

ELINOR WONDERS WHY

EP 148 Strawberry Jam

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Elinor's Question: Where do strawberries come from?

Logline: Elinor's Dad's perfect birthday camping breakfast is less-than-perfect when they run out of strawberry jam.

Curriculum Goals; LS4. Understand that all animals and plants have a life cycle, can reproduce, and change and grow over time: a. Observe the life cycle of familiar plants and animals b. Observe the growth in animals and plants c. Understand that living things grow and change over time. (Elinor and Olive observe the life cycle of the strawberry plant)

SEP1. Asking questions (science) and defining problems (engineering) a. Demonstrate curiosity about the greater world outside of their local environment b. Ask more complex questions about observable phenomena (Elinor and Olive explore the strawberry field near their campground and ask questions about what they find.)

SEP3. Planning and carrying out investigations a. Identify and use a greater variety of tools to extend the senses for observing, measuring, and recording data about objects and events b. Compare and contrast objects and events by describing similarities and differences in detail d. With guidance, plan and conduct simple investigations using simple tools. e. Design and build a solution to a simple problem (engineering) (Elinor and Olive use the magnifying glass and notebook to examine the strawberries, then decide to make strawberry jam).

SEP4. Analyzing and interpreting data a. Collect, describe, and record observations in greater detail and in various ways b. Use the 5 senses and simple tools to gather and record data c. Record observations to describe patterns and/or relationships in the natural and designed world(s) in order to answer scientific questions and solve problems. (Elinor and Olive collect, observe, describe and record the various stages of strawberries.)

MAINS: Elinor, Olive, Mr. Rabbit, Ranger Rabbit

SETTINGS: Campsite, Cooking Area, Forest/Strawberry Field

PROPS: Paper flower, birthday card, coffee cup, camping gear, strawberry blossoms, strawberries (green, white, red), magnifying glass, notebook and coloured crayons, bowl, potato masher, camp stove, can, toast.

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CU: On ELINOR and OLIVE's happy little faces, <SFX: GIGGLING LIKE MAD> in anticipation. They are tucked in a pup-tent surrounded by tissue paper flowers.

Olive nods. The kids sneak out of the tent, Elinor has a nice big home-made card, Olive has the flowers. In the near-distance they see MR. RABBIT, sitting in a camping chair, enjoying the first coffee of the morning. With a <SFX: GIGGLE and a SHHHH> they sneak up to him and...

Dad JUMPS out of his chair, <SFX: WHOOOAAAA!!!> His cup goes (safely) flying, landing in the bushes behind him. He double-takes.

Dad regains his composure.

RANGER RABBIT has retrieved the cup, she refills it and hands it to him with a smile.

Olive hands him the paper flowers.

MR. RABBIT 7
They're beautiful, girls.

8 ELINOR 8
(giggling)
Those flowers don't smell, Daddy.

9 OLIVE 9
(giggling)
They're made of paper!

10 MR. RABBIT 10
Oh? Well they're still very
pretty.

Elinor hands him a home-made card.

11 ELINOR 11
And here's your birthday card I
made.

Mr. Rabbit admires the card as CU: Elinor points out the
drawings.

12 ELINOR (CONT'D) 12
See, it's you, doing all your
favourite things. This is you
sleeping in on Saturday morning.
(Elinor points to her
drawing - Dad in bed)
And this is you taking a nap in
your favourite chair.
(another drawing- Dad in
the chair)
And THIS is you sleeping in the
tent when we're camping, see all
the fireflies?

Final image: A nighttime camping scene with a tent and
fireflies - Mr. Rabbit's feet are coming out of the flap.
WIDEN: Ranger Rabbit smiles.

13 RANGER RABBIT 13
Do I sense a pattern here?

14 ELINOR 14
Sleeping!

15 MR. RABBIT 15
What can I say? Elinor knows what
her Dad likes. Best birthday card
ever, hunny bunny.

He gives her a big hug.

16 ELINOR 16
Olive helped.

17 MR. RABBIT 17
Thanks, Olive. We're so happy you
came on our camping trip that just
happens to be my birthday too.

18 OLIVE 18
Happy birthday, Mr. Rabbit.

Olive gives Mr. Rabbit a hug.

19 ELINOR 19
I know something else you'd like on
your birthday, Dad...BREAKFAST!

20 MR. RABBIT 20
Hmmm, that does sound nice.

2. EXT. COOKING AREA - MOMENTS LATER

Over by the cooking area (camp fire, small camp stove) Ranger
Rabbit has just finished toasting the toast.

21 RANGER RABBIT 21
You girls are in charge of the jam.

22 ELINOR 22
That's the best part!

As Ranger Rabbit hands Elinor the toast, Olive looks inside
the jam jar.

23 OLIVE 23
Wha-oh, the jam jar is empty.

24 ELINOR 24
What? No strawberry jam? That's
Dad's favourite!
(to her Mom)
Mom, we have to go to the store
right now and get more jam.

25 RANGER RABBIT 25
Sorry sweetie, there's no store out
here in the forest.

26 MR. RABBIT 26
Just the way we like it. Don't
worry, girls I don't mind jam-less
toast on my beautiful camping
birthday.

Elinor brings the toast to her Dad on a plate. But when he gamely <SFX: BITES> into his dry toast and <SFX: CHEWS> Elinor and Olive look at each other. <SFX: HMMMMM>.

3. EXT. CAMPSITE - LATER

The kids are rinsing the dishes in a bucket with special, safe-for-living things soap and discussing the situation as Dad naps in his camp chair in the background <SFX: SNOOORE>.

27 ELINOR 27
Dad loves strawberry jam. His
birthday just isn't perfect without
it.

28 OLIVE 28
I know, but what can we do?

29 ELINOR 29
I'm not sure, but I'm going to
figure something out.
(Elinor finishes the last
dish and calls)
We're done, Mom. Can we go
exploring?

Ranger Rabbit inspects their work.

30 RANGER RABBIT 30
Nice job - off you go. There's a
field right beside us, why don't
you explore there?

With a <SFX: YAY!!> The girls run off.

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31                                RANGER RABBIT (CONT'D)                                31
                                Stick close by!

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(DESIGN NOTE: perhaps the campsite is on a little rise overlooking their field? And Ranger Rabbit is looking out? Whatever the design it should be clear that the kids remain within Elinor's parent's view.)

4. EXT. FOREST/STAWBERRY FIELD - DAY

Elinor and Olive make their way through the trees and step out into the sunlight. Their faces light up with the glory of what they see before them.

THEIR POV: The splendor of an early summer meadow of grasses, wildflowers, bees and butterflies all dappled in sweet morning sunshine. <SFX: Ooooooh!>. Elinor smiles at Olive slyly, then...

32 ELINOR 32
TAG! You're it, Olive!

33 OLIVE 33
I'm gonna get you, Elinor!

34 ELINOR 34
Olive! Come and see these.

Olive joins Elinor. ANGLE ON: A patch of lovely little white flowers.

35 OLIVE 35
They're sooo pretty.

SCIENCE ECU but as Olive and Elinor are looking carefully at the flowers, they notice something strange.

36 ELINOR 36
Wait a minute, what are these?

Elinor moves some of the leaves. ANGLE ON: tiny little green berries are revealed.

37 OLIVE 37
They kind of look like
strawberries...

38 ELINOR 38
 Only they're really small and
 green.

39 OLIVE 39
Is there such a thing as green
strawberries?

Elinor moves another leaf revealing a white strawberry.

40 ELINOR 40
Here's a bigger WHITE one. Could
this be a strawberry too?

41 OLIVE 41
Aren't strawberries supposed to be
red?

42	ELINOR	42
	You mean like THESE. (Elinor moves another leaf revealing a bunch of red wild strawberries) Whoa...my Dad would LOVE these.	
43	OLIVE	43
	Would he ever. Should we pick them?	
44	ELINOR	44
	Nope. Mom said NEVER pick berries you find in the wild unless a grown- up says it's okay.	
45	OLIVE	45
	Then let's go and ask her.	

The girls run OS

5. EXT. CAMPSITE - MINUTES LATER

Back at the campsite the girls describe what they saw to Ranger Rabbit. DESIGN NOTE: Dad is now napping in the pup-tent with his head out of the flap. <SNORE>

46	ELINOR/OLIVE (simultaneous)	46
	Mom, you have to come now!/We found some berry-things and we don't know...!	
47	RANGER RABBIT	47
	Slow down, scientists. One at a time...	
48	OLIVE (takes a breath)	48
	First we found these pretty white flowers.	
49	ELINOR	49
	And then we saw some little tiny berries.	
50	OLIVE	50
	There were green ones and white ones and red ones.	
51	ELINOR	51
	And they sure looked like strawberries!	

52	OLIVE	52
	But Elinor said we shouldn't touch them until we asked you.	
53	ELINOR	53
	So we're ASKING!	
54	RANGER RABBIT	54
	Sounds like you've found a wild strawberry patch, but I'll have to look at them close up to tell for sure - whooaaa!	

Elinor grabs her Mom's hand and pulls her OS.

6. EXT. STRAWBERRY FIELD - DAY

Ranger Rabbit closely examines the strawberry patch. SCIENCE
ECU - the red strawberries.

55	RANGER RABBIT	55
	Yep, these are strawberries all right. I'm sure because strawberries are the only fruit that have seeds on the OUTSIDE, see.	

56	ELINOR	56
	That's so interesting!	

WIDEN: to reveal the green and white berries and the white
flowers.

57	ELINOR (CONT'D)	57
	But what about the white and green ones. Are they strawberries too?	

58	RANGER RABBIT	58
	Well, what do you think?	

59	ELINOR	59
	Hmmm. I'm not sure.	

60	OLIVE	60
	Me neither. It's a mystery!	

61	ELINOR	61
	I know. Let's solve the mystery of the many-coloured berries. We need MORE observations!	

62 OLIVE 62
I'll draw pictures of all the
berries. Then we can observe and
see how they're different...

63 ELINOR 63
And the same.

Olive takes the magnifying glass from her satchel and hands
it to Elinor. Then she gets set up with her notebook and
crayons. MAGNIFYING POV: All three berries.

64 OLIVE 64
They are all basically the same
shape...

65 ELINOR 65
...and their leaves are the same.

66 OLIVE 66
But they're different sizes and
colours...green, white, red...

Olive draws three berries in her notebook and colours them
with her crayons - a small green one, a larger white one and
a big red one.

67 ELINOR 67
Let's touch, smell and taste all
three. Is that okay Mom?

68 RANGER RABBIT 68
Yep, good investigating, but it's
always important to ask first.

Olive picks up the green strawberry.

69 OLIVE 69
The green ones don't really have a
smell.

70 ELINOR 70
They're very hard, and they
taste...
(she tries to bite it but
can't)
...like not much!

Olive draws a face emoji with a straight mouth under the
green berry. Then she picks up a white berry.

71 OLIVE 71
(sniffing)
The white ones smell a little like
strawberries.
She hands it to Elinor.

72 ELINOR 72
They're a little softer too, and...
(she bites it)
BOY are they sour!
Elinor makes a funny sour face. Then she hands the berry to
Olive who also takes a bite.

73 OLIVE 73
Are they EVER!
Olive's sour face is even funnier. The girls <SFX: GIGGLE>,
then hand the berry to Mom.

74 RANGER RABBIT 74
Well, if I must, for science.
Mom bites the berry, her Sour Face is hilarious! The girls
<SFX: LAUGH LIKE MAD!> Olive makes a sour-face emoji under
the white berry. Then Elinor picks up a red berry.

75 ELINOR 75
(sniffing)
The red ones REALLY smell like
strawberries.
She hands it to Olive.

76 OLIVE 76
They are very soft and they taste?
(she bites)
Mmmmm.
She hands the berry to Elinor who takes a bite too.

77 ELINOR 77
(mouth full)
So yummy!! The red ones are
definitely strawberries.

78 OLIVE 78
Definitely.
Olive draws a happy face emoji under the red berry.

88 ELINOR 88
No, wait, Olive. Dad doesn't want
JUST strawberries. He wants
strawberry JAM!

89 OLIVE 89
Uhhh, riiight. But we don't have
any jam, Elinor.

90 ELINOR 90
I know, but maybe we can MAKE some.

91 OLIVE 91
Make jam? I thought you bought jam
at the store.

92 ELINOR 92
Yeah, but stawberry jam is just
squished up strawberries right?

93 OLIVE 93
I guess...

94 ELINOR 94
Sooo?

She looks at her Mom for permission. Ranger Rabbit gets the
hint. She pours some of the strawberries into a bowl,
quickly washes them with water and hands the girls a potato
masher.

95 RANGER RABBIT 95
Squish away, girls.

Olive and Elinor both grab hold of the potato masher handle
and <SFX: SQUISH, SQUISH> together. Elinor takes a taste.

96 ELINOR 96
Hmmm these squished strawberries
are yummy, but they just don't
taste like jam.

Olive tastes a little bit too, then takes the last finger-
full of jam from the jar.

97 OLIVE 97
The jam from the jar is jammier.

98 RANGER RABBIT 98
That's because it's sweeter. You
make real strawberry jam by adding
in some sugar and then cooking it
on the stove..

99 ELINOR 99
 Ooooh. Mom, can we try to make some
 jam that way, on the camp stove?

100 RANGER RABBIT 100
 I don't see why not. We brought
 LOTS of sugar for Dad's coffee. You
 girls be the squishers and sugar
 adders, and I'll be the cooker!

MONTAGE: Ranger Rabbit cuts the tops off the last few
 berries, puts them in a bowl and hands it to Olive and Elinor
 for squishing. Then the girls add the sugar and Ranger
 Rabbit cooks over the camp stove as they sing their song
 (NOTE: she can cook in a recycled can to match the lyrics)

101 ELINOR/OLIVE 101
 BOTH: Strawberry jam, strawberry
 jam
 We're gonna make some strawberry
 jam
 We'll squish up the berries and
 cook them in a can
 Dad's gonna love our Strawberry
 Jam!

OLIVE: Fruit starts out hard and
 green
 Then it gets softer all right
 ELINOR: When fruit gets bigger and
 juicy and sweet
 That's when you know it's ripe

BOTH: Strawberry jam, strawberry
 jam,
 We're gonna make some strawberry
 jam,
 We'll squish up the berries and
 cook them in a can.
 Dad's gonna love our Strawberry
 Jam!

After the song, Ranger Rabbit lifts a spoon to her lips and
 blows to make sure it's cool, then she tastes.

102 RANGER RABBIT 102
 Mmmm, I think this is ready. What
 do you girls think?

Elinor and Olive each take a taste.

103 ELINOR 103
 Now THAT is yummy strawberry jam.

Olive nods. Olive and Elinor slather it on the toast, then they sneak up on Dad once again.

104 ELINOR/OLIVE 104
HAPPY BIRTHDAY DADDY/MR.RABBIT!!

Dad JUMPS out of his hammock, <SFX: WHOOOAAAA!!!>. (Or maybe it can spin around, cartoon-style).

105 ELINOR 105
Look!

106 OLIVE 106
We made you some JAM!

Dad recovers.

107 MR. RABBIT 107
What? You made this?

108 ELINOR 108
Uh-huh. Olive and I found a wild strawberry patch.

109 OLIVE 109
And then we squished up the berries, and cooked it into jam.

110 ELINOR 110
What do you think?

Dad takes a big bite <SFX: CRUNCH> then...

111 MR. RABBIT 111
(mouth full)
I think it's the BERRY best jam ever!
(swallowing)
Get it? BERRY best! Like strawberries.

Olive, Elinor and Ranger Rabbit all <SFX: LAUGH and GROAN>

112 ELINOR 112
Oh, Dad. Happy Birthday.

She gives her Dad a big jammy birthday hug.

113 MR. RABBIT 113
BERRY best birthday ever!

Elinor, Olive and Ranger Rabbit <SFX: LAUGH A LITTLE LAMELY>

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RANGER RABBIT

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That's enough, dear.

IRIS OUT, THE END