

Violet was a sweet and charming owl. She loved all things bright and colorful.



“We’re not all bad,” a voice buzzed by her ear. It was the bee!

The bee introduced himself. His name was Crosbee. He was a little less scary, now that Violet knew his name.

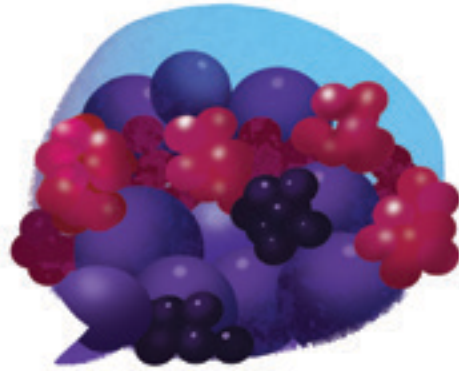


Violet watched as the bees buzzed happily along. Crosbee waved at his brother and sister bees as they flew from flower to flower picking up pollen and drinking in the nectar.

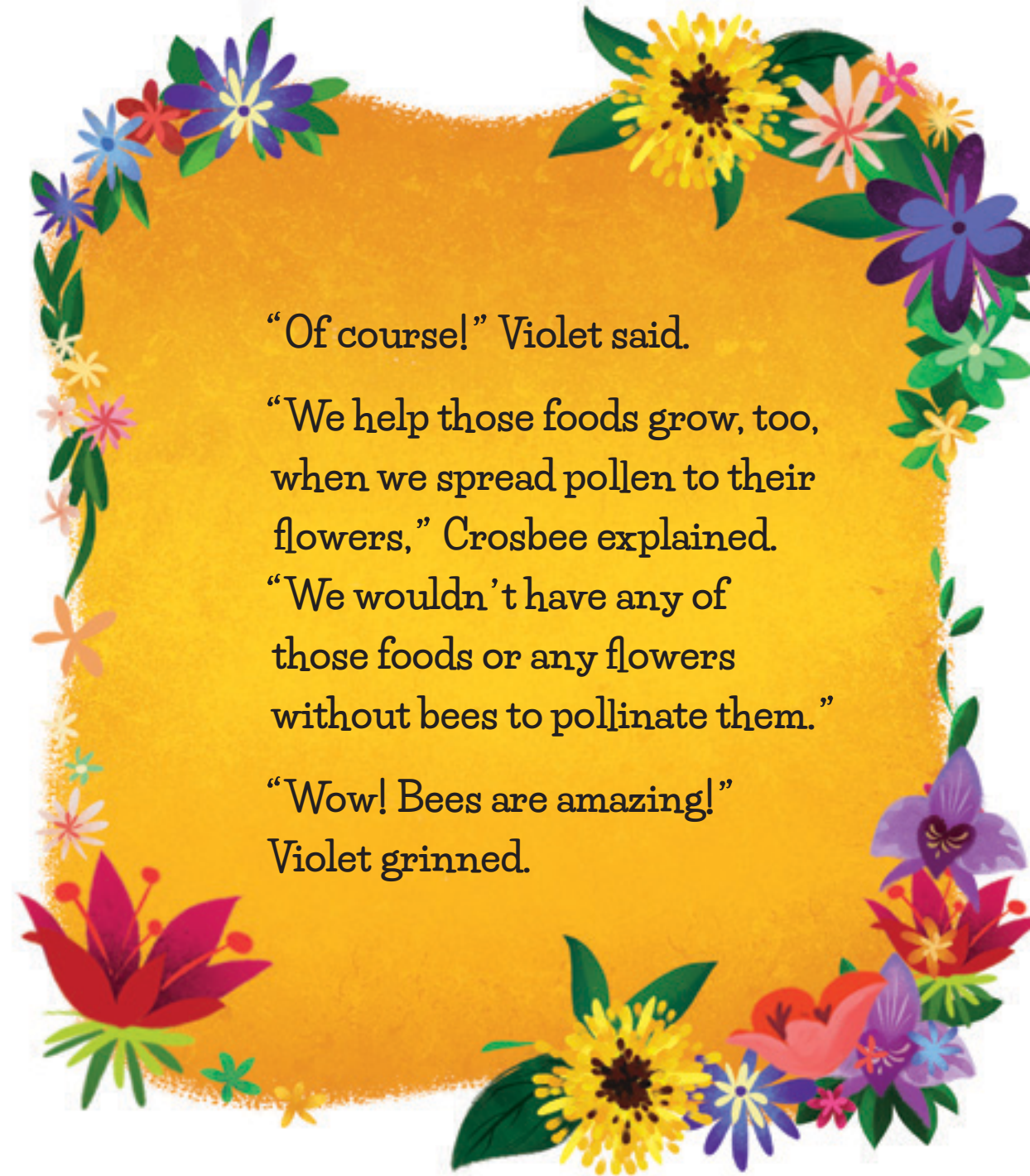
“We take it back to the hive for our Queen Mother. And we’ll make honey,” Crosbee explained.



“Mmmm, I love honey!”
said Violet.



“Do you like apples, green beans, berries,
and chocolate too?” Crosbee asked.



“Of course!” Violet said.

“We help those foods grow, too,
when we spread pollen to their
flowers,” Crosbee explained.

“We wouldn’t have any of
those foods or any flowers
without bees to pollinate them.”

“Wow! Bees are amazing!”
Violet grinned.

Violet flew home, excited to tell her friends everything she had learned about bees and flowers.



“I love bees!” Violet announced.

“That’s great! I love A’s and C’s!” Gus grinned.



“No, not letters! Bees—like the insect.” Violet laughed.

“Oh, I thought you were scared of those kinds of bees,” Gus said.

“That was before I met my friend Crosbee and he told me about how pollination makes the world more beautiful. I love flowers, so I also love bees.”

FAMILY TIME

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” — John 13:34-35 (NIV)

TALK ABOUT THE STORY:

- Jesus said that it is important to love each other.
- Other people will know that we follow Jesus when they see us loving people.
- To love one another, we can treat others how they would like to be treated.
- When we know what other people like and dislike, we learn how they want to be treated.
- We spread God’s unconditional love, when we treat others the way they want to be treated.
- How is treating others how they want to be treated, spreading God’s unconditional love?



PRAY TOGETHER:

Thank you, God, for all the beauty in your world. Help us to spread your beauty and your unconditional love. Amen.

MAKE SOMETHING:

1. Buy flowers or floral seeds at the store.
2. Plant the flowers or seeds in a large planter.
3. If the weather allows, put the flowers outside near a window.
4. Make sure your flowers are in the right conditions to grow.
5. Watch your flowers and see if any bees visit!

By growing flowers you are not only spreading God’s beauty, but spreading God’s unconditional love! Bees need flowers to make their food, so you are helping take care of bees in your neighborhood.