

SPRING SEASON:

Shayla the Forest Fairy and the Perfect Day

The Story:

It's spring in the forest and Shayla, the forest fairy, wakes up to a warm, sunny day. The reader sees the beauty and magic of the forest through her eyes as she flies through the forest in search of her friend, Ogilvie the owl. Celebrate the perfect day with Shayla and her friends as they enjoy the wonder of the natural world.



Discussion Before Story: The Spring Season

- 1) **What is your favorite thing about spring?**
- 2) **In what way does spring seem magical?** (e.g. “Dead” trees grow leaves and flowers)
- 3) **Have you ever walked in the woods in spring? What did you see and hear?** (e.g. Spring flowers, birds singing, buds on the trees)

Discussion After Story: (Page references next to each question)

- 1) **Why do birds build nests in the spring?** (Spring is when birds start laying eggs) *Page 3*
- 2) **How do insects help things grow?** (They fertilize and loosen the soil, help plant seeds, and fertilize the flowers which create seeds.) *Page 3*
- 3) **Why does Perth, the porcupine, sleep during the day?** (Porcupines are nocturnal, which means they're awake at night and sleep during the day.) *Page 4*
- 4) **Can you think of other animals that are nocturnal?** (Raccoons, opossums, bats, badgers, beavers, foxes, coyotes, flying squirrels, skunks, moths, and owls) *Page 4*
- 5) **Why do streams have more water flowing in them in the spring?** (There is usually more rainfall in the spring) *Page 5*
- 6) **Why were Shayla and the fish unable to see the turtle on the log until she moved?** (Turtles have colors, patterns, textures, and shapes that camouflage them) *Page 7*
- 7) **What are some examples of other animals that use camouflage to hide?** (e.g. frogs, walking stick insects, moths, deer, coyotes, owls) *Page 7*
- 8) **How do flowers depend on insects to make seeds?** (They need pollen from other flowers to make their seeds and many insects carry pollen from flower to flower.) *Page 11*
- 9) **Why does Shayla think the spiderweb symbolizes how everything in the forest is connected?** (Every living thing is dependent on other living things for its survival.) *Page 12*
- 10) **What does Ogilvie the owl mean when he says, “Every day has some magic in it if we just take time to notice.”?** (If we pay attention to the world around us, we'll notice many things we take for granted are special.) *Page 15*

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