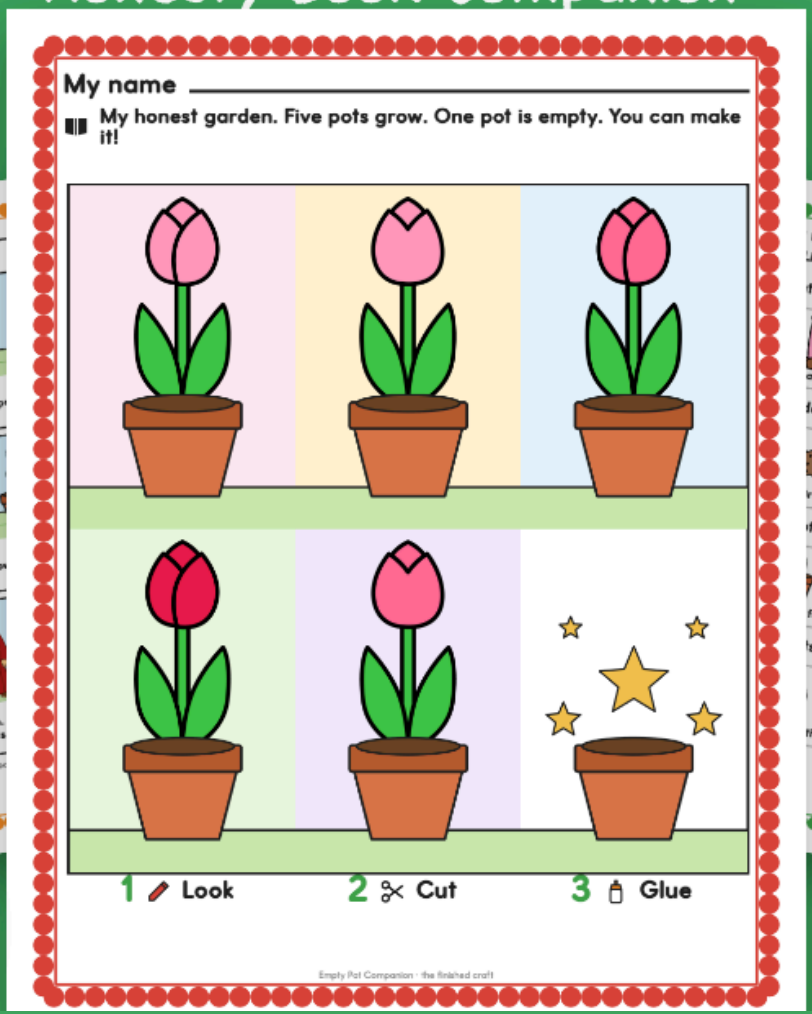
THE EMPTY POT ACTIVITIES

Honesty Book Companion

20 PAGES

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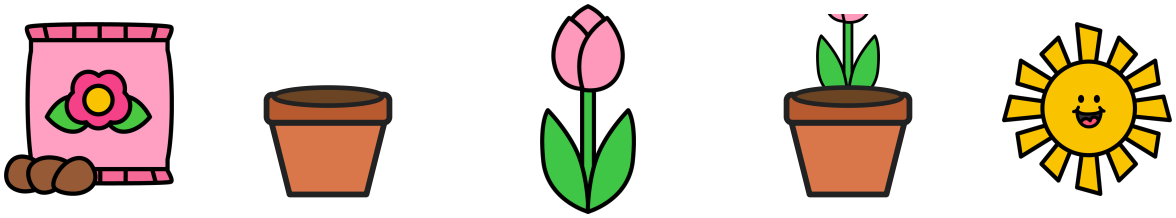






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Empty Pot Companion: Start Here



What's inside

- **The story in pictures** (page 3): our own short summary in 6 scenes. **Vocabulary:** 6 words (seed, soil, pot, flower, sun, honest) as color cards to cut (page 4) and a match (page 5)
- **Sequencing:** 6 story pictures to cut (page 6), then glue them in order on a mat at two levels, a faint twin to match (page 7) or numbered boxes (page 8)
- **Comprehension:** questions to circle (page 9) and to write (page 10) and a story elements organizer (page 11)
- **Honesty:** an honest-or-not sort with 8 sentence cards to cut (page 12) and glue on a mat (page 13), then an opinion and text-to-self page (page 14)
- **A craft in 6 parts:** an honest garden. The finished craft is on page 15, 6 garden pieces to cut (page 16) and the glue page (page 17): five pots grow tulips and one pot stays empty
- An answer key with a class record (page 18), a family letter (page 19) and credits (page 20)

About the story

This is a companion for a picture book by Demi about a seed, a pot and telling the truth. Read your own copy of the book aloud, then use these pages. The six pictures on page 3 are OUR OWN short summary, written to go with the picture book, with our own pictures, at a general level only: the Emperor gives every child a seed, Ping plants his in a pot, sun and rain help it grow, many pots grow flowers, Ping's pot has no flower, and telling the truth is what counts. The pictures show Ping, a boy gardener, and the Emperor; they are our own characters, made for this product. Your copy of the book looks different. Nothing here copies the book.

How to use it

Read the book, then work through the pages in any order. Every sort and sequence has one right answer per piece and the answers are on page 18. For the sequencing strip, cut the 6 pictures on page 6 and glue them on the mat that fits each child. For the honest-or-not sort, read each sentence card aloud with children who are not reading yet; talk about why. Hold a class talk about when telling the truth feels hard, and let children pass. For the craft, cut the 6 garden pieces apart along the straight lines and glue each piece in the box with its number on page 17; the finished craft is on page 15. Glue works best on card stock. You need crayons, scissors and glue sticks.

Three levels (shapes by the name line)

- ● **Starting:** circle the answer (page 9), glue each picture on its faint twin (page 7), match words to pictures (page 5). ■ **Building:** write the answers (page 10), numbered boxes (page 8), opinion and text-to-self starters (page 14). ▲ **Ready for more:** the story elements organizer (page 11) and the honest-or-not sort (pages 12-13).

A five-day plan

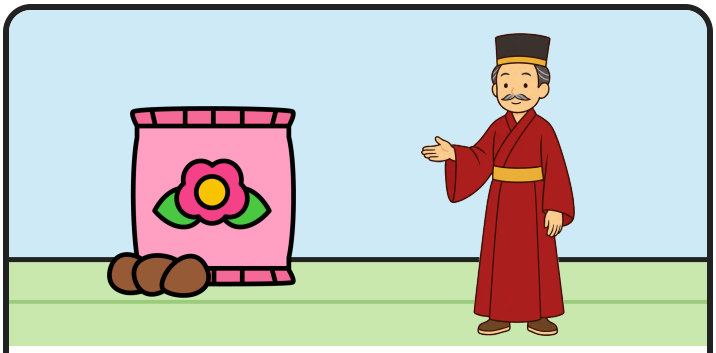
- **Day 1:** read the book, then our story and the vocabulary cards (pages 3-5). **Day 2:** story order (pages 6-8). **Day 3:** questions and story elements (pages 9-11).
- **Day 4:** honest or not and the reflection page (pages 12-14). **Day 5:** the honest garden craft (pages 15-17).

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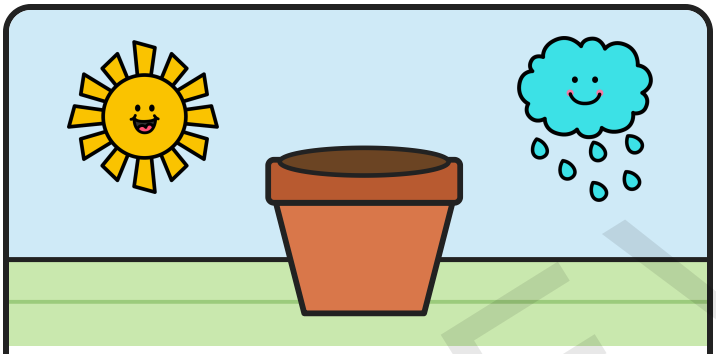
Listen to the story. Look at the pictures.



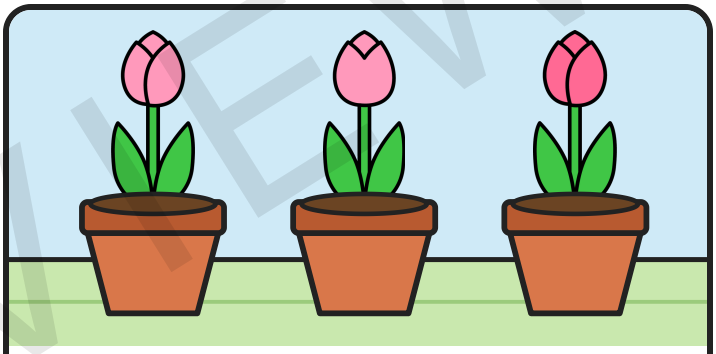
The Emperor gives every child a seed.



Ping plants his seed in a pot.



Sun and rain help it grow.



Many pots grow flowers.



Ping's pot has no flower.



Ping tells the truth. That is what counts.

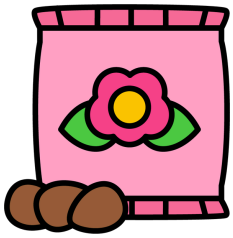
Our own short summary, written to go with the picture book.

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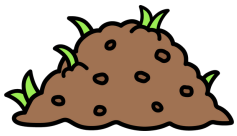
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Draw a line from each picture to its word.



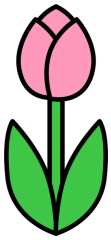
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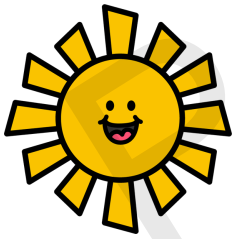
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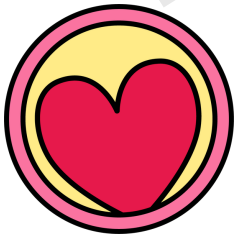
seed



sun



soil



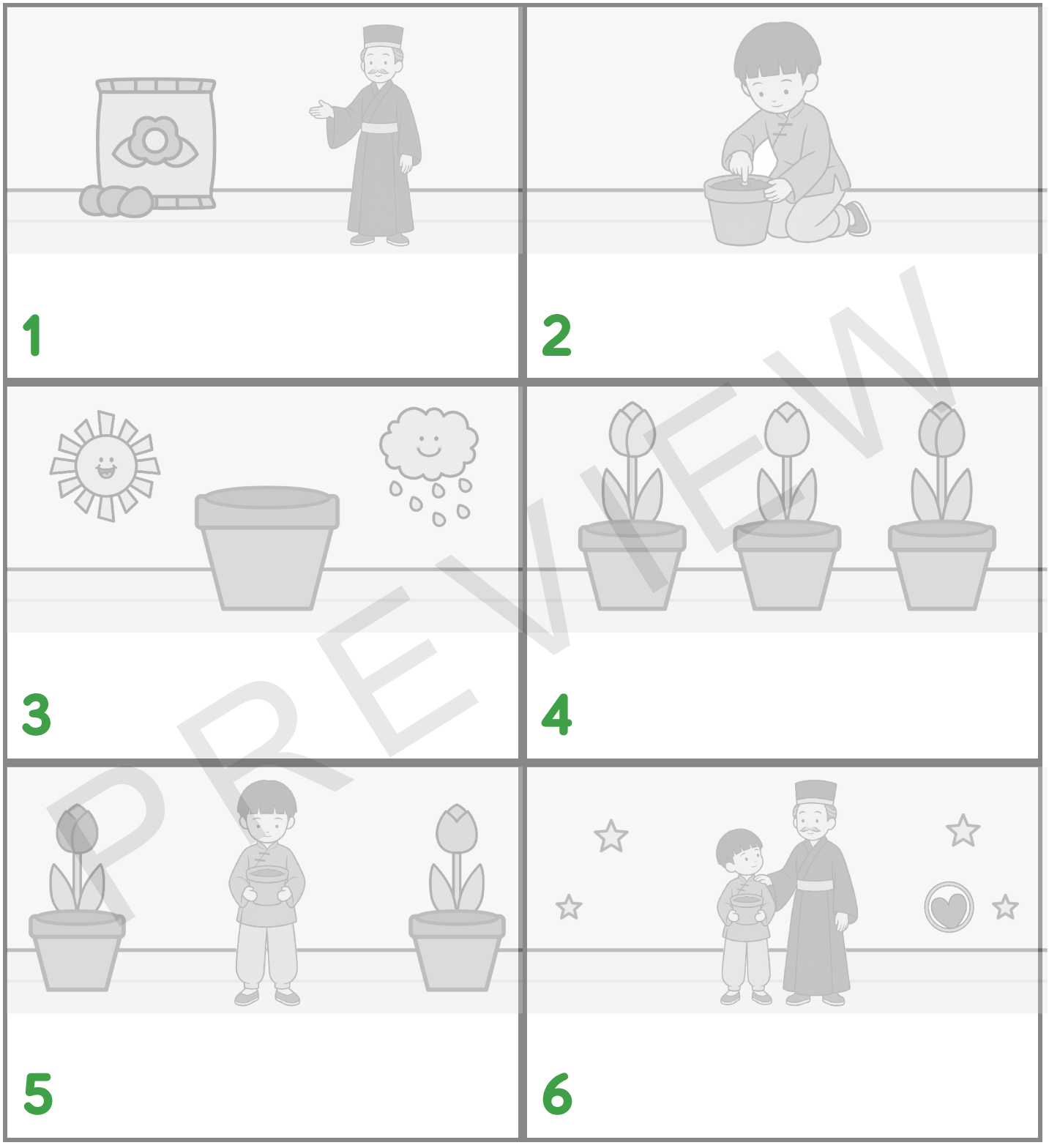
pot

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My name _____

Glue each picture on its twin. Start at 1.



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Look for the pale twin.

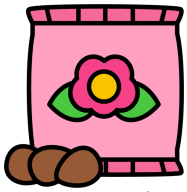
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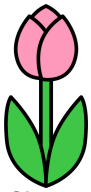
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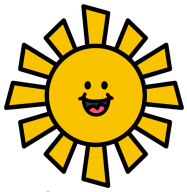
Listen. Circle the answer.

What does the Emperor give each child?




a seed

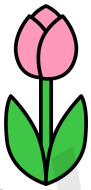

a flower

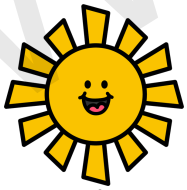

the sun

What do many of the pots grow?




dirt


flowers


sunshine

Which pot is Ping's?




a pot with a flower

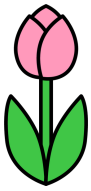

an empty pot

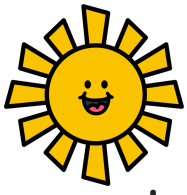

the sun

What counts the most to the Emperor?




telling the truth


the biggest flower


a sunny day

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My name _____

Cut out the 8 cards.

I ate a cookie and said I did not.	I broke a cup and I said so.
I hid a torn page so no one knew.	I got a wrong answer and I said so.
I said I fed the fish, but I did not.	I found a pencil and gave it back.
I said my friend did it, but I did.	I told the truth, even when it was hard.

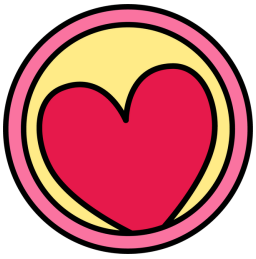
Is it honest or not? Glue them on page 13.

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My name _____

Think about telling the truth.



Is it good to tell the truth, even when it is hard?

Circle one.

YES	NO

I think _____

because _____

Think of a time you told the truth.

I told the truth when _____

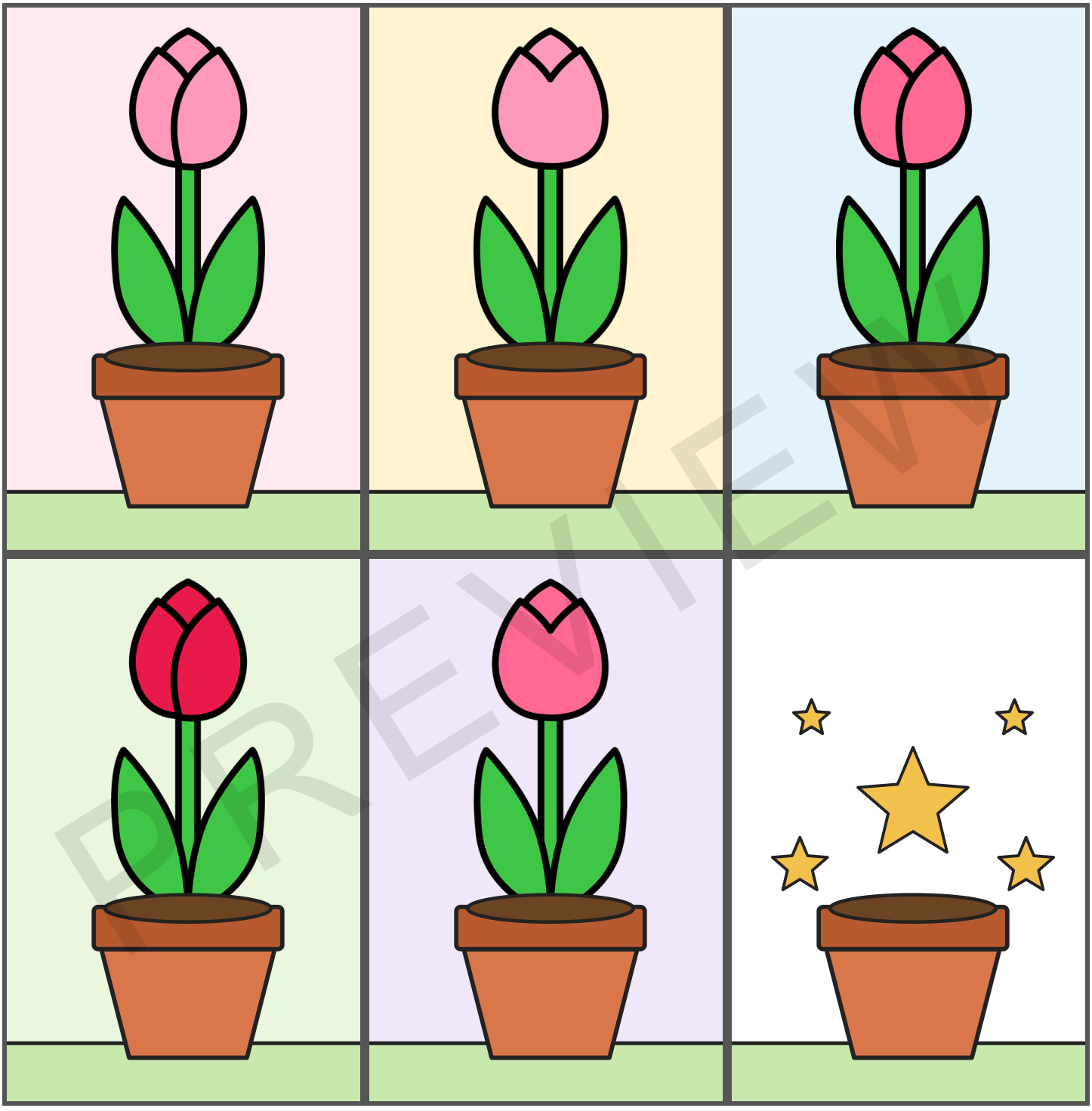
Then I felt _____

Draw it. You do not have to share.

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Cut out the 6 garden pieces.



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Glue them on page 17. Look at the pale pictures.

Answer Key and Class Record

Class: _____ Week of: _____ Teacher: _____

Student	Story	Words	Order	Questions	Honest or not	Writing	Craft

Mark each activity done and write a word on how it went.

Story order (pages 7-8): 1 The Emperor gives every child a seed., 2 Ping plants his seed in a pot., 3 Sun and rain help it grow., 4 Many pots grow flowers., 5 Ping's pot has no flower., 6 Ping tells the truth. That is what counts.

Match (page 5): seed = seed, soil = soil, pot = pot, flower = flower, sun = sun, honest = honest.

Questions (page 9): 1 a seed, 2 flowers, 3 an empty pot, 4 telling the truth. **Write (page 10):** answers vary; look for a full sentence. Suggested: 1 a seed; 2 he plants it in a pot and cares for it; 3 it has no flower; 4 telling the truth; 5 when you are afraid of what will happen, or when you want to win.

Story elements (page 11): who: Ping, the Emperor and the other children, each with a seed. Where: in pots, in a garden or at home. Problem: one pot has no flower. Big idea: telling the truth counts the most.

Honest or not (pages 12-13): Honest: I broke a cup and I said so.; I got a wrong answer and I said so.; I found a pencil and gave it back.; I told the truth, even when it was hard.. Not honest: I ate a cookie and said I did not.; I hid a torn page so no one knew.; I said I fed the fish, but I did not.; I said my friend did it, but I did.. Children may talk about why; look for a reason, not only the answer.

Opinion and text to self (page 14): answers vary. Look for a choice with a reason and a real time the child remembers. Children do not have to share.

Craft (pages 16-17): the six garden pieces are numbered 1 to 6, left to right, top to bottom. Pieces 1 to 5 each grow a tulip; piece 6 is the empty pot with stars. The faint picture in each glue box shows which piece goes there. Page 15 shows the finished craft.

Next week we will: _____

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