

IN THE  
GARDEN

# THE SUN WILL SHINE AGAIN

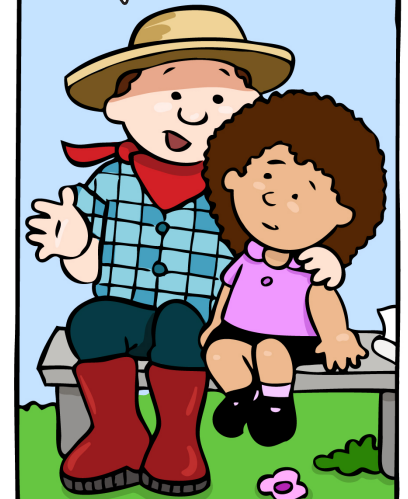
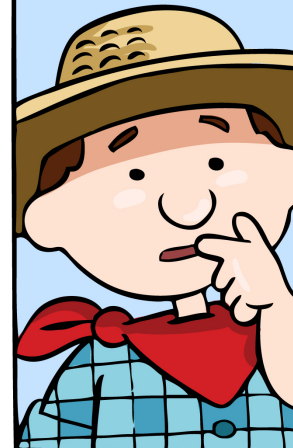


IT WAS TOO  
HARD FOR ME, AND  
NOW I DON'T FEEL LIKE  
BEING CHEERFUL OR  
TRYING AGAIN.

I FAILED  
MY QUIZ TODAY,  
DAD!

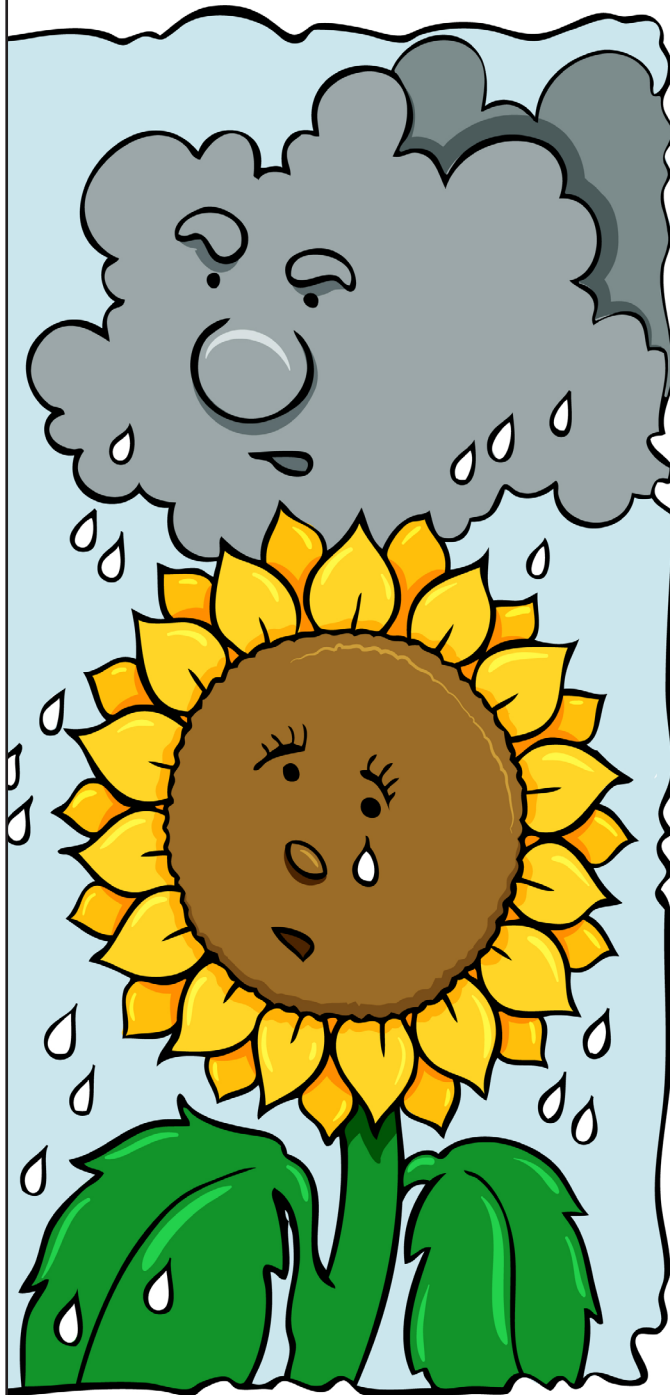
I'M SORRY YOU'RE  
DISCOURAGED.

DO YOU SEE THAT  
PRETTY SUNFLOWER  
OVER THERE?



IMAGINE IF IT GOT SAD EVERY TIME THE SUN WAS HIDDEN BY RAIN. A SUNFLOWER NEEDS PLENTY OF SUN TO GROW BIG AND TALL, BUT WHAT IF IT HAD BEEN RAINY AND STORMY FOR SEVERAL DAYS, AND THE SUNFLOWER THOUGHT IT WAS TOO HARD TO GROW UPRIGHT.

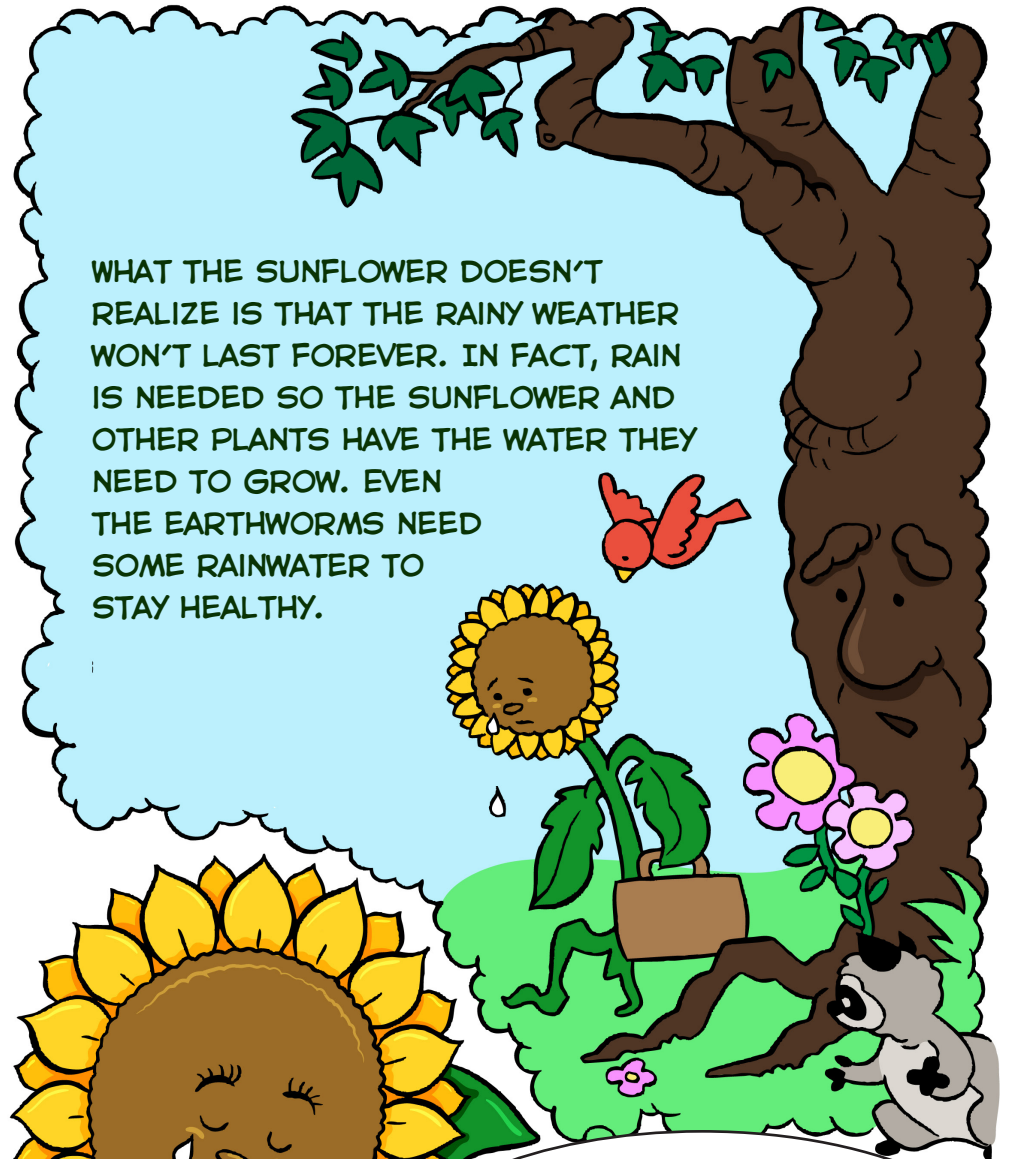
OR MAYBE THE FLOWER WOULD WORRY THAT IF THE GROUND GOT TOO WET, HER ROOTS WOULD LOOSEN IN THE MUDDY SOIL AND SHE WOULD TOPPLE OVER. IT MIGHT SEEM TOO HARD TO KEEP STANDING STRAIGHT AND TALL WITH ALL THE RAIN AND GLOOM.



WHAT THE SUNFLOWER DOESN'T REALIZE IS THAT THE RAINY WEATHER WON'T LAST FOREVER. IN FACT, RAIN IS NEEDED SO THE SUNFLOWER AND OTHER PLANTS HAVE THE WATER THEY NEED TO GROW. EVEN THE EARTHWORMS NEED SOME RAINWATER TO STAY HEALTHY.

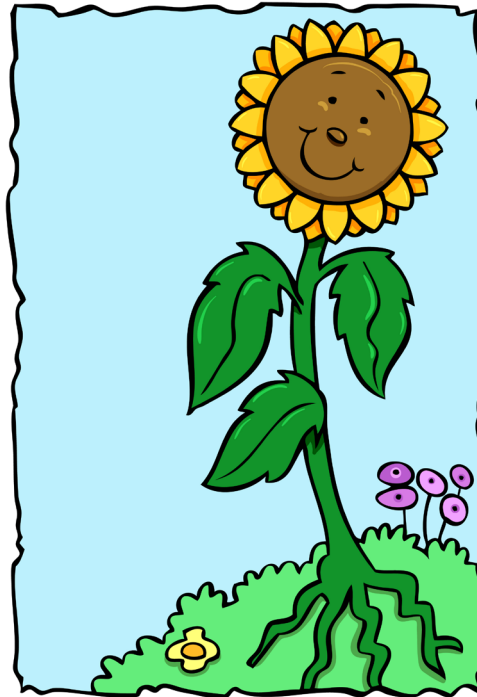


MAYBE I SHOULD JUST PLUCK MYSELF UP BY THE ROOTS AND LEAVE THE GARDEN FOR A PLACE WHERE THE SUN SHINES MORE.





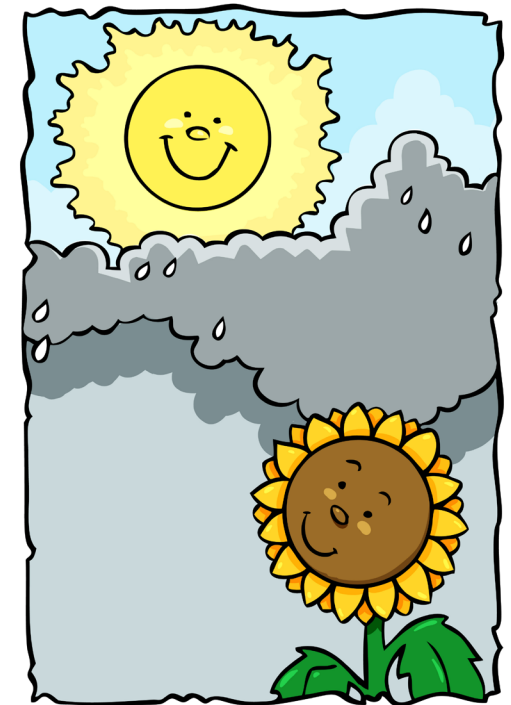
AS A PLANT GROWS, ITS  
ROOTS REACH DEEPER  
INTO THE SOIL. THE ROOTS  
HELP THE PLANT TO STAND  
STRONG. THE ROOTS ALSO  
GAIN NOURISHMENT FOR THE  
PLANT FROM THE GROUND.



THIS NOURISHMENT HELPS  
THE STEM, LEAVES, AND  
PETALS TO GROW STRONG,  
TALL, AND LOVELY.



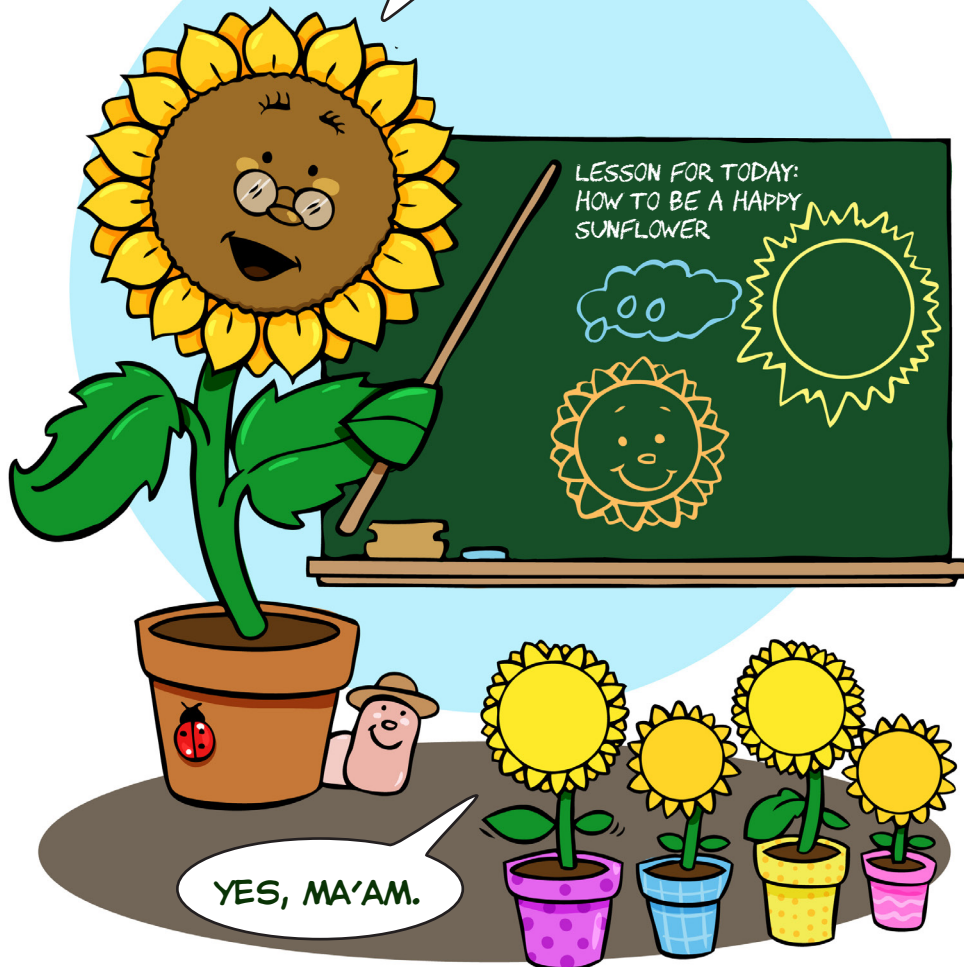
AS THE PLANT GROWS  
STRONGER, EVEN WHEN THE  
WINDS BLOW, IT WILL STILL  
STAND STRONG.



REMEMBER THAT DESPITE  
THE RAIN CLOUDS OR  
STORMS, THE SUN IS ALWAYS  
SHINING. IN TIME THE PLANT  
WILL FEEL THE WARMTH OF  
THE SUN AGAIN.



FOR TODAY'S LESSON,  
CHILDREN, REMEMBER THAT WHEN  
DARK CLOUDS COVER THE SKY AND YOU  
FEEL DOWN, YOU MUST NOT FORGET THAT  
BEHIND THOSE CLOUDS THE SUN IS  
ALWAYS SHINING JUST AS BRIGHTLY  
AND STRONG AS EVER.



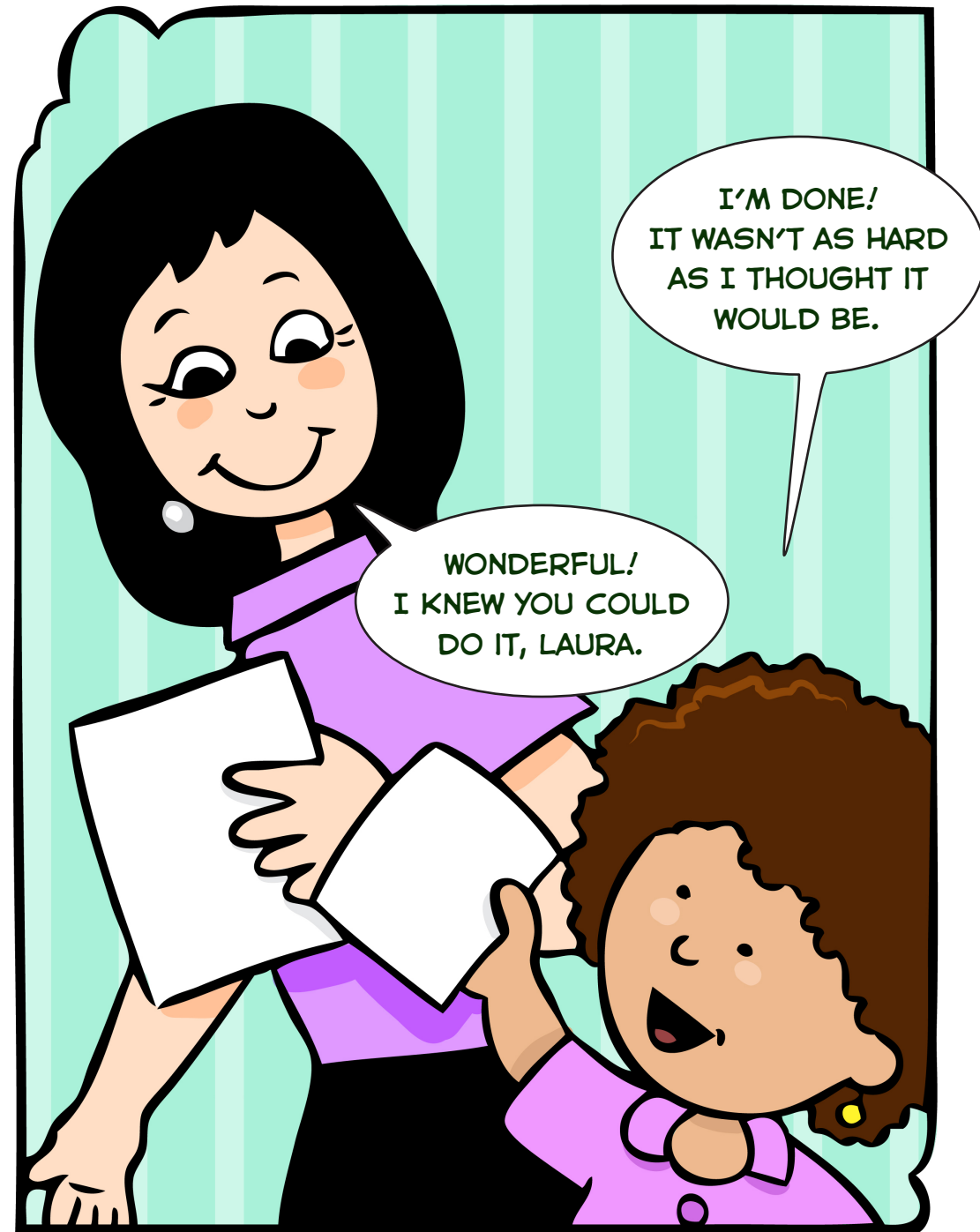
WHEN THINGS HAPPEN THAT GET YOU DISCOURAGED OR DOWN,  
YOU DON'T HAVE TO LET IT MAKE YOUR WHOLE DAY DREARY. THINK  
OF THOSE DIFFICULT TIMES LIKE THE RAIN CLOUDS COVERING THE  
SKY—NO MATTER HOW DARK AND STORMY THOSE CLOUDS MAY BE,  
THE SUN IS STILL SHINING, AND WILL, IN TIME, SPARKLE THROUGH.





YOU HAVE TO BE PATIENT AND KEEP PERSEVERING EVEN WHEN YOU FACE DIFFICULTIES. THE DIFFICULT THINGS YOU FACE CAN TEACH YOU TO PERSEVERE.

DO YOUR BEST, AND IN TIME YOU WILL SUCCEED.





THANK YOU, DADDY,  
FOR TELLING ME THE STORY  
ABOUT THE SUNFLOWER YESTERDAY.  
TODAY IN SCHOOL I WAS HAVING A  
HARD TIME UNDERSTANDING  
OUR LESSON.

WHEN YOU ARE TRYING TO LEARN TO DO  
SOMETHING THAT SEEMS TOO HARD FOR  
YOU OR ARE DISCOURAGED BY SOMETHING  
THAT HAPPENED, REMEMBER TO STAY  
POSITIVE AND PERSEVERE. DON'T LET  
DISCOURAGEMENT AND SADNESS PREVENT  
YOU FROM TRYING. IN THE END YOU'LL BE  
GLAD THAT YOU DIDN'T GIVE UP.

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THEN I REMEMBERED  
WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT TRYING  
EVEN WHEN SOMETHING IS  
DIFFICULT AND I KEPT TRYING,  
AND THEN IT ALL MADE  
SENSE IN THE END.

I'M GLAD, LAURA.  
PERSEVERING IS ALWAYS  
WORTHWHILE!