

## (34) A Special Gift for Ruth



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English

Agriculture



Ruth is a little girl. She loves flowers and plants and likes to work in the garden. One day a small, beautiful van with a big flower painted



Ruth is surprised.  
Who could that be?  
Out of the van steps Laila,  
her beloved aunt.



Ruth is happy to see Aunt Laila.  
Aunt Laila gives Ruth something.  
In her hand, Aunt Laila has some  
seeds.

They are very valuable seeds. The  
seeds can serve as food for people  
and animals.

Aunt Laila teaches Ruth everything  
she knows about the seeds.

If you put the seeds in the ground and give them water, the seeds will grow into beautiful flowers.





When the plant is small, the flower is not yet there. All you can see is a little green bud. The bud will grow and grow. Then the bud will start to

open. Inside the bud are small yellow petals.



The plant grows and grows and the flower bud gets bigger and bigger.  
Slowly, it will open more.

A beautiful yellow flower appears from the bud.

It is called a sunflower.

At the centre of the sunflower's head is a big eye.

At first, the eye of the young flower is green.



As the sunflower grows older and ripens, the eye changes colour from green to brown.

The eye of the sunflower is filled with seeds.



When the flowers are old and start to wither, you can collect the seeds.

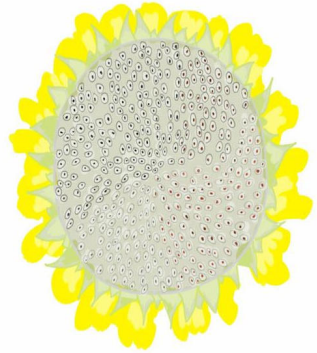
“That is how I collected the seeds for you,” says Aunt Laila to Ruth.



The ripe seeds fall from  
the eye of the sunflower.

They are soft pits inside a  
thin woody shell.

There are many things  
these seeds are good for.

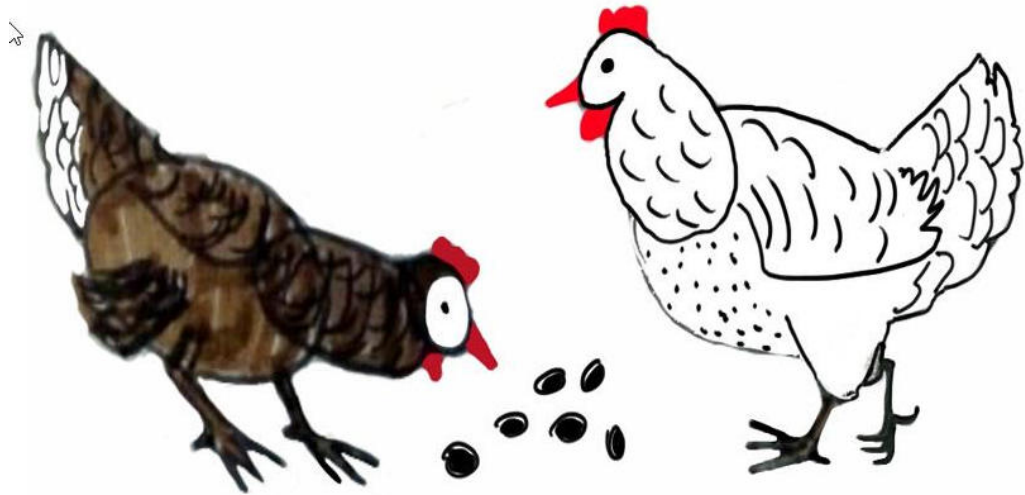


The ripe seeds are full of oil.  
The oil can be used in cooking.

Roasted sunflower seeds are good to eat  
by themselves.

The seeds can also be used in baking  
bread.





Aunt Laila has many seeds. As she gives them to Ruth, some seeds fall on the ground. The chickens immediately jump at them. They love to

Ruth is very happy with this gift!

She will take very good care of the precious seeds.





And one day, she will grow her own beautiful sunflower garden!



# Check Your Understanding

1. Who arrived in a van to visit Ruth?

Her uncle

Her brother

Her aunt

# Check Your Understanding

2. Why were the seeds very valuable?

- They look nice.
- They serve as food for people and animals.
- Out of them trees can grow.

# Check Your Understanding

3. What do you find inside the bud?

Small petals

The seeds

Green leaves

## Check Your Understanding

4. At first, what colour is the eye of the young flower?

Brown

Yellow

Green

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