

See them grow

Trees



Reading Made Simple

In winter trees rest. The trees have worked hard all year making seeds.



Some trees have sticky buds. These are next years leaves waiting until spring time to come out.

In Spring the sticky buds open and out come the new leaves. They are clean, soft and bright green. The trees have started working again.



The trees have blossom. If the flowers are pollinated by insects, then fruit will start to form at the base of the flower.



In summer the fruit ripens.

Here are some fruits.

Oak trees have



acorns.

Horse chestnut trees  
have conkers.



Some fruit we can eat. Some fruit birds  
and animals like to eat.

The fruit is the seed box. It contains  
the seeds to grow new trees!

When we eat an apple we throw the pips away. The pips are the seeds. The apple tree has been working hard all year to make those seeds!



If you planted an apple pip in some good soil, and gave it some water, it would start to grow.

Each year it would grow a bit bigger and a bit bigger, until one day it had apples of its own.



The tree needs to make sure that the seeds have a chance to grow.

As humans and animals eat them we help to disperse the seeds.

That means, to spread them around.

We take fruit like apples, away from the tree and eat it. We throw the pip away. Where does the pip go?



Maybe it lands on stony ground and can't grow.

Maybe it lands in the bin and can't grow.

But, maybe, it will find good soil and then it will grow!



In autumn the leaves fall. The tree has done its work.



How do the trees know what to do?

God made the trees.

God made me!

Things to do:

- ☞ Examine different kinds of fruit and look at the seeds.
- ☞ Find out which birds eat which seeds. Put some bird seed out in your garden and watch to see who comes to eat it.
- ☞ Read the Bible story about the Sower. Talk about good fruit in our lives. Matthew 13: 1-23

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