

ELINOR'S TOWN

EP 101B THE TOWN PICNIC

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Elinor's Question: How can we make the ketchup flow?

Logline: Elinor and friends learn how bees make honey from nectar, and solve the sticky ketchup problem.

Curriculum Goals:

NOTE: Sara suggests the Life Science Goal is not met in this draft: LS3a: Observe ways that animals and plants get what they need to live and grow. (How bees make honey from nectar)

ND3: Understand that structures and materials in the natural world can be used or can inspire the engineering of structures with similar function in the designed world. (Goopiness of the honey inspires the solution to goopiness of the ketchup)

SEP1a: Demonstrate curiosity about the greater world outside of their local environment. (Elinor is curious about the bee and how it makes honey)

SEP3e: Design and build a solution to a simple problem (add water to the goopy ketchup)

SEP6a: Use background knowledge experiences, and data to construct reasonable explanations and theories of natural phenomena. (They understand the honey's goopiness)

Sara's suggested Goals: One of the earth science performance expectations in the NGSS states "Construct an argument supported by evidence for how plants and animals (including humans) can change the environment to meet their needs. K-ESS2-2". The kids are discovering That some liquids in their natural environment flow slowly and some flow fast. They learn that this can be changed by adding water. The framework goal this relates most closely with would be an in the earth systems strand that says "Understand that plants and animals can change their environment" I don't think the life science goal is a measurable learning expectation for this episode.

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1 **EXT. A CLEARING IN THE FOREST - DAY, DAY 1** 1

Title Card: "The Town Picnic"

It's the day of the Annual Animal Town Picnic! RANGER RABBIT (Elinor's mother) reaches the crest of a hill, looking over the festivities. She looks back to ELINOR and smiles.

1 RANGER RABBIT 1
 C'mon Elinor!

2 ELINOR (O.S.) 2
 Coming mom!

Elinor leaps in one bound toward her mother. Everyone is gathered at the picnic. There are vegetable stands and different activities in the background.

Elinor and her mother are walking around the picnic grounds.

3 ELINOR (CONT'D) 3
 I just love the Town Picnic. What
 should we do first, Mom?

4 RANGER RABBIT 4
 I don't know, Elinor. Let's see...
 (She looks around)
 Ooh, we can do wood-carving with
 Mrs. Beaver.

We look over to Mrs. Beaver, who is speedily carving an elaborate statue from a stump of wood using her teeth.

5 ELINOR 5
 (Excited) Ooh, yeah!

6 RANGER RABBIT 6
 Or... Mr. Horse is giving everyone
 hayrides.

We look over to Mr. Horse straining to pull a hay cart with the entire Hippo family on it.

7 ELINOR 7
 (Ready to dash in that
 direction)
 Awesome!

8 RANGER RABBIT 8
 Or... We could watch Mr. Cat at the
 dunking booth.

We see Mr. Cat, looking at the water tank nervously as little Sheila Aardvark prepares to throw a ball.

9 ELINOR 9
(Still excited)
Woo hoo!

We hear an off-screen <SFX:SPLASH> from the Dunk tank.

Suddenly, Elinor's friend OLIVE calls out to them. Olive is standing in a line next their friend ARI.

10 OLIVE 10
Elinor! Over here!

11 ELINOR 11
Look, it's Olive and Ari!

12 RANGER RABBIT 12
Go ahead, honey. I have to talk to
Deputy Mouse.

Elinor scampers over to Ari and Olive. Elinor's mother stays behind chatting with JACK MOUSE. Ari and Olive are in a long line with other animals. Ari is holding a sandwich.

13 ELINOR 13
Hi, Ari! Hi, Olive! Whatcha doing?

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14             OLIVE                                     14
            Ari is waiting in line for ketchup.

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15 ELINOR 15
Ketchup?

16	ARI	16
	Not just <i>any</i> ketchup... I'm waiting in line for Mz. Llama's <i>super</i> special, World Famous, awesome ketchup!	

17 OLIVE 17
It's his favorite.

18 ARI 18

It's everyone's favorite! That's
why you have to get in line early.
I can't wait to put it on my
sandwich!

19 ELINOR 19
Oooh..Sounds yummy. Can I join you?

20 OLIVE 20
Of course!

Elinor joins the line with Ari and Olive. After a few beats, it becomes clear that the line is not moving.

21 ELINOR 21
Uh... we're not moving.

22 OLIVE 22

I know!

23 ARI 23

We've been here forever! Even that
snail is moving faster than we are!

ANGLE ON: a snail inching its way across a nearby log.

BACK ON: Ari puts his hands on his hips and looks down the line. Olive shrugs and pulls her Nature book out of her satchel. Elinor sighs a deep sigh.

Sigh... ELINOR

Sigh...

Suddenly, a bee passes by, which catches Elinor's attention. She watches as the bee stops at a flower to drink its nectar and then flies off. Elinor looks interested.

Ari's stomach <SFX: GRUMBLES>.

25 ARI 25

Oh, I hope the line moves soon, I'm
getting hungry!

(To Olive)

I heard that Mz. Llama has a new
recipe this year. It's supposed to
be even better than last year's!

26 OLIVE 26
(Without looking up from
her book)
Well, I hope it's worth all this
waiting... Right, Elinor?

PAN TO REVEAL: Elinor is no longer there.

27 OLIVE (CONT'D) 27

Elinor?

CUT TO:

2 **EXT. SOME DISTANCE AWAY, NEAR THE EDGE OF THE CLEARING -- DAY, CONTINUOUS** 2

Elinor is curiously following the bee from a safe distance as it hops from flower to flower. She passes Ranger Rabbit and Deputy Mouse.

28 RANGER RABBIT 28
 Oh, hi, honey.

29 ELINOR 29
 I'm following a beeeee!

Ranger Rabbit scratches her head and waves after her. Elinor keeps following the bee along the edge of the picnic grounds. After the bee leaves a flower, Elinor looks closely and sees the watery nectar the bee was drinking. The bee moves on and Elinor follows it over a narrow and very shallow stream nearby, skipping over some stones to cross. Finally, the bee reaches a tree, where a high branch holds a beehive. Elinor sees something cool.

30 ELINOR (CONT'D) 30
 Oooooooooohhh!

CUT TO:

3 **EXT. THE NARROW STREAM NEAR THE EDGE OF THE CLEARING -- DAY, CONTINUOUS** 3

We see Ari and Olive cross the stream and walk into the trees looking for Elinor. (NOTE: The picnic grounds are visible in the background).

31 OLIVE 31
 Elinor! Where are you?

Suddenly, Elinor calls out to them.

32 ELINOR 32
 Olive! Ari! Stop!!!

Ari and Olive freeze.

33 ELINOR (CONT'D) 33
 Don't. Move. You are about to get
 honeyed.

Ari and Olive look up to where Elinor is pointing. High above them is the bee hive, buzzing with a couple of bees. Some of the honey from the hive has dripped down from branch to branch and there's a big glob of it on a branch right over Olive and Ari's head that's about to drop.

34 ARI 34
Aah!

There's a dramatic moment.

35 OLIVE 35
Aaaah!

Nothing happens.

The honey is really gooey and the drop just stretches in slow motion but doesn't droop down just yet. The friends are surprised.

Elinor looks puzzled.

36 ELINOR 36
Hmm?

She jumps up and down to get a closer look at the glop of honey.

37 ELINOR (CONT'D) 37
(In between jumps) That's... SO...
Interesting! The honey is sooooo
goopy!

Olive stands on her tippy-toes trying to get a look.

38 OLIVE 38
I can't see!

Ari flies up to see it.

39 ARI 39
It moves so slowly...

Back on the ground, Elinor looks puzzled.

40 ELINOR 40
I wonder why.

Ari rejoins her.

41 ARI 41
Yeah...

42 ELINOR 42
I saw the bee get the juice from
the flower, but that juice was
really watery! How do the bees turn
something so runny into something
so goopy?

43 ARI 43
Hmmm... Maybe they cook it! (He
mimics a stirring motion) Like
soup!

44 ELINOR 44
Yeah! Or maybe they squееееееze it!

Suddenly, Olive remembers something.

45 OLIVE 45
Wait, I just saw this in my Nature
book!

She takes out her Nature book again and opens it. ANGLE ON:
We see the book from behind her, and we see the illustrations
come to life as Olive narrates. (NB The books are in a
cartoony style a'la the pilot).

46 OLIVE (O.S.) (CONT'D) 46
It says here that bees get the
nectar (that's the juice from the
flower) and then they bring it back
to the bee hive.

The illustrations show a bee collecting nectar, then flying
back to the hive, where it spits the nectar out into a
honeycomb.

ON: Ari

47 ARI 47
(Making a face) Whoa! That's
cool...

BACK ON: The book.

48 OLIVE (O.S.) 48
Then the bees use their wings to
fan it, and that takes out some of
the water that's inside of the
flower juice.

We see the bees flapping their wings at the nectar. Little
water droplet icons flutter away from it until the nectar
turns into golden honey.

49 OLIVE (CONT'D) 49
The bees turn the juice into honey
because it lasts longer and takes
up less space.

50 ELINOR 50
Ohhh... so taking the water out is
what makes honey goopy!

51 ARI 51
That's awesome!

Ari flaps his wings at Elinor and Olive, blowing them with a gust of wind. The kids laugh.

When the dust settles, Elinor looks up at the bee hive.

52 ELINOR 52
 Hmm, let's look more closely at
 these goopy things! We need MORE
 OBSERVATIONS!

With that, we hear the beginning of a ditty:

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ELINOR, OLIVE AND ARI

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(singing)

Some things are goopy,
others runny and soupy!
Goopy things move really slow,
Runny things really go!

All around us we can see
Things are goopy or watery
In the stream or in the tree
(in reference to the tree)
Interesting for you and me!

Some things are goopy,
others runny and soupy!
Goopy things move really slow,
Runny things really go!

As they sing, the kids revisit the flower and its nectar, and also revisit the beehive and the slow-flowing honey glop. The song ends with the kids in the same spot where the song started and they are laughing again.

Suddenly, we pick up the drama again, and we see the honey drop is actually about to drop this time. Elinor notices it.

It looks like it's about to fall on Olive.

54 OLIVE 54
 (Shielding her head)
Oh no!

Right as the drop is about to fall on her, Ari jumps up and intercepts the glop. He lands back down and is now covered in honey.

55 ELINOR 55
Ari!

56 OLIVE 56
Are you ok!? You saved me!

57 ARI 57
(Wiping honey off his eyes)
My mom always says I'm really
(licking the honey) sweet.

The kids giggle.

58 OLIVE 58
How are we going to get all this
goopy honey off you?

Elinor pokes at the honey with her finger.

59 ELINOR 59
It's so gooey.

She has an idea.

60 ELINOR (CONT'D) 60
Hmm, I wonder... if taking the
water OUT makes the honey goopy and
slow... then maybe putting water
back IN will make it runnier and...
less goopy?

Olive catches on.

61 OLIVE 61
We need water!

Olive runs back to the stream and sucks up a trunk-full of
water. She runs back and douses Ari. Ari, now soaked, is able
to clear his eyes.

Elinor watches as the honey turns more liquidy by the water
and starts to run off Ari.

62 ELINOR 62
Taking water OUT made the honey
goopy, and adding water back IN
made it runnier!

Ari beats his wings to dry off, sending water droplets in the
direction of Elinor and Olive.

63 ELINOR AND OLIVE 63
Ah!/Hey!

64 ARI 64
Sorry!

They giggle. At that moment, Ari's stomach growls again.

65 ARI (CONT'D) 65
Uh... I'm glad we figured that out,
but can we go back to my sandwich,
please?

His stomach growls again.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

4 **EXT. THE TOWN PICNIC LINE FOR KETCHUP -- DAY, SHORTLY AFTER** 4

Elinor and her friends come back to the same spot they were before, and one of the kids waiting in line hands Ari back his sandwich.

66 OLIVE 66
The line hasn't moved!

67 ARI 67
No one has gotten their ketchup??

The animals in line shrug. We hear some of their stomachs grumbling.

Elinor looks curious again.

68 ELINOR 68
Hmmm... I wonder why? Let's find
out!

Elinor walks towards the head of the line in search of answers.

CUT TO:

5 **EXT. THE TOWN PICNIC, MZ. LLAMA'S KETCHUP STAND -- DAY,** 5
CONTINUOUS

Elinor and her friends arrive at the head of the line. We see there's a bit of a commotion.

Elinor's Mom seems to be mediating between an exasperated MZ. LLAMA and some hungry animals in line.

69 MZ. LLAMA 69
Nobody appreciates quality!

70 ALEJANDRO POSSUM 70
But I'm hungry!

71 ELINOR 71
Mom, what's going on?

72 RANGER RABBIT 72
Oh hi, Elinor. Well... Mz. Llama
has made her delicious ketchup, but
it's SO goopy it takes a long time
to come out of the bottle!

Elinor and her friends look closely at the bottle of ketchup
that Alejandro Possum is holding over his sandwich. They see
that the ketchup barely flows at all.

73 ALEJANDRO POSSUM 73
I've been here all day and my arm
is getting tired!

74 MZ. LLAMA 74
It's worth the wait! Fine eating
takes time! If it isn't goopy, it
isn't good!

The animals in line start to get restless.

75 RANGER RABBIT 75
Let's calm down, everyone...

76 ARI 76
(Whispering to Olive and Elinor)
We have a saucy situation!

Ari goes up to Alejandro Possum.

77 ARI (CONT'D) 77
Can I try?

He takes the bottle of ketchup from Alejandro and goes
through several contortions with the bottle trying to get the
sauce to flow faster. He fails. Olive goes up to Ari.

78 OLIVE 78
Here, let me.

She gives it a try and shakes the bottle with her trunk, but
nothing happens.

Elinor, who's been watching her friends, sees the ketchup
barely moving and seems to have a thought.

79 ELINOR 79

Ari, Olive... I wonder if we can
solve the ketchup problem in the
same way we solved the honey
problem...

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80                OLIVE                                80
      You mean..?

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81	ARI	81
	Add water to it!	

82 ELINOR 82
(To Mz. Llama)
May we try changing something in
your ketchup, Mz. Llama?

83	MZ. LLAMA	83
	But, I've been working on this recipe for a whole year to make it delicious!	

84 RANGER RABBIT 84
(Gently) Mz. Llama... sometimes to
solve a problem, you have to be
willing to try something new.

Mz. Llama begrudgingly moves aside. Elinor hops up a stool and stands before the ingredients table. She grabs a bottle of ketchup and a bottle of water.

85 ELINOR 85
Ok, let's try mixing in some water
to make it runnier...

Mz. Llama looks disapproving.

86 ELINOR (CONT'D) 86
Just a tiny bit of water to start!

Elinor adds a few drops of water. She mixes it, but when she turns it over, nothing has changed. It's still ~~super~~-too goopy.

87 ELINOR (CONT'D) 87
 Hmm. It's still too goopy. Let's
 try a little bit more...

Mz. Llama doesn't look happy but Elinor adds a medium amount of water to the ketchup. She mixes it, and when she turns the bottle over, she sees that it flows at a nice and even speed into a mixing bowl on the ingredients table.

88 OLIVE 88
Yes!

89 ARI 89
Now the ketchup can drip down
faster!

Ari takes the bottle and pours some over Alejandro Possum's sandwich. With all the animals looking anxiously, Alejandro takes a bite.

90 ALEJANDRO POSSUM 90
(After a pause, and still munching)
It's delicious!

All the animals cheer.

91 MZ. LLAMA 91
Hmmp, let me try that.

Mz. Llama pours a bit of the sauce on her finger and tastes it. Her expression changes from grumpy to surprised.

92 MZ. LLAMA (CONT'D) 92
It... it tastes even better now!

The animals cheer again.

93 RANGER RABBIT 93
Phew!

Elinor repeats some lines from the ditty.

94 ELINOR 94
(Singing)
Some things are goopy,
Others runny and soupy!

If it's goopy and really slow,
Just add water to make it go!

The line starts moving faster now, and everyone is enjoying Mz. Llama's ketchup on their favorite picnic food. Elinor is helping pour the ketchup and Mz. Llama looks very happy to see everyone's positive reaction.

Ari takes a bite out of his sandwich with the sauce on it.

95 ARI 95
Mmm! Elinor, I'm glad you used your
powers of observation to do goop.

His stomach gurgles.

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ARI (CONT'D)
Oops, I mean "good."

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Everyone has a laugh. We pull out to see that everyone is
having a great time at the Town Picnic.

END.