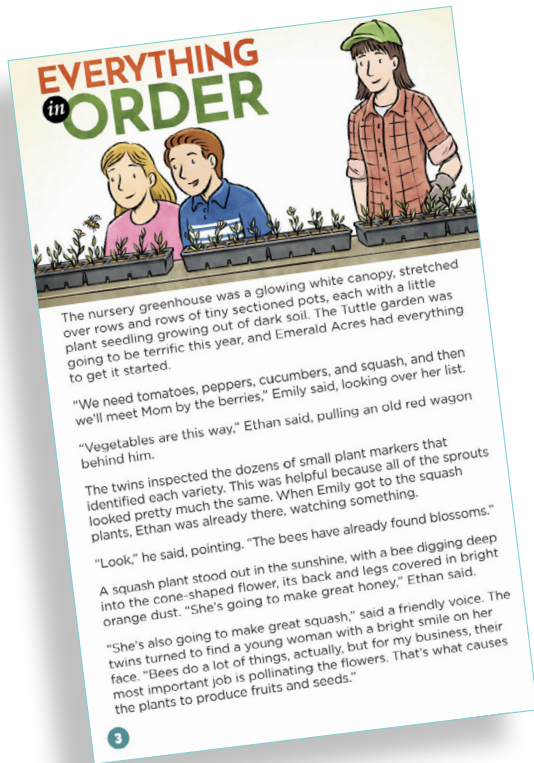


Article Overviews and Conversation Starters

This month, your kids will be reading several articles. Below you'll find summaries of each one along with suggested conversation starters. These discussions will help reinforce key concepts while also giving you, the parent, an opportunity to share your experiences and perspectives on the topic.



Everything In Order

The Tuttle Twins visit Emerald Acres to buy garden plants and meet Hattie, a young farmer who gives them a tour of her regenerative farm. Unlike big industrial farms, her land is full of variety—different crops, animals, and healthy soil—all working together like nature intended. Hattie and her mother, Harmony, explain how everything in nature is connected and how forcing things out of order leads to problems. The twins come to understand that true growth, whether on a farm or in society, happens when things are allowed to work naturally and freely.

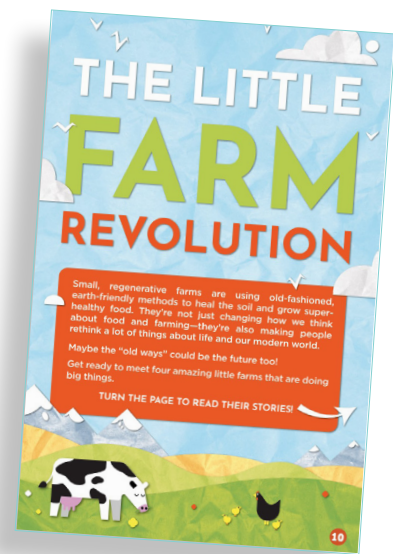
Nature works best when its parts are free to support each other, and the same is true for people. When we respect natural systems—in farming, in the economy, and in life—everything thrives.

Conversation Starters

- Hattie said nature has an order to it. Do you think people have a role in that order too?
- If you could design your own farm like Emerald Acres, what would you grow or raise, and why?
- What do you think the story meant when it said forcing things out of order can lead to chaos?

The Little Farm Revolution

Regenerative farming teaches us that nature already has the answers. When we respect natural systems, grow locally, and live more self-sufficiently, both people and the planet begin to heal. These farms remind us that sometimes, going back to basics is the smartest way forward.

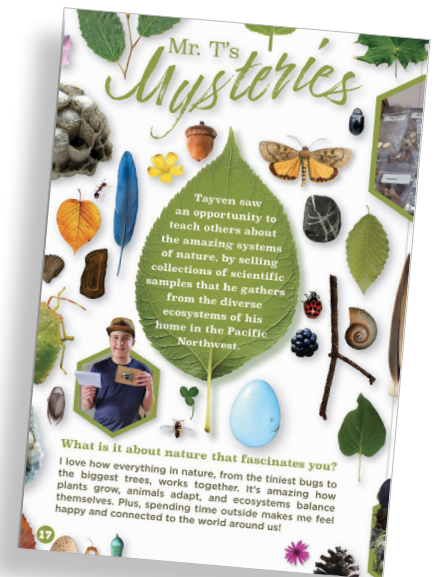


Conversation Starters

- Do you think more people should grow even a little of their own food at home? Why or why not?
- If nature already has solutions to our problems, what do you think stops people from trusting or using them?

Mr T's Mysteries

Fascinated by how everything in nature works together, from tiny bugs to giant trees, Tayven wants people to understand and appreciate the natural world so they can make better choices to protect it. Inspired by his mom's business and driven by his love for the outdoors, Tayven has faced challenges like supply management and pricing, but sees mistakes as chances to grow. His advice to other young entrepreneurs? Start small, keep learning, and don't be afraid to mess up—just go for it!



Conversation Starters

- Do you think spending time in nature helps you feel more connected, like Tayven said? Why or why not?
- What do you think Tayven meant when he said everything in nature works together? Can you think of an example?

Latest Buzz: Too Cowardly, or Too Corrupt To Cut?

Despite initial excitement over President Trump's efforts to reduce government waste with the help of Elon Musk and the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), things took a disappointing turn. A new bill passed by both Trump and a Republican-led Congress failed to cut any spending, going against public hopes for reform. Only two Republicans—Congressman Thomas Massie and Senator Rand Paul—stood up against it. Massie's bold stance led Trump to oppose his re-election, causing division among conservatives and shaking confidence in the administration's commitment to real change. The article questions whether the Republican Party is truly willing—or able—to deliver on its promises to reduce wasteful spending.



Conversation Starters

- Why do you think it's hard for politicians to stick to their promises once they're in office?
- What do you think it takes to make real change in a system like government?

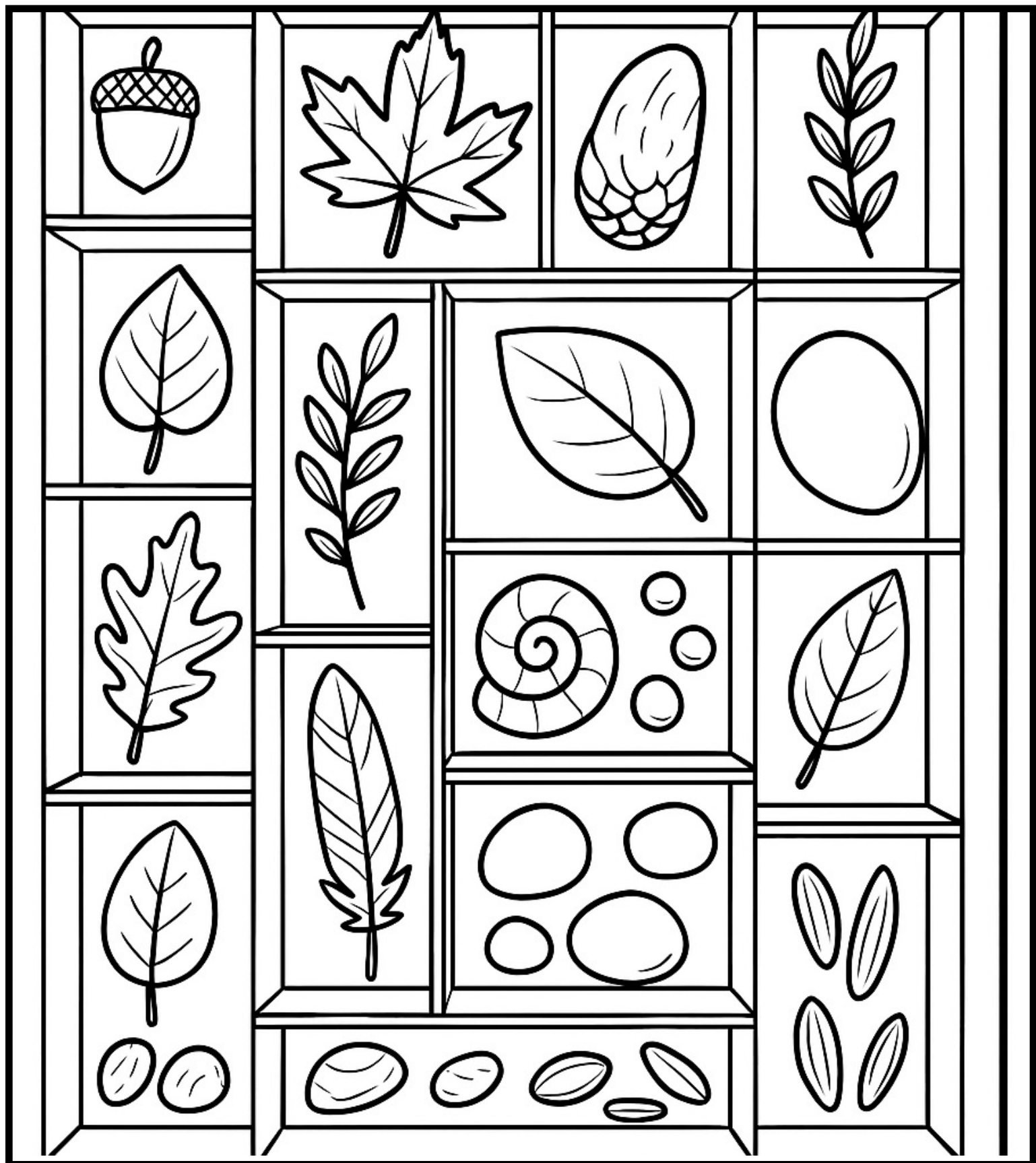
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