

Bed Time Stories For Children

George and the Bee



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This story is about a small boy with a big imagination. He lives in a country type setting where his mom and dad's house has a big back yard and has woods connected to the yard.

George the little boy in this story likes to play in the woods. George is all boy and like all boys he likes to go exploring, getting dirty, playing, and swimming. All the things a small boy would like to do.

George meets a big yellow and black bee in the woods and they become friends. The bee tells George about different animals in the woods and that most will not hurt him.

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To my daughter
Susan

and

Mrs. Peggy White

George and the Bee

One day a long time ago there was a little boy named George that sounds like a big name for a small boy but anyway his name was George. George was around seven years old with reddish brown hair and a few freckles. George was all boy. He liked swimming, playing in water puddles, and going into the forest on his parents land.

This is where the story begins. On a sunny day George went out to play, he wanted to go into the forest to try to find a turtle or some other type of creature that he could ask his mom or dad about. While George walked in the forest he ran across a big nest in a tree, but because he was so young he did not know if every animal in the forest would or would not hurt him. So Gorge picked up a stick and hit the nest, not to hurt the nest, because his mom and dad had told him never to hurt anything that lives or grows in the forest.



He hit it to see what would come out. At this time only five or six black hornets came out. They flew around for a while then returned to the nest. George thought that this was really neat, and he hit the nest once again, but this time more black hornets came out of the nest. George was only about five feet from the nest and the hornets found him

and flew around his head and face and arms but they did not hurt him. Again they returned to the nest.

George not knowing that this had been a warning from the hornets thought that this was cool and again he hit it with a really hard blow. Now this made the hornets mad because they thought that they were in danger, so out of the nest a big group came and George did not know what to do because he had never seen so many bees in one place in his young life. Some of the hornets started flying toward George and he got scared. So he began to run towards his house. But he could not run fast enough to get away from the bees. They stung George on the legs twice, but by now his mom saw George in the big back yard and she went out to meet him. George did not cry but he was hurting a little from the sting that the bees gave him. His mom took the stingers out and put some medicine on the stings so that they would stop hurting.

While George was sitting there his mom asked him, "What happened?"

George said to his mother that he had picked up a stick and had hit the nest just to see what would come out of it, not to hurt the nest because his mother and father had told him never to harm anything in the woods. George said the first time a few bees came out and flew around his head then he hit the nest a few more times, the last time a lot of hornets

came out and he got scared and started running.

Now George's mother knew that George learned a lesson, but she wanted to explain why the bees came after George. Mom told him that they were only trying to protect their home. The bees thought that someone or something was trying to hurt them. So when they came out of their nest they were just trying to scare whatever had attacked their home. That's why the bees flew after him and two of them stung you. Mom told George not to hit the nest anymore. Just stand back and watch what the hornets do.

It is late in the day now, so after eating George was tired and George's mom and dad put him to bed after saying his prayers and taking a bath.

The next day George went out to play and again went to his favorite spot in the forest. After what happened with the hornets and because his mom told him to stay away from the nest; George played away from the nest.

The wind was blowing the trees which made a slight humming sound and the leaves were making a clattering sound in the forest.

George continued walking in the forest and he would pick up rocks and look at the colors in them. He would roll over bigger rocks and find worms and he would hold them in his hand. He would watch them roll around back and forth in his hand and then he would put