

ELINOR WONDERS WHY

EP#167 Just Peachy

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Elinor's Question: Where did all the peaches go?

Logline: When Elinor and her friends run out of peaches, they learn that fruits are seasonal and only available at certain times of the year.

Curriculum Goals:

LS4: Understand that all plants have a life cycle and can change and grow over time (Elinor and her friends learn that different fruits grow in different seasons).

SEP1: Demonstrate curiosity about the greater world outside of their local environment (Elinor's question leads them to discover an answer at the farm).

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1. EXT. ELINOR'S BACKYARD - DAYTIME

It's late summer and ELINOR, OLIVE, and ARI are picking
peaches in the backyard with RANGER RABBIT.

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1	MR. RABBIT	1	*
	Thanks for the help picking these		*
	peaches, kids. It sure is easier		*
	with some extra hands.		*

2	ELINOR	2	*
	No prob, Daddy! I'm a peach picking		*
	pro.		*

Elinor deftly hops up and grabs a low-hanging PEACH and
places it in a HALF-FULL BASKET OF PEACHES.

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3	ARI	3	*
	I can get the ones from up high.		*

Ari flies up to the top of the tree and grabs a peach with
each foot. He floats down and places them in the basket.
Olive approaches, juggling three peaches, using her trunk as
well as her arms.

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4	OLIVE	4	*
	It's easy to carry <i>lots</i> of peaches		*
	when you can juggle.		*

Elinor and Ari share a <LAUGH> and applaud as Olive catches
the peaches and takes a bow. She places the peaches in the
basket, FILLING IT, when a COOL BREEZE blows through the
yard. The kids <SHIVER> against the breeze.

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5	ELINOR	5	
	Brrr! Why is that breeze so cool?		
	It should be <i>hot</i> in the summer.		

6	OLIVE	6	*
	Summer's almost over, Elinor.		

7	ELINOR	7	*
	Gasp! Oh no! Already?		*

8	OLIVE	8	*
	Yup! Fall will be here soon, that's		*
	why it's getting cooler. And then		*
	after that - winter!		

9	ARI	9	*
	So let's enjoy summer while we can!		*

Elinor looks at the FULL BASKET OF PEACHES.

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10	ELINOR	10	*
	Mmmm... and what better way to do that than by eating peaches? Mom, may we please have some?		*
	Ranger Rabbit approaches with three peaches for the kids.		*
11	RANGER RABBIT	11	*
	Sure! Here, I washed some for you.		*
	She hands each kid a peach and they dig in!		*
12	ELINOR	12	*
	Thanks mom! Mmm... Fresh peaches are so good.		*
13	ARI	13	*
	I think this is the best peach I've ever had.		*
14	OLIVE	14	*
	Yeah! Mine is super juicy.		*
	Ari nods in agreement, mouth too full to say anything. He swallows his last bite.		*
15	ARI	15	*
	Mmm-MMM! That was so yummy, I wish I could eat more. But I'm way too stuffed.		*
	Elinor looks at the full basket and brightens with an idea!		*
16	ELINOR	16	*
	I know. We have a full basket of peaches, so maybe we could share them with our friends.		*
17	OLIVE	17	*
	Yeah, then everyone in Animal Town will see how juicy they are.		*
18	ELINOR	18	*
	Mom, can we please share these peaches with our friends?		*
19	RANGER RABBIT (NODDING)	19	*
	Sure! If you can't eat 'em, share 'em. Just make sure you wash 'em first!		*
20	ELINOR	20	*
	We will, Mom. Let's hop to it!		*

Olive and Ari pick up the basket and the gang runs off. *

2. EXT. ANIMAL TOWN - DOWNTOWN - LATER *

The gang arrives on the MAIN STREET and places their basket down. JOE MOUSE and GEE RAFFE approach. *

21 OLIVE 21 *

Deputy Mouse, would you like a
fresh peach?

22 JOE MOUSE (UNSURE) 22 *

Peaches, huh? Are they juicy?

23 ELINOR 23 *

(giggles) The juiciest! They're
fresh from the tree in my yard.

Joe Mouse peeks into the basket. *

24 JOE MOUSE (WARMING UP) 24 *

Well, they certainly do look yummy.

25 ARI 25

Wait until you *taste* one.

Ari tosses Joe a peach. Joe looks at it curiously for a half beat then takes a bite. His eyes light up! Olive tosses a peach up to Gee Raffe who takes a bite and smiles brightly!

26 JOE MOUSE (BRIGHTLY) 26 *

You're right, kids... *this is* one
tasty peach, thank you. Please
proceed with your peachy keen
deeds.

Gee Raffe and Joe continue on, clearly enjoying the snack.

27 ELINOR 27

(giggle) I can't wait until
everyone gets to try a peach!

PLAYFUL INSTRUMENTAL MONTAGE MUSIC starts as... *

3. EXT. ANIMAL TOWN - VARIOUS LOCATIONS - MONTAGE

DOWNTOWN: The gang hands out more peaches to TOWNSFOLK as they walk through town: MZ. MOLE, MR. RACCOON, MR. PIG, MR. MOOSE. Everyone looks extremely happy and grateful for the snacks. The gang share a high five and run off with the basket. WIPE. *

CLUBHOUSE - The kids approach and knock on the clubhouse door. MARY pokes her head out of a window and Ari gives her a peach. LIZZIE pokes her head out of the front door and Elinor gives her a peach. After a beat MIRO appears above Lizzie and TITO appears below her. The gang give them peaches as well. The kids look delighted and wave their thanks as the gang runs off. **WIPE.**

SALLY'S HOUSE - MRS. BEAVER is building a BIRDHOUSE with SALLY. The kids sneak in and place two peaches in her TOOLBOX. Mrs. Beaver reaches for a tool and grabs the peaches instead. Briefly confused, she spots the gang and smiles as she hands a peach to Sally. Sally takes a bite and offers her friends a big smile as they run off. **WIPE. END MONTAGE.**

4. EXT. SOCCER FIELD - CONTINUOUS

The gang arrives at the soccer field where KOA, SILAS, ASHLEY, and BODIE are kicking a BALL around.

28 ARI (CALLING) 28
Who wants a peach?!

The kids put a stop to their game and run over.

29 KOA 29
Peaches? Yum! I sure need a snack
after all that running.

Silas, Ashley, and Bodie nod in agreement.

30 ELINOR 30
Then get ready to enjoy a fresh...

Elinor reaches into the basket, but... CU REVEAL: there's only two peaches left! Elinor, Olive and Ari share a <GASP>!

31 OLIVE 31
Oh no! There are only two left. *

Ari gives a peach to Silas and Ashley. *

32	ARI	32	
	Aww... we ran out of peaches before		*
	we ran out of friends.		
	(to Koa/Bodie)		*
	Sorry Koa. Sorry Bodie.		*

Koa and Bodie slump. *

33 KOA (SADLY) 33 *

(sigh) I was really looking forward *

to a fruity treat.

34 ELINOR (BRIGHTLY) 34
Don't worry, we can get more from
my peach tree. We'll be right
back... c'mon gang! *

Koa and friends perk up as the gang bounds off.

5. EXT. ELINOR'S BACKYARD - CONTINUOUS

The kids run into the backyard and look around and behind the tree for peaches. They look up at the EMPTY TREE, confused.

35	OLIVE	35	*
	Huh? I don't see any peaches.		*
	Aren't there any left?		*

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Ari flies to the top of the tree but doesn't find anymore.      *
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36	ARI	36	*
	I don't see any up here, either.		*

He flies back down. *

37 ELINOR 37
Oh... we must have picked them all
and not noticed.

38	OLIVE	38	
	Uh oh, but we still have lots of		*
	friends that wanted to try the		*
	peaches.		*

39 ARI 39

How can the tree run out of fruit? *

I thought fruit trees *always* have

fruit... that's why they're called

fruit trees!

40 OLIVE 40

Hmmmm... I bet more will start growing soon.

(she sits under the tree)

Maybe we should just wait for more.

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Elinor and Ari join Olive under the tree. A beat. *

41	ARI	41	*
	How long is this going to take?		*

42	ELINOR	42	*
	Yeah, it could take days! And Koa		*
	and the rest of our friends are		
	waiting for peaches <i>right now</i> .		

43	ARI	43
	We must be able to get more	*
	somewhere... but where?	

The gang considers, Elinor has an idea.

44	ELINOR (BRIGHTLY)	44
	I know where we can get fresh	*
	peaches - Farmer Bear's farm!	*

45 OLIVE 45
Yeah, she probably has *lots*! *

Ari scoops up the basket, eager to go.

46	ARI	46
	Then what are we waiting for? Fresh	*
	peaches here we come!	*

Ari runs off with Olive and Elinor hot on his heels.

6. EXT. FARMER BEAR'S FARM - ENTRANCE - A LITTLE LATER

FARMER BEAR loads PRODUCE into her TRUCK as the kids arrive.

47	OLIVE	47	*
	Farmer Bear! Farmer Bear! Can you		*
	please help us?		*

48	ARI	48
	We wanted to share the peaches from	*
	Elinor's peach tree, but we ran out.	*

49	ELINOR	49	*
	But we remembered that you have		*
	peaches here on your farm. May we		*
	please see your peach trees?		*

50 FARMER BEAR 50
Certainly. (pointing) They're just
over there, but-

51 ELINOR / ARI / OLIVE 51
 Thanks Farmer Bear!

The kids run off before a confused Farmer Bear can finish. *

7. EXT. FARMER BEAR'S FARM - ORCHARD - CONTINUOUS

The gang arrives at a PEACH ORCHARD. The PEACH TREES are bare
except for ONE PEACH on a lone branch. The kids look in and
around the peach trees.

52 ELINOR 52 *
 These are peach trees, but where *
 are the peaches? *

53 OLIVE 53 *
 I found... one. *

Olive points to a lone PEACH on a branch. In disbelief, the *
kids walk towards the peach. Ari puts down the basket.

54 ELINOR 54 *
 Huh? Even at the farm, all of the *
 peach trees are peach-less!

55 OLIVE 55 *
 Oh no! Is this the last peach ever?

Ari hops into a defensive stance: arms out, back to the *
peach. His eyes dart right and left protectively. Ari looks *
behind the tree suspiciously, then dive rolls back to the *
peach and hops up in a kung-fu stance. *

56 ARI (TO PEACH) 56 *
 We can't let anything happen to it! *
 Don't worry, I'll protect the *
 peach... Hiya!

Suddenly, a COOL BREEZE blows through again, strong enough to *
shake the peach free from the tree. Ari springs into action! *
He dives and catches the peach before it hits the ground. He *
hops up and holds the peach proudly. *

57 ARI (CONT'D) 57 *
 Told you I'm a peachy protector. *

Elinor and Olive <GIGGLE>.

58 ELINOR 58 *
 This *can't* be the last peach ever. *
 But then, why don't any of the *
 trees have peaches growing on them? *

59 OLIVE 59 *
 It's a mystery. A *peachy* mystery. *

60 ELINOR 60 *
 Let's see if we can figure it out. *
 We need more observations. *

61 ARI 61 *
 But how? There aren't any peaches *
 to observe. *

Elinor looks at the trees and considers. She has an idea! *

62 ELINOR 62 *
I know! Let's think about the other *
times we've eaten peaches. *

63 OLIVE 63 *
Yeah, we can observe by remembering! *

64 ELINOR 64 *
I'll go first. I remember eating a *
peach just the other day... *

As Elinor recalls, PAN UP to a THOUGHT BUBBLE.

THOUGHT BUBBLE: Elinor is playing with a HULA HOOP in her backyard while her PARENTS work in the GARDEN. The peach tree is FULL of peaches.

65 ELINOR (CONT'D) 65 *
...it was so hot that I could
barely even hula hoop. *

Elinor, clearly hot, drops the hula hoop and wipes her brow. RANGER RABBIT notices and walks to a SMALL TABLE holding a plate with TWO PEACHES and SEVERAL PEACH SLICES. She picks up a slice and brings it to Elinor.

66 ELINOR (CONT'D) 66 *
But that's when my mom gave me a
juicy peach from the tree, which *
was *full* of peaches. *

Elinor eats the peach slice and feels rejuvenated! She picks up her hula hoop and resumes playing.

PAN DOWN to the gang.

67 ELINOR (CONT'D) 67 *
It was a great way to cool down so
I could keep hula-ing and hooping. *

68 OLIVE (CONSIDERING) 68
Hmmm... Did you say your tree was
full of peaches?

Elinor nods and realizes.

69 ELINOR 69 *
Yeah, it was hot and the tree was so *
full of peaches, I thought we'd *
never run out. *

70 OLIVE 70 *
My turn! Let's see, one time I *
remember eating a peach was... *

As Olive recalls, PAN UP to a THOUGHT BUBBLE.

In THOUGHT BUBBLE, Olive sits in her front yard, looking up at the STARRY NIGHT SKY.

71 OLIVE (CONT'D) 71
...a few weeks ago. It was summer,
so I was looking up at the evening
stars without being cold. *

OLIVE'S MOM exits the door with TWO PIECES OF PEACH PIE. She sits next to Olive and gives her a slice.

72 OLIVE (CONT'D) 72
My mom made a pie with fresh
peaches she got that day, and when
we were just about to dig in ...

Above them, a SHOOTING STAR zips through the sky. Olive and her mom see it together and <GASP> and point! Olive's mom puts her arm around Olive and pulls her close.

73 OLIVE (CONT'D) 73
We saw a shooting star!

Olive and her mom share a smile and each have a bite of pie.

PAN DOWN to the gang. Olive is beaming.

74 OLIVE (CONT'D) 74
I'll never forget *that* peach pie.

75 ARI 75
That sounds amazing, Olive! (then,
thinking) Hmm, one time I remember
having a fresh peach was... *

As Ari recalls, PAN UP to a THOUGHT BUBBLE.

In THOUGHT BUBBLE, Ari (wearing a SWIMSUIT), runs out of the SHALLOW LAKE to join his PARENTS for a PICNIC on a TOWEL.

76 ARI (CONT'D) 76
...last month when I was at the
lake with my Mom and Dad for our
summer vacation. It was so hot, I
spent the whole morning swimming. *

ARI'S MOM hands him a PEACH SLICE from a PICNIC BASKET. *

77 ARI (CONT'D) 77
My hands were so slippery from the
water, that I dropped my lunch. *

Ari can't keep hold of the peach slice. He juggles it a few times before it drops into the sand. He looks at it sadly. Ari's mom hands him another slice from the basket.

78 ARI (CONT'D) 78
Good thing my mom brought lots of
fresh peach slices.

Ari brightens and happily chomps the new peach slice.

PAN DOWN to the gang.

ARI (MATTER OF FACTLY) (CONT'D) 79
I spent the whole afternoon
swimming, too.

Elinor and Olive <GIGGLE>. Elinor considers and realizes...

80 ELINOR 80
That's soo interesting! We all
remember eating fresh peaches when *
it was warm *in the summer*. *

81 OLIVE 81 *

Does anyone remember eating fresh
peaches any other time of year? In
the winter maybe?

82 ARI (THINKING) 82
Um... fresh peaches in the winter?
I don't think so.

83 OLIVE (THINKING) 83
Now that I think about it, I don't *
think I've ever had a fresh peach *
in the fall or the spring, either.

84 ELINOR (BRIGHTLY) 84 *

Oh! So, maybe peaches *only* grow in
the *summer*. *

85	OLIVE (REALIZING)	85	
	And that's why they're not growing		*
	anymore... because summer's almost		*
	over!		

86	ELINOR (WONDERING)	86	*
	But <i>why</i> do peaches only grow in the		*
	summer?		*

Ari brightens with an idea!

87 ARI 87

Oh! Maybe peaches only grow in the
summer because it's warm. So, if we
warm up the trees, they'll grow
more peaches!

Ari runs over to a peach tree and wraps it in a hug.

88 ARI (CONT'D) 88
 Hugs *always* warm me up.

Elinor and Olive join Ari and wrap the tree in a hug. Farmer *
Bear approaches with a BASKET she places on the ground.

89 FARMER BEAR 89
Ahhh, you love the tree so much
you're hugging it - that's soo
nice.

90 ARI 90

We do love the tree, Farmer Bear,
but we're not just hugging it,
we're trying to warm it.

91 FARMER BEAR (CONFUSED) 91
Warm the tree? Why?

92 ELINOR 92

We think peaches only grow in the *
summer when the trees are warm. *

93 FARMER BEAR 93 *

(Chuckles) That's a great idea. I'm afraid it doesn't work *quite* like that, though.

Elinor and Olive release the tree, Ari keeps hugging it.

94	FARMER BEAR (CONT'D)	94	
	But you're right that peaches only		*
	grow certain times of the year.		*
	It's called being "in season."		

95 ELINOR 95
Oh, so peaches are "in season" in the summer? *

96	FARMER BEAR	96
	Exactly! Lots of fruits and	
	vegetables have special seasons	*
	they like to grow in. For example,	*
	strawberries, corn, and melons like	*
	to grow in the summer.	*

Pan up to THOUGHT BUBBLE. SIMPLE ANIMATION shows an ILLUSTRATED ELINOR in an ILLUSTRATED SUMMER GARDEN.

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97 FARMER BEAR (CONT'D) 97

Other fruits and veggies, like
apples, pumpkins, and celery, like
to grow in the fall.

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98 ARI 98

Do any fruits or veggies like to
grow in the winter?

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As Farmer Bear speaks, the ILLUSTRATED ELINOR walks through the garden, which transitions through the seasons (SUMMER, FALL, WINTER, SPRING) which feature the produce FB mentions.

99 FARMER BEAR 99

You bet! Turnips, cabbage, and
garlic like to grow when it's cold
out. And radishes, avocados, and
beets like to grow in the spring.

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Now in SPRING, the illustrated Elinor plucks a RADISH from the ground and smiles. PAN DOWN to the gang.

100 ELINOR 100

I love fresh radishes in the spring!

101 FARMER BEAR 101

Me too! If you eat fruits and
vegetables when they're in season,
there's always something fresh and
delicious to eat.

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102 ARI 102

So, even if I hug the tree... it
won't grow more peaches right now?

103 FARMER BEAR (SHAKING HER HEAD) 103

Sorry, Ari. Once summer is over,
peaches won't grow anymore.

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Ari releases the tree and looks at it sadly.

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104 FARMER BEAR (BRIGHTLY) (CONT'D) 104

Don't worry Ari. In the fall the
pits fall on the ground and some
new peach trees will begin to grow.
Winter the trees lose leaves and
rest. In the spring flowers bloom
and then next summer - peaches! And
every summer after that.

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Ari brightens! He holds up the peach.

105 ARI (RELIEVED) 105
 (Gasp!) That means this *isn't* the
 last peach ever!

FB nods as Ari gives it a hug. Elinor remembers something. *

106	ELINOR	106
	Oh no... we were going to give	
	fresh peaches to Koa and all our	
	friends. What do we do if we have	*
	to wait until next year?	*

107	FARMER BEAR	107
	Well, you're in luck! It's almost	
	fall, so apples are nearly <i>in</i>	
	<i>season</i> . And some ripened early and	*
	are ready to eat!	*

Farmer Bear shows them her BASKET, which is full of APPLES.

108	FARMER BEAR (CONT'D)	108
	Think your friends would enjoy	
	fresh apples instead? I already	*
	washed them!	*

She unloads apples from her basket into the kids' basket.

109 ELINOR / ARI / OLIVE 109
That's perfect! / Apples? Yum! /
Thanks Farmer Bear!

Elinor scoops up the full basket and the kids run off.

8. EXT. SOCCER FIELD - A LITTLE LATER

Koa and friends stop playing and run to the gang as they arrive. *

110 ELINOR 110
Who wants a snack?

They toss apples to Koa, Silas, Ashley, and Bodie. Koa beams.

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    Apples? Awesome! I like peaches,
    but I love apples. Thanks!

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The kids take a happy <CRUNCH> from their apples. Elinor and her friends beam with happiness.

112 ELINOR (TO ARI AND OLIVE) 112
We've still got lots of fresh
apples to deliver, let's go!

MUSIC STARTS as the gang runs off, waving to their friends.

9. EXT. ANIMAL TOWN - VARIOUS - CONTINUOUS

The gang delivers apples all over Animal Town as they sing.

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ELINOR / OLIVE / ARI
Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall
Each season grows things for us
all,
If you don't eat them when they're
here,
Don't you worry - they'll be back
next year.

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They give apples to MS. LLAMA, MR. CAT and MR. ELEPHANT.

ELINOR: Peaches are ripe and ready
to eat,
When it's summer and there's lots
of heat.

Elinor tosses an apple to SENOR TAPIR and MR. HAMSTER sitting
on a bench. Senor Tapir strums a few chords on his GUITAR.

OLIVE: In the fall, the leaves turn
red,
And apples keep us all well fed.

They see SEKU and SHEILA and Ari motions to "go long." Ari
and Olive lob them apples like footballs.

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ARI: In the winter, the trees are
bare,
But cabbages grow most anywhere.

Elinor tosses apples to PHILBERT and JAVIER, who bounces it
with his antlers before catching it.

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ELINOR: When the flowers bloom in
spring,
Radishes are here to do their
thing!

The gang bounds off with their basket.

10. EXT. ELINOR'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

The kids finish the song and place their basket down.

ALL: Winter, Spring, Summer and
Fall

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ELINOR / OLIVE / ARI (CONT'D)

Each season grows things for us
all,
If you don't eat them when they're
here,
Don't you worry - they'll be back
next year.

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The gang looks into the basket and sees three apples!

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OLIVE

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Three apples! Just enough left for
us to have a snack.

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They each grab an apple.

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ELINOR

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Even if these aren't peaches,
sharing a snack with your friends
is... just peachy!

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The kids share a <LAUGH>.

THE END.

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