



# Going to the Park

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## Story Description

A girl finishes school when a stray dog shows up at her door. She takes it to the park with her grandmother, and they play games together.

## Pre-Reading Vocabulary and Phonics

Crawling

**cr-or-ling**

*The insects were **crawling** along the tree trunk.*

Varieties

**var-eye-et-ees**

*There were many **varieties** of flowers in the park.*

Distracted

**dis-trac-tid**

*The dog was **distracted** by a rabbit.*

Slobbering

**sl-ob-ur-ing**

*The dog was so out of breath, it was **slobbering**.*



"Hello," said Jeanie, opening her front door to find a stray dog standing outside.

"You must have followed me home from school."

"Woof," said the dog.

"You want me to come out and play. I know! Let's go to the park. Just a moment."



Jeanie asked her grandmother to take her to the park, and the dog followed them. Jeanie took her grandmother's hand and they walked by the grass and the trees until they found a bench.



"I'm going to have a look at the trees," said Jeanie. "Will you be all right if I leave you for a moment?"  
"I'll be absolutely fine, dear," said grandmother. "You run along and have fun."



Jeanie saw the insects crawling along the tree branches. They were hiding away inside the cracks of the trunk. Jeanie found many varieties of bugs making their homes inside the tree.

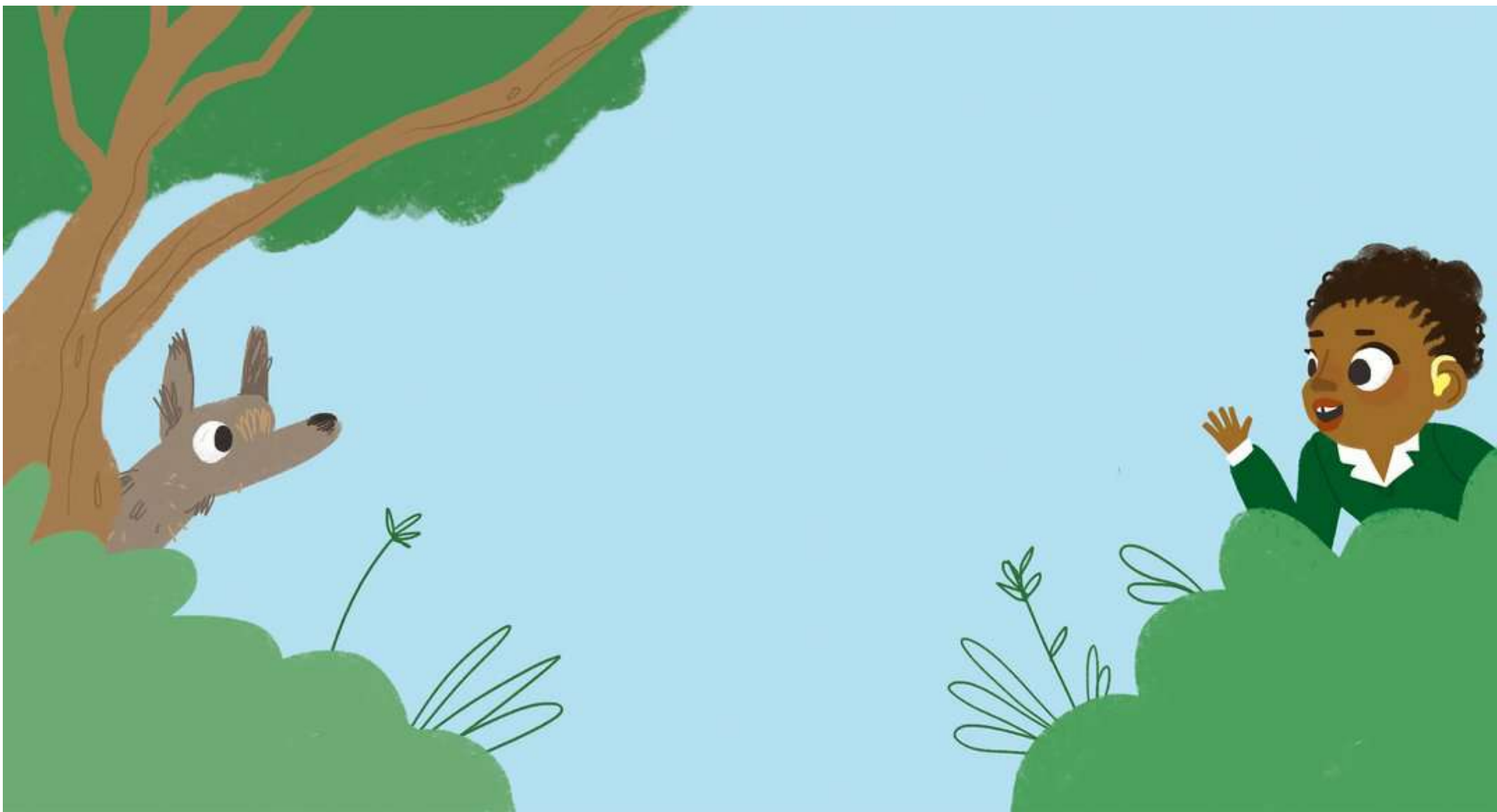


Next, Jeanie played fetch with the dog, throwing the ball for him, and waiting for him to come back with it. One time, the dog didn't return. He had been distracted by a rabbit running into a bush, and he tried to catch it.





Jeanie ran to the woods and picked some pretty colourful flowers to bring for her grandmother. Then she went looking for the dog. He had disappeared.



"There you are!" said Jeanie, finding the dog hiding next to a tree. The dog barked and hid again, until Jeanie found him hiding in some bushes.



"You smell so bad," she said to the dog. "You've been rolling in the mud, hiding by the trees, sneaking into the bushes and slobbering everywhere. You need a bath."



"Thank you for the flowers," said grandmother. "Have you had a good time?"

"I had a great time, grandmother," said Jeanie. "But I haven't finished playing yet."

"Oh, why not?"

"Because someone needs a bath."

"You?" said grandmother.

"No, the dog! I don't smell bad!"



"You **do** smell bad," said the dog, annoyed at being given a bath.

## Post-Reading Questions

What did Jeanie **find** outside her front door?

**Who** did Jeanie take with her to the park?

What did Jeanie see **crawling** on the tree trunk?

How did the dog **get distracted** while playing with Jeanie?

What did Jeanie **give** to the dog?

What **games** would you play in the park?

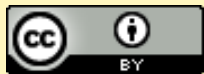
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