



The Three Pine Cones

Outline

Three friends (names) go for a walk in the wood. It's a lovely day. They meet several animals (birds, insects, etc. – mention animals they saw.)

They come to a big tree and put their arms around it to feel the water passing through the tree from its roots, as they learned at school. "I wonder if I can feel it?"

Suddenly there's a strong breeze.

"Ouch!" the three say together. "What hit me?"

Pine cones have fallen from the tree and landed on their heads. They don't know what they are. They each take a pine cone home.

The first puts her cone in a box and forgets all about it. The cone stays in the dark. Nothing happens.

The second kicks her cone around like a ball. The seeds fall out and her brother plays with them like marbles. They don't grow.

The third asks her Mum about the cone. Mum says that a cone is the fruit of a pine tree, and has seeds inside it. The seeds are the babies of the tree and each can grow into a tree. She sows the seeds in a pot and they grow.

Moral

Plants are living things. Like people, they too have babies (seeds) and we should care about them, like people.

