

An illustration of a boy and a girl in a garden. The boy, with dark skin and short black hair, is sitting on the grass under a large green tree, holding a yellow flower. The girl, with blonde hair, is lying on her back on the grass, looking up at the sky. The garden is filled with various flowers, including yellow tulips and purple daisies. The background is a solid blue sky.

Can plants tell stories?

That's just what Lily and Sage want to find out!

Follow them as they go on an adventure to
join BudBurst Buddies. You can become a
BudBurst Buddy, too!



Plants can tell interesting stories. That's what Lily's grandpa told her and her friend Sage.

Lily and Sage ran outside to listen to a tree, but it did not tell them any stories.

"How long do we wait here?" asked Lily.

Grandpa said, "It takes many years for plants to tell stories, but you don't have to watch them the whole time."



"When I was little, trees did not have leaves and flowers until spring," said Grandpa.

"So we should watch when leaves and flowers appear?" asked Lily.

"Yes. Plants can tell us when the seasons change," added Grandpa.

"That's the story they tell!" exclaimed Sage.

Grandpa told Lily and Sage that scientists need kids to join the BudBurst Buddies and watch plants. Lily and Sage wanted to help.



They went to the BudBurst Buddies website to learn more.

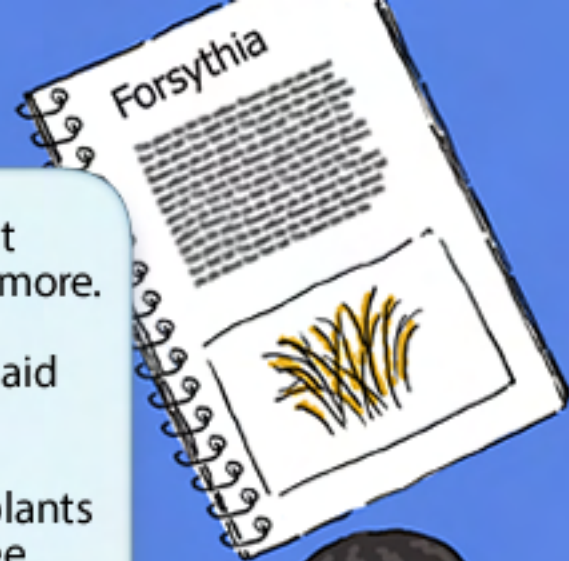
"Hey, this looks like fun!" said Lily.

Lily and Sage looked for plants to watch. They found a tree near Lily's house and a shrub in Sage's backyard.

"What type of shrub is this?" asked Sage.

Grandpa came out to help.

"That's an apple tree, Lily," said Grandpa. "And your shrub is a forsythia, Sage."





Grandpa printed journal pages from the BudBurst Buddies website for Lily and Sage.

They used their journal pages to describe their plants.

"There are no leaves or flowers on my shrub because it's still winter," Sage noted.

"But it looks like there are tiny buds. I'll keep my eye on those," he added, taking notes in his journal.



"We have journal pages for each time we check on our plants," said Sage, flipping through his journal.

"I walk past my tree on my way to the bus stop all the time. I'll check on it at least four times," said Lily.

Throughout the year they checked on their plants. Lily and Sage were excited to see their plants with buds, flowers, leaves and fruit.





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Watch plants through the seasons
and you will be a BudBurst Buddy
like Lily and Sage.