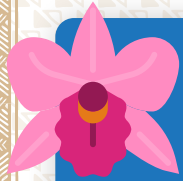


# STORY: THE SUNFLOWER, ORCHID AND THE COCONUT BY CEDELLA NONGEBATU



Three friends Sunflower, Coconut, and Orchid lived in a spot away from the village gardens. They would watch the villagers working in the gardens and got sad wondering why the villagers never paid them any attention.

Pitikole saw his three friends were miserable and planned to bring the humans to them to make them happy. He did his special happy dance three times to lure them, but they did not come.

He made another plan when he saw a group of bees. They would fly towards the villagers and bring them to the spot. The villagers ran away to the village instead!

Pitikole's plan did not work, and he got very sad because he did not make his friends happy. His friends told him that it did not matter and thanked him for trying to help.

For three days no one came back to the gardens. Suddenly one morning something amazing happened! All the villagers walked right up to the three friends, they were on their way somewhere with a wooden box and stopped to rest.

They sat in Coconut's shade, the children carefully took flowers from Sunflower and Orchid. Some flowers they placed in baskets and others; they gave to their mothers as they sat in Coconut's shade.

Pitikole looked at his friends and they all smiled. His friends had always been special, and the villagers knew it.

Everyone was happy and Pitikole started his happy dance.

## 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. Why do you think the villagers did not follow pitikole?
- c. How do fantail's dance? Can anyone show me how to do the fantail dance?
- d. Why do you think the villagers ran away?
- e. What do you think was in the box?
- f. What did the sunflower, coconut and orchid mean to the villagers?



### COVER PAGE TITLE

The Sunflower, Orchid  
and the Coconut

### PAGE 1

Picture of a sad  
sunflower, coconut and  
orchid far away from  
the village gardens.

### PAGE 2

A picture of Pitikole  
(Fantail) doing it's  
dance. Sways his tail in  
front of villagers.

### PAGE 3

A drawing of Pitikole  
and the bees flying  
towards villagers.

### PAGE 4

A drawing of sad  
Pitikole sitting on the  
hedge next to Orchid,  
Coconut and  
Sunflower.

### PAGE 5

A drawing of people  
walking towards the  
three friends.

### PAGE 6

A drawing of people  
sitting under the  
coconut, children with  
sunflowers and orchids.

### PAGE 7

A drawing of a happy  
villagers and Pitikole  
dancing.

### BACK PAGE

Drawing of a  
sunflower, orchid and  
coconut