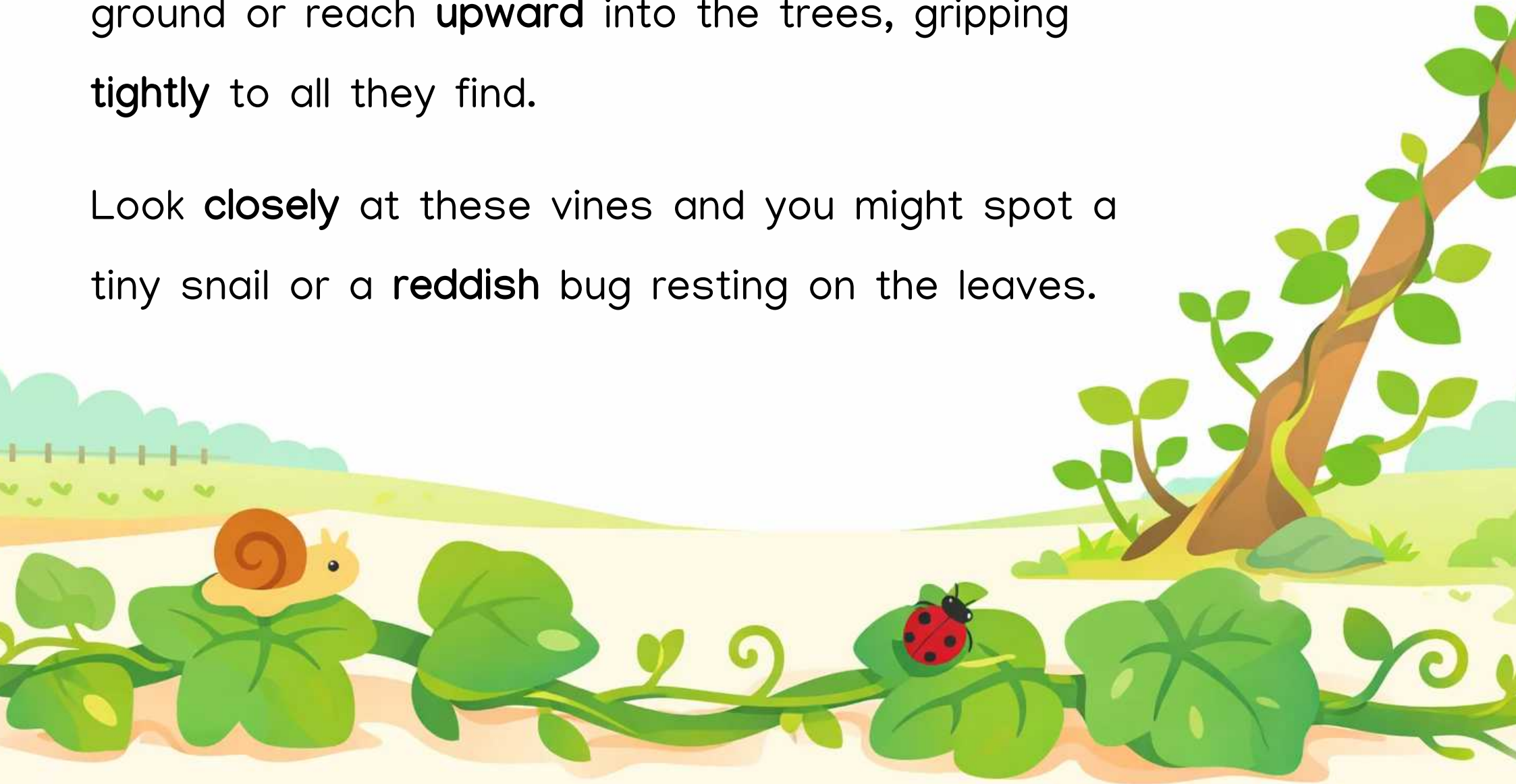


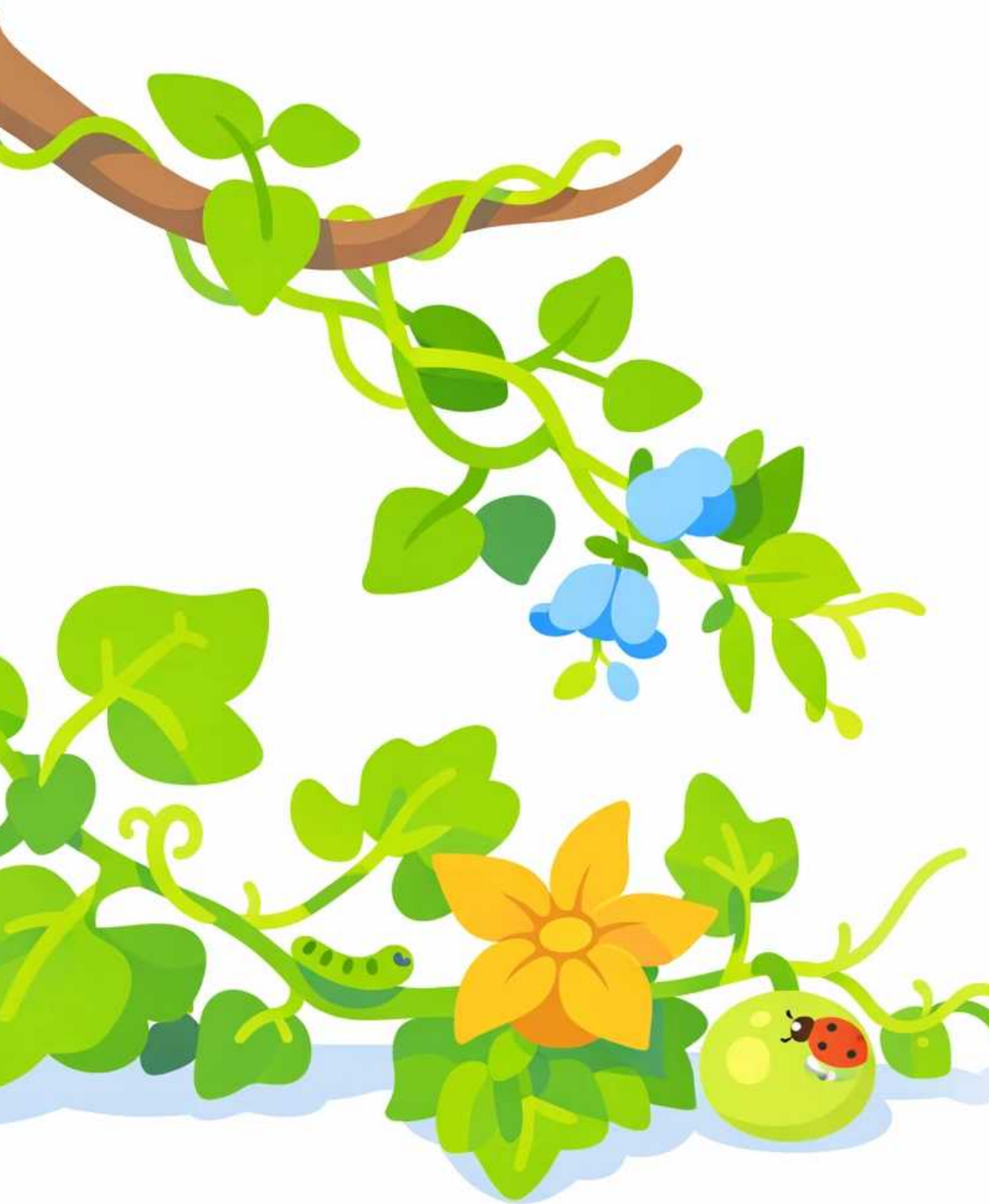
# Bigger Blossoms!



Vines are nature's best **teacher** when it comes to holding on. They stretch **outward** along the ground or reach **upward** into the trees, gripping **tightly** to all they find.

Look **closely** at these vines and you might spot a tiny snail or a **reddish** bug resting on the leaves.



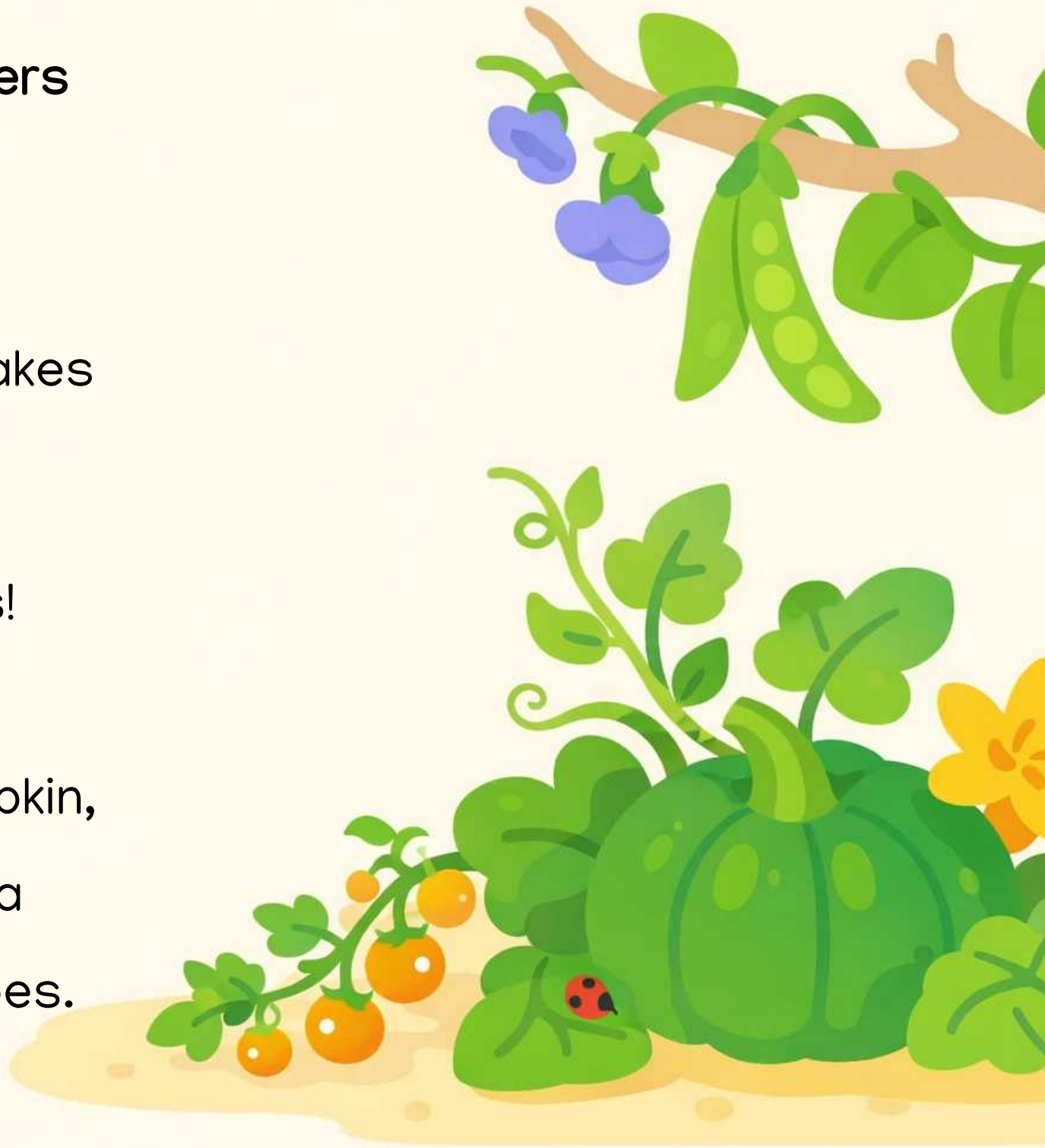


Vines can travel **upward** along a trunk or **downward** along a branch. Such a small plant can **truly** go far!

Have you ever seen a tree **fully** covered in vines? **Golden** blossoms and blue **flowers** bloom **brightly** along the way.

Some vines grow flowers and fruit. The flowers bloom first. After they drop off, fruit slowly takes their place.

Vines are so generous! One tiny flower can become a golden pumpkin, a green bean pod, or a cluster of juicy tomatoes.





We can plant vines so they cover houses and arches. They look lovely with pink and purple blossoms, and a tiny bird might even visit!

But we must be careful.

Vines are restless, and they can quickly turn harmful if we do not manage them.

Sometimes vines **fully** cover a tree and **slowly** take it over. They block the sunlight and steal water from the soil. The **harmful** vines twisted **tightly** around the tallest trees. Leaves turned gray, and bare branches poked out, weak and dying.





Some vines cling on with small spiral curls called tendrils.

Each tendril reaches **forward**, **slowly** seeking something to twist around.

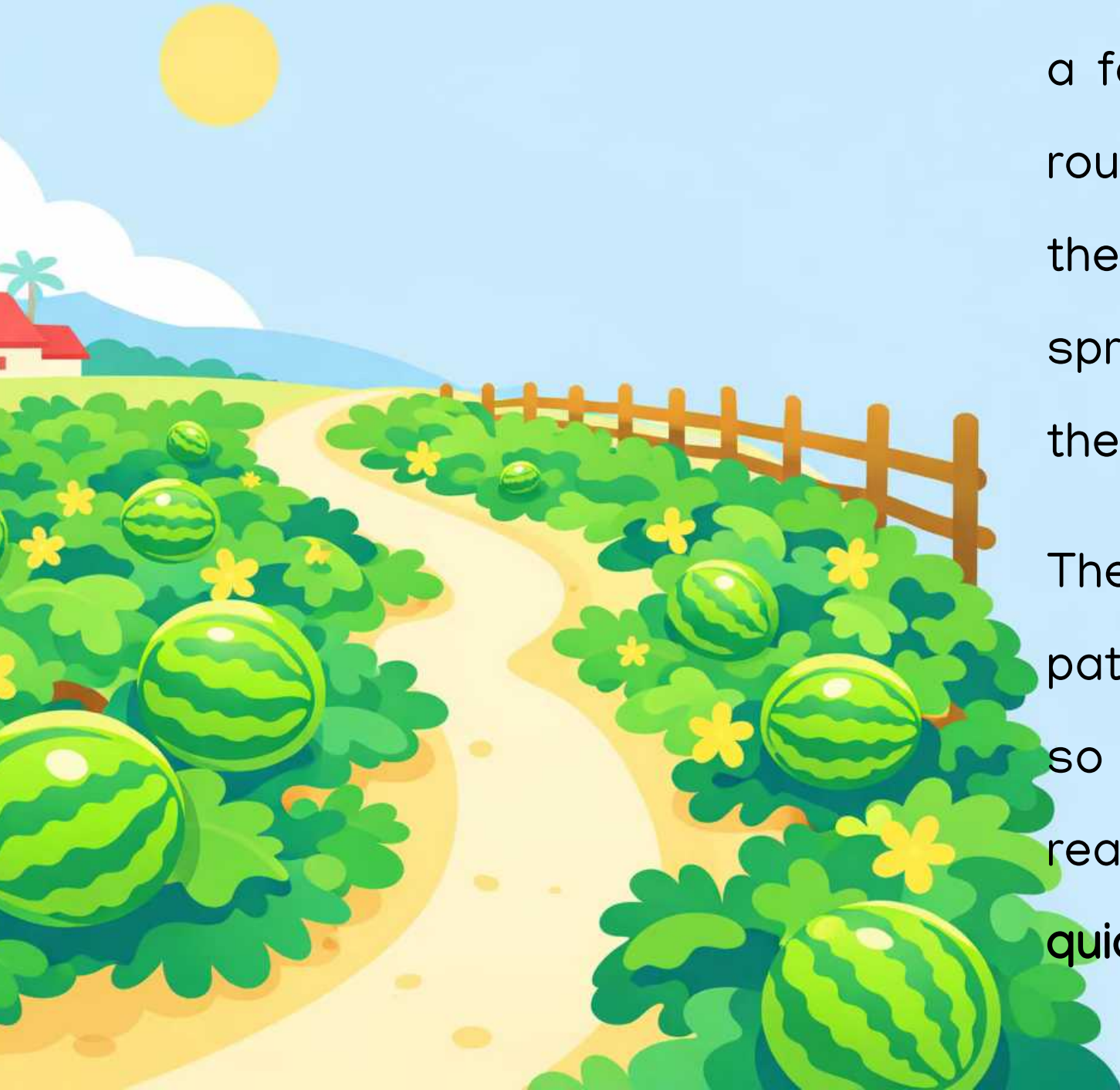
Once they **tighten** their grip, they hold on for life. A beautiful passionflower blooms **proudly** at the top of this vine.

Vines can split apart when they meet a fork in a tree. They grow in both ways, always **active** and seeking more room.

Bunches of green berries dangle from the branches.

These busy vines are always reaching **outward** for something new.

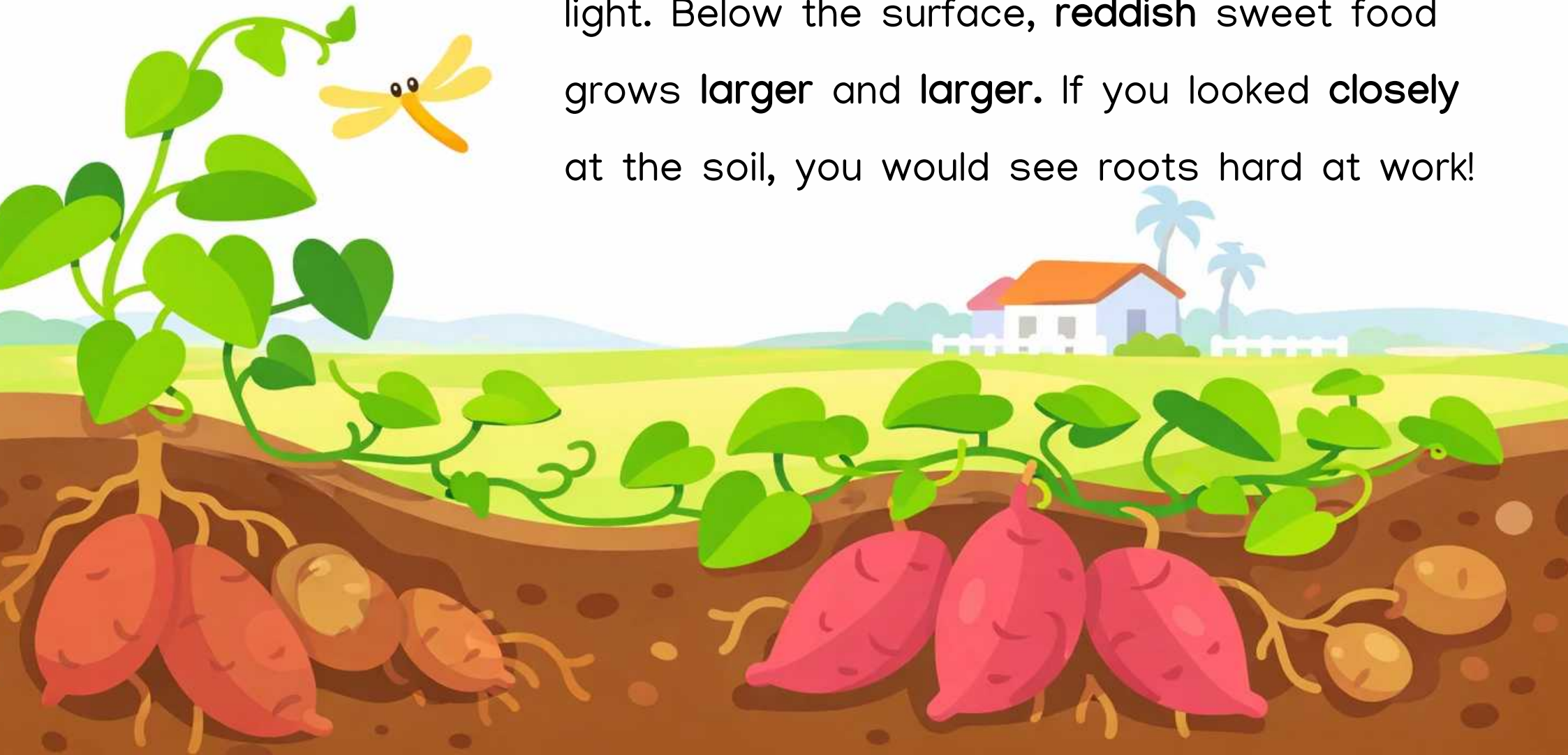




Here are some vines on a farmer's land. Big round food rests among the broad leaves, spread **widely** across the ground.

The **farmer** has cut paths between the rows so the food can be reached and picked **quickly**.

Some vines grow food under the ground. The leaves catch sunlight and send **goodness downward** into the soil where there is no light. Below the surface, **reddish** sweet food grows **larger and larger**. If you looked **closely** at the soil, you would see roots hard at work!



These wild vines have grown **wildly** across the hillside. **Slowly**, they have covered a house, a **wooden** rail, and the trees around them!

Vines from far away can be **truly** harmful. We must manage them **quickly** before they spread more **widely**.





There are so many **lovely** vines in our world.

Finding them all can bring you great joy!

Next time you are outside, near a farm, on a street, or out in the wild, see how many kinds of vines you can spot!



## Bigger Blossoms!

Ladybug has found a teeny, tiny vine in the yard, and she is certain she can grow it into the most magnificent garden anyone has ever seen. But have you ever watched a vine climb a little too quickly? What happens when golden blossoms, fat pumpkins, and curling tendrils start wrapping around everything in sight? Snail tries to warn her, but Ladybug has big plans! This decodable reader practices suffixes in words like 'brightly,' 'proudly,' 'quickly,' 'growers,' and 'lovely.'

### Reading Skills: Suffix

active, brightly, careful, closely, downward, farmer, flowers, forward, fully, golden, goodness, growers, harmful, larger, lovely, outward, proudly, quickly, reddish, restless, slowly, teacher, thicker, tighten, tightly, truly, upward, widely, wildly, wooden

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