

Seed Walk!

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Searching for seeds is fun, fun, fun!
Sometimes they're up high. Sometimes they're down low.
If you look closely, they're everywhere you go.

Try to dig with your fingers, try to dig with your toes,
Till seeds start popping out from right under your nose!

Where will you look for seeds?



Big seeds, small seeds, round and flat,
Seeds here, seeds there—imagine that!
Search low and search high, in dirt and in trees.

Seeds can be hiding in mangoes, in chilies, in neem,
Some seeds are tiny, almost unseen!
Some seeds grow flowers, and some grow tall trees,
Others sprout veggies, like okra and peas!



Some seeds float on water, some drift on the breeze! We walk nice and slow, searching under the trees. Some seeds are spiky, and stick to our socks, Others fly high, like they're out for a walk! Some bounce and

Surprise!

Pop!"



Suddenly, we spot it, by that orange kite, It's a tamarind tree, what a wonderful sight! Its pods hang down low, all wrinkly and brown, Full of sticky, sour seeds, waiting to be found!

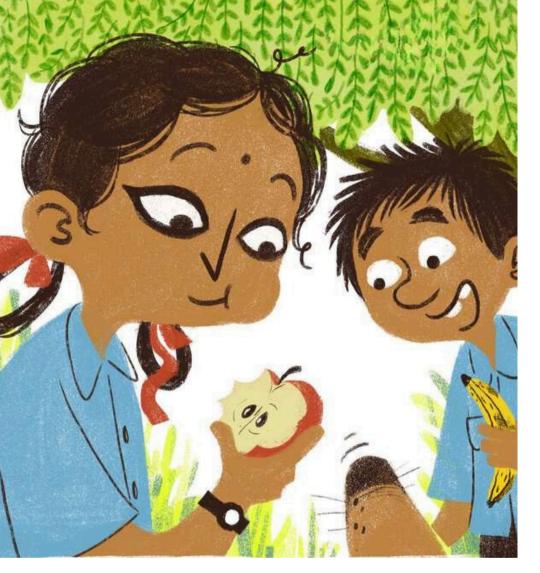
In India, many people cook with tamarind. It is sour and sticky.



We see the juicy tamarind pods hanging low, With squirrels and birds enjoying the show.

They snack on the fruit, then wander around,
And soon more seeds are hidden or dropped on the ground.

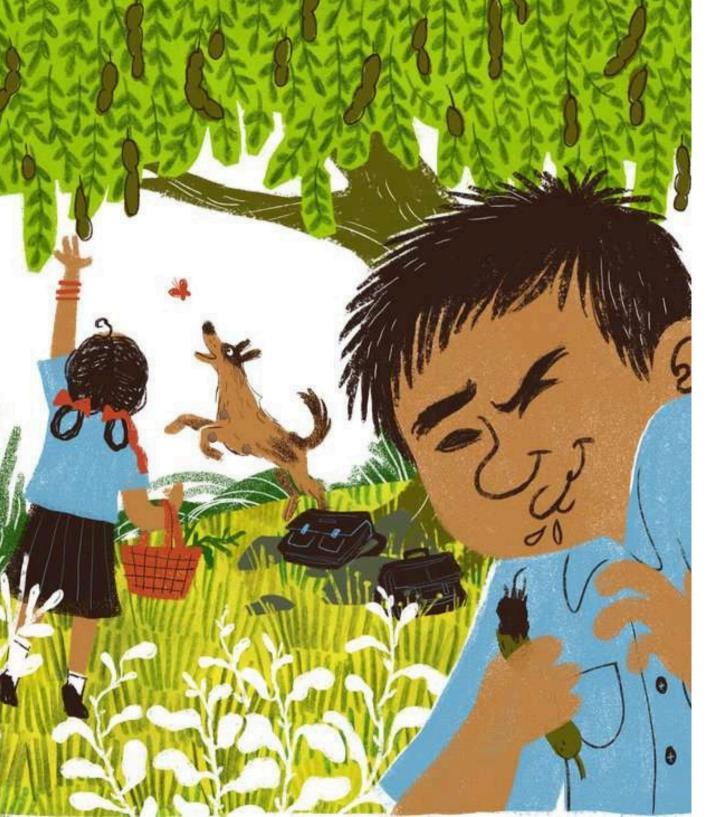
Squirrels hide seeds and forget they are there. Animal droppings also have seeds.





Finding seeds can be yummy, it's fun!
Seeds get moved around when we eat and run.
So every tasty bite is a chance to play,
And help those seeds grow in a brand-new way!





We reach for the tamarind pods way up high,
Hanging like candy in the sky!

Not all seeds are safe to eat, that's true, But we know these ones are, so we'll taste a few!

The pods are so yummy, so sour, oh my! We take a big bite and laugh as we try!



The pods make a fun *tshh-tsh-tshh* sound when we shake them.

We like the seed music.



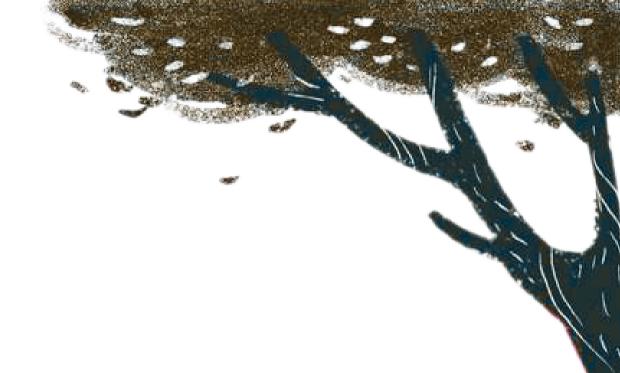


Let's get up and dance around to make seed pod music!



Inji likes it too. Seed songs are her favorite kind of music.

When she dances through the fields, even more seeds stick to her.



Look at the seed. What do you think helped it stick to Inji's fur?





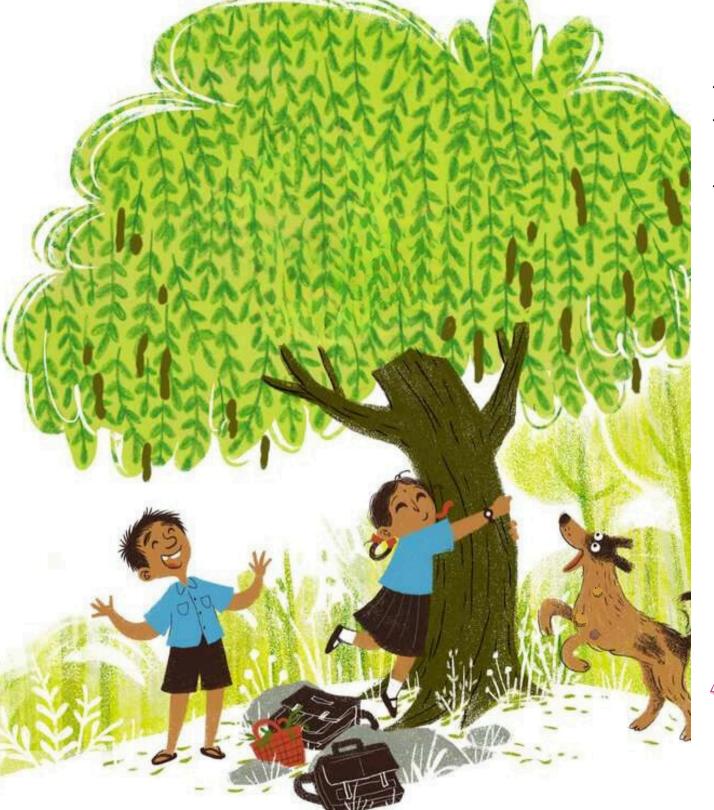
Flip back to the pictures of Inji. Can you spot any burs?



We walk home and notice all the things that grew from seeds. They aren't tiny anymore.

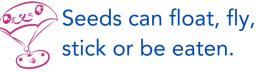
Some of them are even big enough to climb on!

What are some things you've seen that grew from a tiny seed?



Thank you, seeds. Thank you, tree.

Thank you, doggy named Inji.





Seeds, you're SPECTACULAR!





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