surprise...

All summer long Sam played in the garden.
"Come and see my big yellow sunflowers!" he cried.

"We like these!" said Sam's friends.



And all day long the big yellow sunflowers turned
their faces to follow the big yellow sun.



But at the end of the summer,
the petals started to wither.

Sam was very sad.
The stems and leaves turned brown.



"Don't worry," said Ladybird.
"Look at the middle of the flower."



It was full of seeds, just like the ones Sam had planted.
"Take the seeds out carefully," said Ladybird.
"And give them to your friends to plant next spring."

And that's just what Sam did!





How to grow your sunflower seeds

Here are some of our gardening tips.

- You can plant sunflower seeds between April and July.
- Sunflowers will not grow when there is a frost or a very cold wind.
- Plant the seeds in holes 30 cm apart.
- You can plant the seeds in tubs by a sunny window and move them to the garden when they have grown about four leaves.
- Pull up any spindly plants to allow more room for the strong ones to grow.
- Gather some straight sticks so that when the flowers need it, you can tie them upright with some string.
- Sunflowers can also be grown in window boxes or tubs.
- When you take the seeds out of the flower at the end of the summer, keep them in a dry place over the winter.

Have fun and enjoy your sunflowers!





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and his **giant** sunflowers.



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open the big **pop-up** surprise.



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grow with Worm and Ladybird.



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