

BEE PUPPET THEATRE | Workshop Guide Script

Note: The script is written for children who are familiar with pollination and understand the food chain. It can be adapted to suit younger children.

Characters:

Narrator
Bear
Blue Flower
Woodpecker
Other Flowers

The play begins in a forest. Birds are singing. Bear is asleep. He is snoring loudly.

Narrator: One beautiful summer's day, Bear woke up after a good sleep.

Bear wakes up and yawns.

Narrator: He was hungry.

Bear: Hmm, what should I eat today? I want something sweet. How about some tasty berries?

Narrator: Bear begins to search for berries. He is searching for the juiciest, tastiest berries... but he can only find a few.

Bear: Where are all the juiciest berries? Never mind. I will search for the sweetest apples instead.

Bear looks at the apple trees. There are only a few apples

Bear: Only a few sweet apples? I need something more. I know! I will search for honey!

Narrator: Bear loves sweet, sticky honey. He knows there are beehives near the fields. So he begins his journey.

Bear walks through the forest. The landscape changes into fields with buildings on the horizon.

Narrator: But when Bear arrives, he does not find a lot of honey. There are fewer bees than usual. And they look sick.

Bees buzz slowly around, some are coughing. A few fall to the ground.

Bear: What happened? Why are the bees sick?

Bear looks around in surprise. He scratches his head. A quiet voice coughs and says 'Excuse me'.

Narrator: Then he hears a small voice. He looks down to see a blue flower talking to him.

Blue Flower: The bees are struggling Bear. They are dying suddenly and the humans are worried.

Bear: *(Growling)* What!? Why are they dying like this?

Blue Flower: The humans are confused. They are having a lot of arguments about it.

Woodpecker: I heard it's because of the chemicals.

Bear and Blue Flower look up to see Woodpecker flying above them.

Bear: What chemicals, Woodpecker?

Woodpecker: Some farmers put chemicals on their crop to help it grow. They are called pesticides. Some humans say they are too strong and too dangerous. They poison the bees.

Blue Flower: The farmers need bees to pollinate their crop. Some humans say everyone should stop using the chemicals.

Bear: And some humans disagree?

Woodpecker: Yes. But most humans agree that organic food is the best.

Bear: Organic?

Woodpecker: Organic food is natural, chemical free food. It is healthy and safe for the environment.

Blue Flower: I heard that the bees are dying in the cities, because there are not enough flowers like me. They need lots of plants to survive.

Bear: And you need the bees to survive, Blue Flower.

Blue Flower: It's true. I need the bees to pollinate me. The wind can help, but bees are such hard workers.

Three of four different flowers suddenly appear and agree.

Flowers: It's true. It's true.

Bear: In the forest, there are not many juicy berries or sweet apples. Do they need bees too?

Blue Flower: Yes. A lot of different plants and trees need bees! If the bees are sick, they will not grow so much.

Woodpecker: It will help a lot if humans plant flowers for bees. Then they will be strong.

All the flowers agree. They say 'yes, it's true, yes'.

Narrator: Bear is sad about the bees. He was looking forward to some honey. He hopes the humans will spend lots of time and energy on this problem.

Bear: I will go back home now friends. Thank you for telling me about the bees.

Everyone says Goodbye and Bear begins to walk. The landscape changes back into the forest.

Narrator: When Bear gets home he has forgotten that he is still hungry. He is worried about the bees, the flowers and everyone. He hopes all humans will do what they can to support our bee friends.

Bear: *(Talking directly to the audience)* Thank you for listening. Remember to think about organic food and planting more flowers. Good luck helping the bees!