



The Last Bee

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Perseverance, Community, Teamwork

Book Brief: A heartwarming story about a hardworking bee who finds herself alone in the berry patch and discovers the importance of community and working together!

Author:
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Illustrator:
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BEFORE READING

The Cover: Ask students to make a prediction about the story based on the cover and title.

The Pictures: Take a quick picture walk and ask students what they notice about the illustrations.

Prior Knowledge: Ask, "What do you know about bees? Why are they important for plants and flowers?" (Optional: Think, Pair, Share)

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: "As we read, think about the main idea or message of this story. What does the little bee learn about working together and community?"

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- What does the little bee do in the berry patch?
- What happens when the seasons change?
- How does the bee feel when she's left alone?
- Why is the work too hard for one bee to do by herself?
- What does the bee discover that helps her?



Think Aloud: "The little bee tries to do all the work alone, but it's too much for one bee. When she finds a new hive with other bees, she learns she doesn't have to work alone. The main message is that we accomplish more and feel better when we work together as a community."

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: "What is the main message or lesson of this story? What did the little bee learn about community and working together?"

Extending Our Thinking: Ask students, "How does our classroom work like a hive where everyone helps?" Connect the bee finding her community to the classroom community. Create a class chart or bulletin board showing different "jobs" or ways students help the classroom community (line leader, paper passer, clean-up helper, etc.) and discuss how everyone's contribution matters.

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