

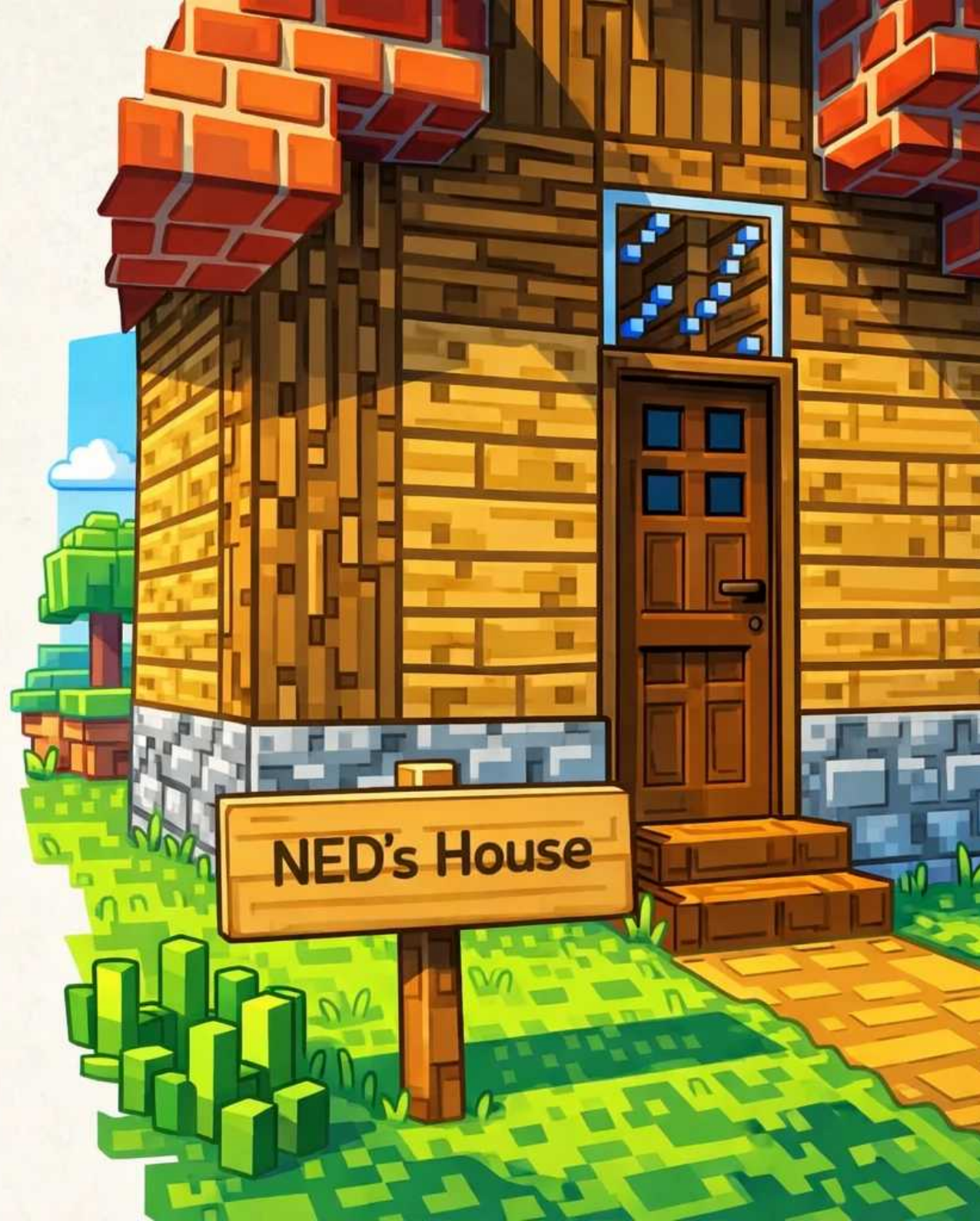
# The Bucket Splashes!



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**NED** AND THE **MAGIC BOOK**

This is Ned's house. It is big and new. He made it in the bushes, with some help from his magic book.





'I have eaten only apples for days,' Ned told The Book. 'Apples all day long, and apples for dinner too. I have **wishes** for real food.'

The Book stepped closer on its little legs and looked up at him. 'I can teach you to grow fresh food, but you must do just as I say.'

The Book tells Ned to hit patches of grass. When they break, lots of seeds drop down on the ground. 'Pick those up, we will need them,' says The Book. Ned crouches and searches the grasses to find each seed.





'Seeds!' says The Book,  
sounding pleased.

'Wheat seeds, to make  
food.' Ned holds up a  
handful and says, 'I  
found six. Do we need  
more?' 'Yes, Ned,' says  
The Book. 'Keep going.  
We will need big  
bunches.'

Ned goes into his workshop. With the Book's help, he takes some stone and makes a new tool. 'This is a hoe,' says The Book. Ned watches as the hoe takes shape.





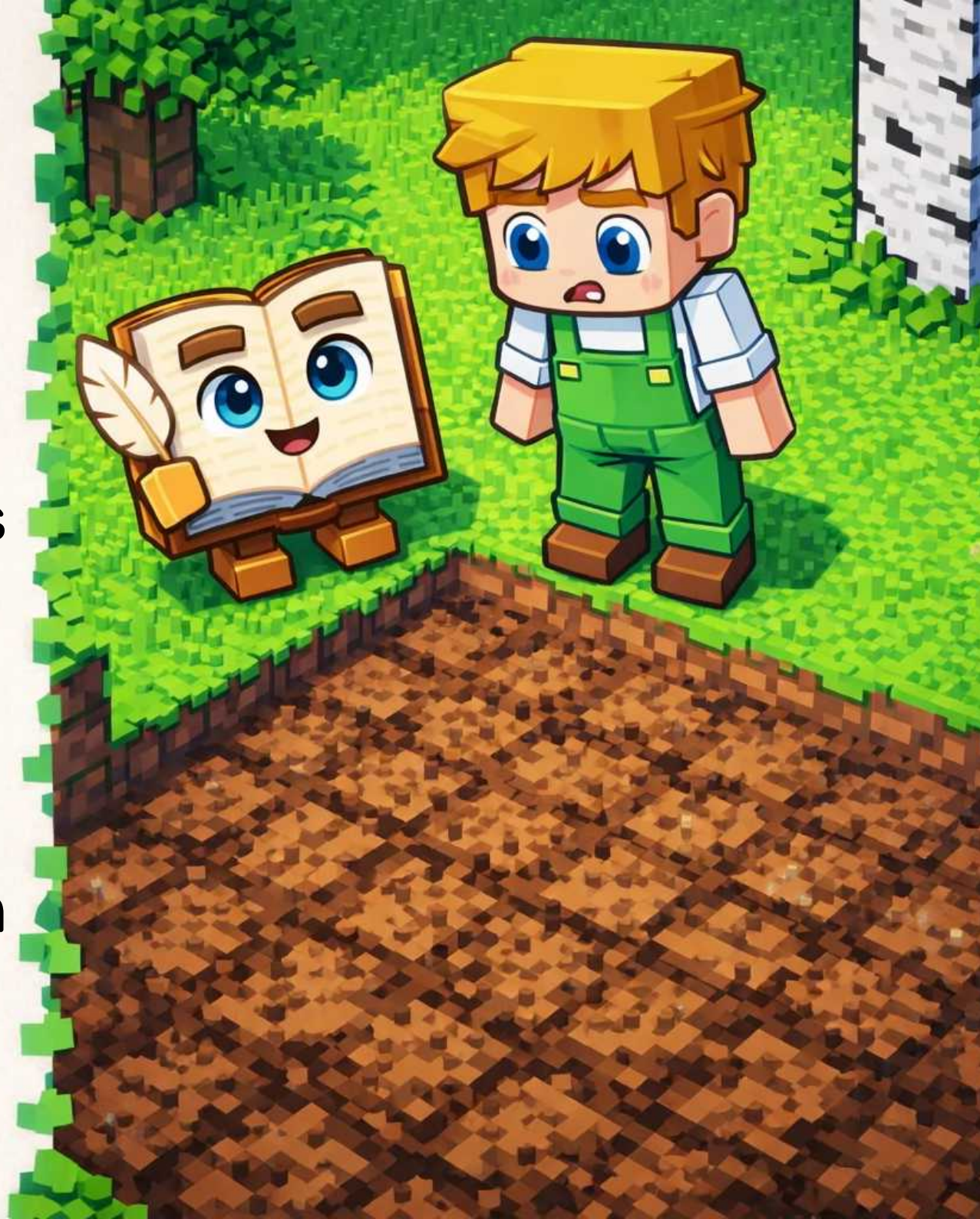
Ned finds a good spot near his house. He clears away bushes. He uses the hoe in some patches of dirt. It makes grooves in the soil, and now there is room to plant seeds.

'The soil looks so dry,' Ned says.

'Too dry to grow things in well,' says

The Book. 'You will need to water it.'

Ned wishes for rain to wet the soil.





Ned takes some iron and turns it into a round shape. 'I can scoop up some water in this thing, right?' asks Ned. 'That's right. This bucket will be great!' says the Book. Ned watches the bucket take shape.

Ned dips the bucket and pulls. Splashes go all over, and it feels as heavy as rocks. 'Water is heavy, and we don't have far to go,' says The Book. Ned grunts and carries it back to the patches of dirt.





Ned makes a hole in the field. 'Put the water in there and the patches will get wet,' says The Book. 'I hope this works. I want bread!' says Ned. He watches the water soak into the soil.

Ned watches the tiny green buds poke up in small patches. They are just inches tall.

'Is that all?' Ned asks.

'When do I get food?'

'There is one more thing you need to do,' says The Book.





'You must wait,' says  
The Book. 'Let the  
sun and water do  
their work.' Ned waits,  
and the wheat grows  
into tall bunches.  
'Well done, Ned,' says  
The Book. Ned wishes  
for a great harvest.



## The Bucket Splashes!

Ned has a brand new house, a very bossy magic book, and a belly full of nothing but apples. Can he really grow his own food from tiny seeds hidden in the grass? And when The Book sends him lugging a bucket of seawater across the whole field, will Ned's arms survive the journey? A funny tale of hard work, wobbly green shoots, and one very unhelpful book. This decodable reader practices es plurals in words such as 'bunches,' 'patches,' 'searches,' and 'splashes.'

Reading Skills: <es>

bunches, bushes, crouches, grasses, inches, lunches, patches, searches, splashes, watches, wishes

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