

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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1. EXT. CAMPSITE - DAY

CU: On ELINOR and OLIVE's happy little faces, <SFX: GIGGLING
LIKE MAD> in anticipation. They are tucked in a pup-tent
gluing together construction paper and tissue flowers (that
look very fake). Olive tapes on the last petal.

1 ELINOR 1
(whispering)
Ready? *

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...

2 ELINOR/OLIVE 2
HAPPY BIRTHDAY DADDY/MR. RABBIT!!

Dad jumps tipping his chair and falling over. *

3	MR. RABBIT	3	*
	Wha? What happened? Who's there?		*

He stands to straighten his chair upright. *

4 ELINOR 4
It's us! Did we surprise you, *
Daddy?

5 MR. RABBIT 5 *

Oh, sweetie, you sure did... *

6 ELINOR 6 *

GOOD! We want you to have a REALLY *

special birthday...

Olive hands him the paper flowers.

7 OLIVE 7 *

We made these ourselves, just for
you!

8	MR. RABBIT	8	
	They're beautiful.		*
	(takes a big, comic SNIFF)		*
	Oooh, they smell so gooooood!		*

Olive and Elinor <SFX: GIGGLE> even more. *

9 ELINOR 9
(giggling)
Those flowers don't smell, Daddy.

10	OLIVE (giggling) They're made of paper!	10	
11	MR. RABBIT Oh? Well they're still beautiful.	11	*
	Elinor hands him the home-made card.		*
12	ELINOR And here's your birthday card we made.	12	*
	Mr. Rabbit admires the card as CU: Elinor points out the drawings.		
13	ELINOR (CONT'D) See, it's you, doing all your favorite things. This is you working in the flower garden.	13	* *
	Elinor points to her drawing - Dad in the flower garden.		*
14	ELINOR (CONT'D) And this is you taking care of the flowers in our house.	14	* * *
	Another drawing- Dad taking care of his African Violet collection.		* *
15	ELINOR (CONT'D) And THIS is the time we went looking for wildflower seeds.	15	* * *
	Final image: Elinor and her Dad walking in a field of wildflowers.		* *
	WIDEN: Ranger Rabbit walks OS with TWO cups of coffee.		*
16	RANGER RABBIT Do I sense a pattern here?	16	
17	ELINOR FLOWERS!	17	*
	Ranger Rabbit hands Mr. Rabbit one of the cups of coffee and they enjoy them together.		* *
18	MR. RABBIT (to Ranger Rabbit) Thank you. What can I say? Elinor knows her Dad. (to Elinor) (MORE)	18	* * * *

MR. RABBIT (CONT'D)

Best birthday card ever, hunny
bunny.

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He gives her a big hug as he holds up his coffee
protectively.

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19 ELINOR 19
Olive helped.

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20 MR. RABBIT 20
Thanks, Olive. We're so happy you
came on our camping trip. And it
just so happens to be my birthday
too.

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21 OLIVE 21
Happy birthday, Mr. Rabbit.

Olive high-fives Mr. Rabbit.

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22 MR. RABBIT 22
It IS a happy birthday Olive -
there's nothing I like more than
camping out in nature - ahhhhh,
it's my favorite thing.

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23 ELINOR 23
I know something else you'd like on
your birthday, Dad... BREAKFAST!

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24 MR. RABBIT 24
Breakfast? That's my other
favorite thing - how did you know?

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On <SFX: GIGGLES>, we cross-fade to...

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2. EXT. COOKING AREA - MOMENTS LATER

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

25 RANGER RABBIT 25
Okay, you girls are in charge of
putting jam on the toast.

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26 ELINOR 26
That's the best part!

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

27 OLIVE 27
Wha-oh, the jam jar is empty.

28	ELINOR What? No strawberry jam? That's Dad's favorite thing to put on toast! (to her Mom) Mom, we have to go to the store right now and get more jam.	28	* *
29	RANGER RABBIT Sorry sweetie, there's no store out here in the forest.	29	*
	At this moment Dad comes over.		*
30	MR. RABBIT Don't worry, Elinor. I don't need jam on my toast... I'll just eat it... plain.	30	* * *
	He <SFX: TAKES A BITE, THEN CHEWS, CHEWS, CHEWS> Then drinks a whole cup of coffee. <SFX: GULP>		* *
31	MR. RABBIT (CONT'D) Good thing we brought lots of coffee.	31	* * *
	Elinor and Olive look at each other. <SFX: Hnnnnnn>.		*

3. EXT. CAMPSITE - LATER

	The kids are rinsing the dishes in a bucket with special, safe-for-living things soap and discussing the situation.		*
32	ELINOR Dad loves strawberry jam on his toast. <SIGH> I wish he could have some for his birthday.	32	* * *
33	OLIVE I know, but what can we do?	33	
	Ranger Rabbit overhears and comes over, figuring things out as she goes along.		* *
34	RANGER RABBIT Hnn... I have an idea. Why don't we MAKE some strawberry jam.	34	* * *
35	ELINOR You can MAKE jam?	35	* *

36	RANGER RABBIT	36	*
	Sure. Even the jam you buy in the		*
	store is made by someone. First, we		*
	need some strawberries.		*
37	OLIVE	37	*
	But where are we going to get the		*
	strawberries if we can't go to the		*
	store?		*
	Ranger Rabbit thinks for a beat.		*
38	RANGER RABBIT	38	*
	Now that I think about it, it's		*
	strawberry season. That means		*
	there should be wild strawberries		*
	growing all around.		*
39	OLIVE	39	*
	Really?		*
40	RANGER RABBIT	40	*
	Yep, I think I remember there's a		*
	strawberry patch in the field right		*
	beside us. You know what they look		*
	like, right?		*
41	ELINOR	41	*
	Sure! Big and red and juicy!		*
42	RANGER RABBIT	42	*
	Right! Why don't you girls go see		*
	if you can find some strawberries.		*
	I'll tell Dad to watch the		*
	campfire, and meet you in the field		*
	in a minute.		*
	The girls react with a <SFX WALLA: YES/YAY!>		*
43	RANGER RABBIT (CONT'D)	43	*
	(calling)		*
	Now remember, you can't eat berries		*
	you find without an adult there.		*
44	ELINOR	44	*
	Got it!		*
45	RANGER RABBIT	45	*
	Off you GOOO!!		*
	(DESIGN NOTE: perhaps the campsite is on a little rise		*
	overlooking the strawberry field? And Ranger Rabbit is		*
	looking out? Whatever the design it should be clear that the		*
	kids remain within Elinor's parents' 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: Oooooh!>. *

46 OLIVE 46 *
This is where your mom said there *
might be strawberries. *

47 ELINOR 47 *
Let's find 'em! *

WIDEN: Olive runs and Elinor hops all over the pretty field. *

48 ELINOR (CONT'D) 48 *
(as she bounces) *
No strawberries here! No *
strawberries here! And no *
strawberries here either. *

49 OLIVE 49 *
(calling) *
Strawberries! Where are youoooo? *

50 ELINOR 50 *
(giggling) *
The strawberries can't hear you *
Olive. They don't have ears. *

51 OLIVE 51 *
Oh, right. *
(she sees something) *
Ooooh, look at these, Elinor. *

ANGLE ON: Some pretty white strawberry blossoms. *

52 ELINOR 52 *
They're really pretty, Olive, but *
we're not looking for flowers, *
we're looking for strawber...oh, *
wait, what's this? *

Elinor sees something beside the strawberry blossoms. *

53 ELINOR (CONT'D) 53 *
Strawberries! I think... but these *
are small and white. Do you think *
they're strawberries? *

54 OLIVE 54 *
I don't know... they have the same *
shape as strawberries. But *
strawberries are usually bigger and *
red. *

The kids look puzzled for a beat. Then Olive looks around and *
spots something. She steps over and uncovers some green *
strawberries. *

55 OLIVE (CONT'D) 55 *
Look at these ones, are THEY *
strawberries? *

56 ELINOR 56 *
Hmmm, maybe. But these are green *
and even smaller. I've never heard *
of green strawberries. *

Elinor looks around and sees something in a different spot. *
ANGLE ON: big, RED berries. *

57 ELINOR (CONT'D) 57 *
<GASP!> Now THESE are strawberries. *

58 OLIVE 58 *
Yes they are! They look like *
strawberries AND they're bigger and *
red. *

The kids look excited, but then Elinor gets curious. *

59 ELINOR 59 *
But wait, what about the green and *
white berries we found. Are *they* *
strawberries too? *

60 OLIVE 60 *
I'm not sure. They sort of look *
like strawberries... Dun, dun dun! *
Sounds like a strawberry mystery! *

61 ELINOR 61 *
I know, let's compare them. We need *
MORE observations! *

62 OLIVE 62 *
I'll go get some paper so I can *
draw them. *

Olive runs off back to the tent. ANGLE ON: She grabs some *
paper from the paper stash they were using earlier. Then she *
returns. As they draw, they revisit the spots where they *
found the strawberries. *

63	OLIVE (CONT'D) Ok, let's see. First, we found these white strawberries.	63	* * *
	Elinor holds them while Olive sketches a white strawberry on a sheet of paper.		* *
64	ELINOR Then we found the small green ones.	64	* *
	Olive flips to a new sheet and sketches a small green strawberry.		* *
65	OLIVE Then we found the red ones.	65	* *
	Olive sketches a red strawberry on a third sheet. <SFX: HMM> Elinor lays the drawings side by side: White, green, red.		* *
66	ELINOR They're all the same strawberry shape.	66	* * *
67	OLIVE But they're different colors and sizes. Why is that?	67	* * *
68	ELINOR Hmm, maybe someone painted them different colors? Like a berry fairy.	68	* * * *
	THOUGHT BUBBLE shows a fairy painting strawberries.		*
69	OLIVE And maybe the berry fairy makes white jam and green jam.	69	* * *
	The fairy hold up jars of white jam and red jam. The girls <SFX: GIGGLE>.		* *
	THOUGHT BUBBLE BURSTS: Elinor pans across the drawings one after the other, and then double takes back as she notices the pattern.		* * *
70	ELINOR Wait a minute -- that's IT!	70	* *
71	OLIVE A berry fairy?	71	* *
	Elinor is now looking at the drawings.		*

72	ELINOR	72	*
	No, the size. Look.		*
	She switches the order of the first two drawings.		*
73	ELINOR (CONT'D)	73	*
	If you put the drawings this way,		*
	it looks like the strawberry is		*
	getting bigger.		*
74	OLIVE	74	*
	Like it's growing!		*
75	ELINOR	75	*
	Maybe the green strawberries are		*
	like the baby strawberries. And as		*
	it grows, it changes color.		*
76	OLIVE	76	*
	I think you could be right, Elinor.		*
	At this moment Ranger Rabbit appears with a basket in her		*
	hand.		*
77	RANGER RABBIT	77	*
	Hi, girls!		*
78	ELINOR	78	*
	Mom! We found strawberries!		*
79	OLIVE	79	*
	At least we THINK they're all		*
	strawberries. I drew pictures so we		*
	could observe them.		*
80	ELINOR	80	*
	See? The small ones are green, the		*
	medium-sized ones are white and the		*
	big ones are RED!		*
81	OLIVE	81	*
	We think maybe the strawberries		*
	change their color as they grow.		*
82	RANGER RABBIT	82	*
	That's absolutely right. Great		*
	scientific thinking, girls!		*
	Strawberries don't just show up		*
	big, red and juicy; they start as		*
	flowers. Then they turn into small		*
	berries that grow over time.		*

83	OLIVE	83	*
	Really? The white flowers change into strawberries?		*
			*
84	RANGER RABBIT	84	*
	Yup.		*
85	ELINOR	85	*
	That is sooo interesting.		*
86	OLIVE	86	*
	Ranger Rabbit, if these are all strawberries, can we use all of them to make jam?		*
			*
87	RANGER RABBIT	87	*
	Good question, Olive. Do you think they all taste the same?		*
			*
88	OLIVE	88	*
	Hmmm I think they should, because they're all strawberries. But I'm not sure.		*
			*
	Elinor has an idea.		*
89	ELINOR	89	*
	Oooh, we should taste them. Can we Mom?		*
			*
90	RANGER RABBIT	90	*
	You sure can, and I'm really glad you asked first.		*
			*
	Elinor picks up a green strawberry and feels it.		*
91	ELINOR	91	*
	The green ones feel very hard. (she tries to bite it but can't)		*
	I can't tell what it tastes like! It's too hard to bite.		*
			*
	Olive draws a face emoji with a straight mouth under the green berry. Then she picks up a white berry.		*
			*
92	OLIVE	92	*
	The white ones are a little soft and...		*
	(she bites it and makes a funny face)		*
	BOY are they sour!		*
			*
	Elinor picks up another white berry and takes a bite.		*

93 ELINOR 93 *
REALLY sour! *

Elinor's sour face is even funnier. The girls <SFX: GIGGLE>, *
then hand the berry to Mom. *

94 RANGER RABBIT 94 *
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. *

95 ELINOR 95 *
The red one is nice and soft. *
(sniffing) *
It REALLY smells like strawberries, *
and it tastes... *
(she bites) *
Mmmmmmmmmmm. *

She hands the berry to Olive who takes a bite too. *

96 OLIVE 96 *
(mouth full) *
So yummy!! *

Olive draws a happy face emoji under the red berry. *

97 ELINOR 97 *
It's not just the size and color *
that changes as it grows. The taste *
changes too! *

98 RANGER RABBIT 98 *
Wow, your science skills are on a *
roll. You're right. Strawberries *
turn red and juicy and sweet as *
they grow. It's called turning *
ripe. *

99 OLIVE 99 *
Mmm. Ripe. I like that word. *

100 RANGER RABBIT 100 *
It IS a good word. *

101 ELINOR 101 *
Ripe means it's ready to eat! *

102	RANGER RABBIT	102	*
	You got it! Now why don't you girls		*
	pick a big basket of red		*
	strawberries and then we'll make		*
	some jam for Dad's birthday.		*

The girls cheer <SFX: YAY!!> and start collecting a big basket of luscious, ripe, red strawberries. CROSSFADE TO:

5. EXT. CAMPSITE - DAY

	Mr. Rabbit is reading in his hammock as the girls enter with		*
	their basket full of strawberries. They tip-toe over to the		*
	cooking area without him seeing them. <SFX: SHHH WALLA>		*
	Ranger Rabbit quickly washes the berries in a bucket of water		*
	and puts them in a bowl.		*

103	OLIVE	103	*
	So what to we do first?		*

104	ELINOR	104	*
	Well, jam is just squished berries,		*
	right?		*

	Ranger Rabbit hands the girls a bowl of berries and a potato		*
	masher.		*

105	RANGER RABBIT	105	*
	That's the first step. Squish away,		*
	girls.		

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

106	ELINOR	106	*
	Hmmm, these squished strawberries		*
	are yummy, but they don't taste		*
	like jam yet.		

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

107	OLIVE	107	*
	The jam from the jar is jammier.		

108	RANGER RABBIT	108	*
	Yes, jam is thicker and sweeter. To		*
	make jam, we have to add some sugar		*
	and then cook it on the stove.		

109	ELINOR	109	*
	Ooh. Ok, we'll be the squishers...		*

110	RANGER RABBIT	110	*
	And I'll be the cook!		*
	MONTAGE: Elinor and Olive take the tops off the last few berries, put them in a bowl and start squishing. Then the girls add the sugar and Ranger Rabbit cooks it over the camp stove as they sing their song.		*
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111	ELINOR/OLIVE	111	
	BOTH: Strawberry jam, strawberry jam,		*
	We're gonna make some strawberry jam,		*
	We'll squish up the berries and cook them on the stove,		*
	Dad's gonna love our Strawberry Jam!		
	OLIVE: Fruit starts out small and hard,		*
	Then it grows and gets soft and sweet,		*
	ELINOR: When it's nice and big and juicy,		*
	Then it's ripe and ready to eat.		*
	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!		*
			*
	Strawberries start as flowers so bright,		*
	That turn into berries, delish!		*
	Small green berries grow big and white!		*
	When they're red, they're ready to squish.		*
	BOTH: Strawberry jam, strawberry jam,		*
	We're gonna make some strawberry jam,		*
	We'll squish up the berries and cook them on the stove.		*
	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.		*

112	RANGER RABBIT	112	
	Mmmm, I think this is ready. What do you girls think?		
	Elinor and Olive each take a taste.		
113	ELINOR	113	
	Now THAT is yummy strawberry jam.		
	Olive nods. Olive and Elinor slather it on the toast, then they sneak up on Dad once again.		
114	ELINOR/OLIVE	114	
	HAPPY BIRTHDAY DADDY/MR.RABBIT!!		
	Dad JUMPS out of his hammock, <SFX: WHOOOAAAA!!!>. (Or maybe it can spin around, cartoon-style).		
115	ELINOR	115	
	Look!		
116	OLIVE	116	
	We made you some JAM!		
	Dad recovers.		
117	MR. RABBIT	117	
	What? You made this?		
118	ELINOR	118	
	Uh-huh. Olive and I found strawberries in a strawberry patch.		*
119	OLIVE	119	
	And then we squished up the red berries, and cooked them into jam.		*
120	ELINOR	120	
	What do you think?		
	Dad takes a big bite <SFX: CRUNCH> then...		
121	MR. RABBIT	121	
	(mouth full)		
	It's delicious!		*
	Elinor gives her Dad a big jammy birthday hug.		*
122	MR. RABBIT (CONT'D)	122	
	I think this is the BERRY best birthday I've ever had! Get it?		*
	BERRY best?		*
	Elinor, Olive and Ranger Rabbit <SFX: LAUGH/GROAN>		*

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RANGER RABBIT

Oh, dear. I think we've "jammed"
enough words for the day.

On <SFX: LAUGHTER/GIGGLES>, we...

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**IRIS OUT, THE
END.**

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