Jelly

A Seed for Lily

LITTLE READERS



Lily looks out
of the sunny window.
The garden is waking up.



Mom comes in holding
a small paper packet.
“What is that?” Lily asks.



“These are flower seeds,”
Mom says. Lily looks
at the little packet.



"Can I grow one?"
Lily asks. Mom smiles.
"Yes, you can."



Mom opens the packet
and tips out one seed.
It is very small.



Lily holds the seed
on her fingertip.
“Will it really grow?”



"With care and time,"
Mom says. "First,
we need a pot."



Lily chooses a round
blue pot from the shelf.
She carries it carefully.



Mom puts some soil
in a bowl on the table.
Lily brings a little scoop.



They fill the blue pot
with soft dark soil.
Lily pats it gently.



"Make a little hole,"
Mom says. Lily presses
one finger into the soil.



There is a small hole
in the middle of the pot.
Lily looks at her seed.



She places the seed
in the little hole.
"Good night, seed," she says.



Lily covers the seed
with a little soil.
Now she cannot see it.



Mom brings a small
yellow watering can.
Lily holds it with both hands.



She gives the soil
a little water.
“There,” she says.



Lily puts the blue pot
by the sunny window.
The seed can rest there.



She looks at the soil.

Nothing is coming up yet.

“We wait now,” Mom says.



Lily checks the pot
before lunch. The soil
still looks the same.



She checks again later.
"It is taking a long time,"
she tells Mom.



The next morning,
Lily runs to the window.
She looks in the pot.



The soil is still bare.
Lily sighs. “Will my seed
ever grow?” she asks.



Mom sits beside her.
"Seeds need time,"
she says gently.



Lily nods. “I can wait,”
she says. She gives the soil
a little more water.



Each morning, Lily checks
her little blue pot.
She keeps it by the sun.



One day, she sees
something very small
in the dark soil.



“Mom, come and see!”
Lily calls. Mom comes
to the window.



A tiny green sprout
is peeking out of the soil.
Lily gives a happy smile.



"Hello, little sprout,"
she says. "I have been
waiting for you."



Mom smiles at Lily.
"Your seed is growing,"
she says.



Lily gives the plant
a little water. Then she
sets the can down.



Day by day,
the little plant grows.
Two green leaves open.



Lily looks closely.
A small bud is growing
above the leaves.



"What will it be?"
she asks. "Let us wait
and see," says Mom.



The bud grows bigger.
Lily watches it
each morning.



One sunny day,
Lily finds a yellow flower
opening in the blue pot.



“It bloomed!” Lily says.
She calls Mom to see
the bright little flower.



Mom looks at the flower.
"You took good care of it,"
she tells Lily.



Lily smiles at her flower.
She remembers the tiny seed
and all the days of waiting.



“Hello, little flower,”
Lily says. The yellow petals
shine in the sun.



What does Mom show Lily?
What can the seed
grow into?



What color pot
does Lily choose?
What goes inside it?



How does Lily plant
the little seed?
Tell a friend.



Where does Lily put
the blue pot?
Why is it a good place?



How does Lily feel
when nothing grows yet?
What does Mom say?



What does Lily see
in the soil one day?
How does she feel?



What grows after
the two green leaves?
What happens next?



What does a plant need to grow? What happens first, next, and last?



The End

