

# STORY: THE GECKO AND THE FLOWERS BY MARCO TEPUKE

The old bird had a flower! "I want a flower too!" said the gecko. "Go ask the honeybees," said the old bird.

"No!" said the honeybees. "Our mother says no. We need the flowers for our food." But being curious, the gecko followed them to their flower field.

Flowers! Many of them! After the honeybees left, the gecko stole all the flowers and ran back to her tree.

No more flowers, no more honey. The honeybees are very hungry. Hmm? The gecko smells very nice now. Only flowers can make you smell nice! "Go ask gecko where the flowers might be." said mother to her honeybees.

"I am sorry," the gecko lied, "but I have not seen the flowers." "Okay..." said the honeybees and left. Feeling guilty, the gecko went to see the old bird.

"The flowers have a special juice inside them," said the old bird. "The honeybees make honey with that juice. If you have any flowers left, give them back quickly!"

The gecko took the flowers back to the honeybees. She said she was very sorry. That night, the honeybees made lots of honey.

The gecko learned that you must ask before taking other's things. The honeybees let her take a few flowers to plant around her tree. She was very happy.

## CREATING YOUR BIG BOOK

### YOU WILL NEED

- 8 A4 sheets of paper
- Crayons or pencils

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read the story
2. Follow the guidance below to create your big book
3. Read the big book to your child
4. Ask questions before, during and after the story is read.

## QUESTIONS YOU CAN ASK BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER READING

- a. What can you see in this picture? What do you think the story is about?
- b. Do you ever see bees flying near flowers? What noise do they make?
- c. Why did the Gecko want the flowers?
- d. What did you think the honeybees were collecting from the flowers?
- e. What happened when all the flowers were gone?

### COVER PAGE TITLE AND AUTHOR

The Gecko and the flowers

### PAGE 1

A drawing of the gecko looking enviously at the flower the old bird is carrying.

### PAGE 2

A drawing of the gecko following the honeybees to the flower field outside the forest, making sure that she isn't seen.

### PAGE 3

Honeybees flying over flowers in a field

### PAGE 4

A drawing of very hungry honey bees and a gecko in her nest of flowers

### PAGE 5

A drawing of a gecko talking to the hungry honeybees

### PAGE 6

A drawing of the old bird talking to the gecko.

### PAGE 7

A drawing of a gecko carrying lots of flowers

### PAGE 8

A drawing of a gecko with flowers growing at the base of its tree.

### BACK PAGE

Drawing of flowers and honeybees and the gecko

