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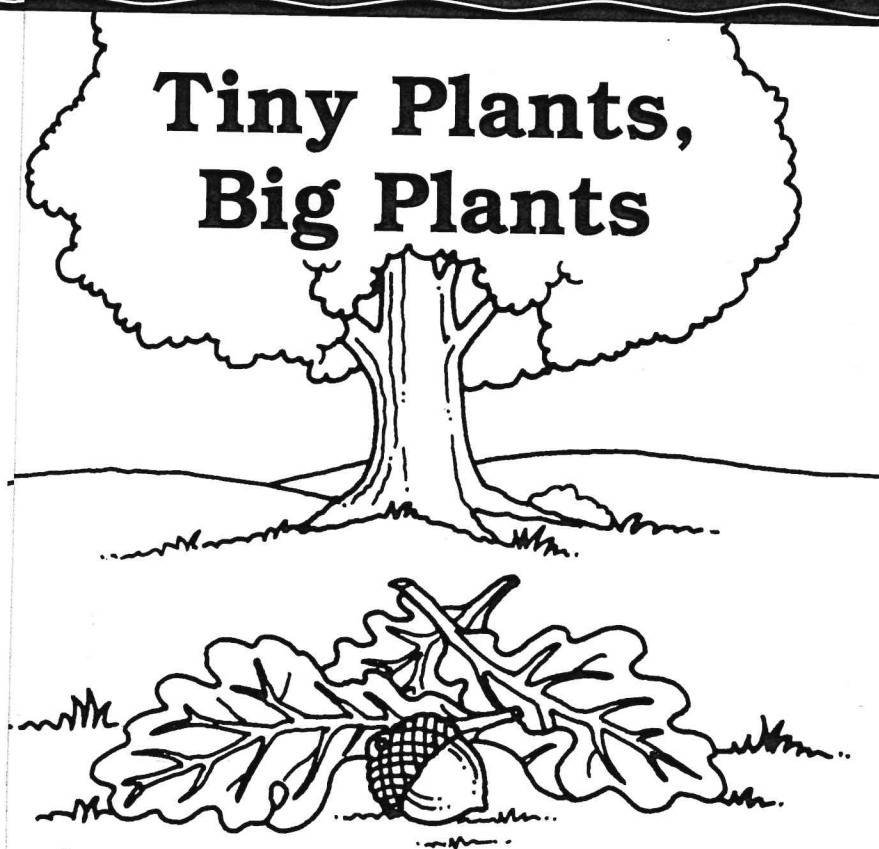
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# Tiny Plants, Big Plants

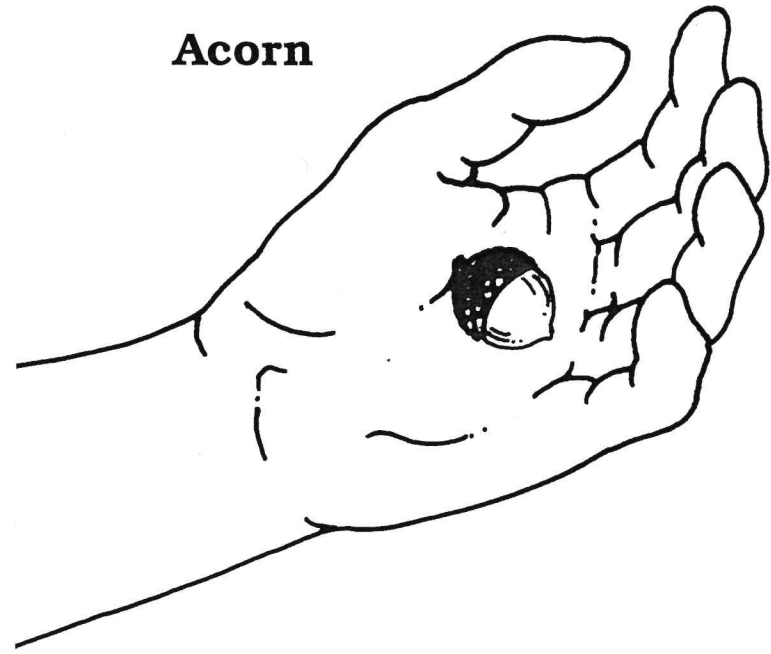


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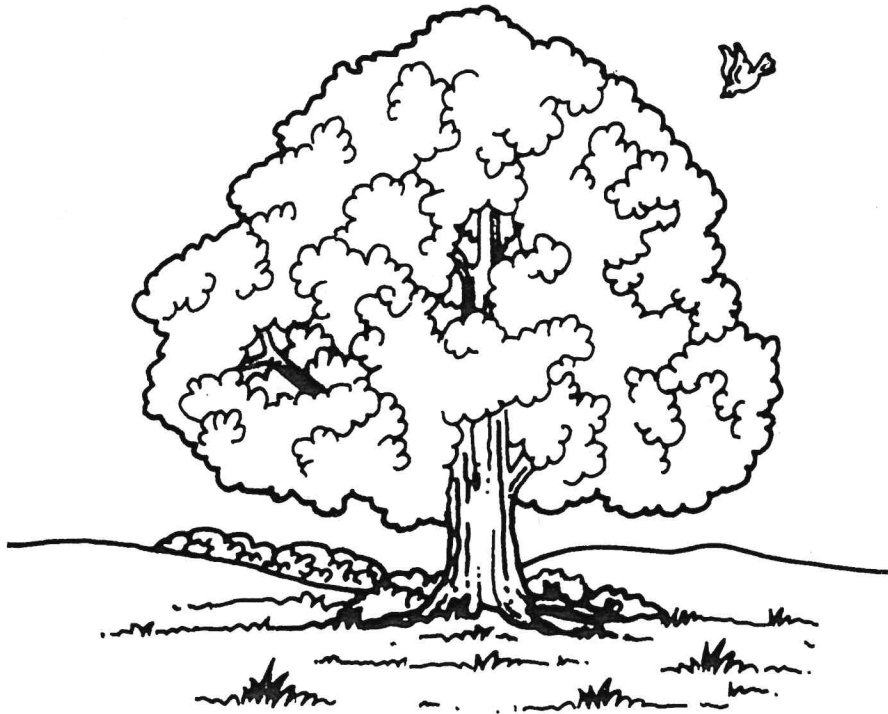
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## Acorn



This is just a tiny acorn.  
 It will not be an acorn for  
 long. What do you think it  
 will grow into?

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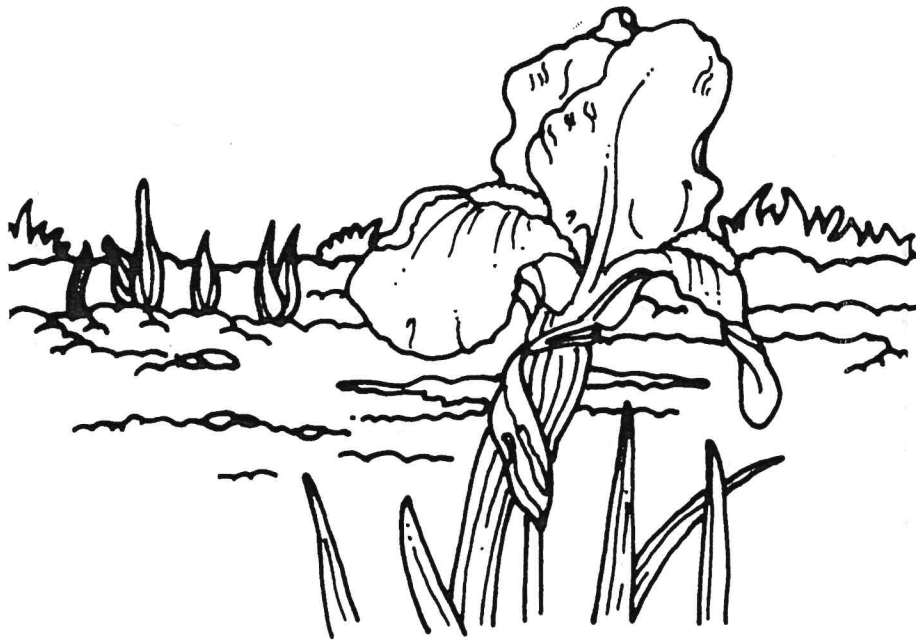


The acorn will grow into a tree. It will stand, silent and strong. It will be home to birds and spiders.

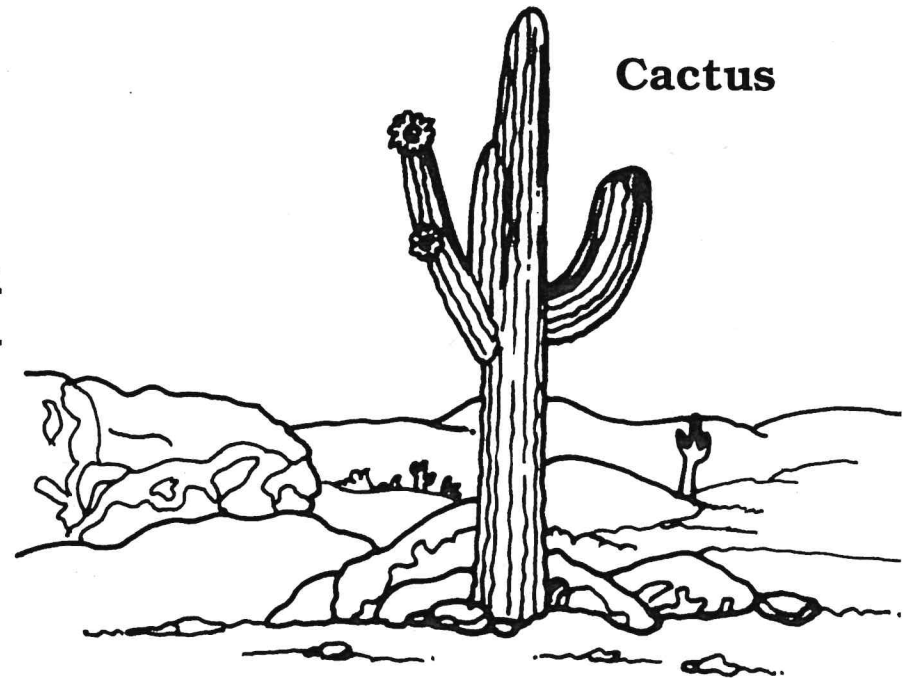


### **Iris bulbs**

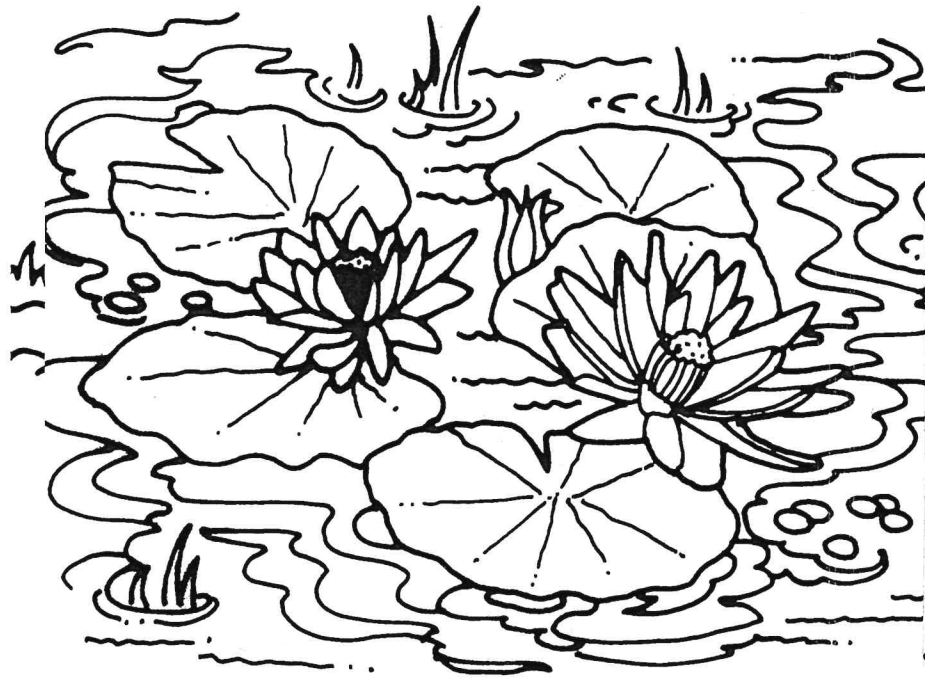
These bulbs will be planted deep in the dirt. You won't even be able to see them! They'll be hidden in the earth.



Rain and sun help the bulbs grow. Tiny shoots will pop up. In the spring, you will have an iris!



Some plants are able to grow in sand. This cactus does not need much rain. Even a little rain will do!



Plants like to grow in dirt.  
Even these plants grow  
in earth. The earth is at the  
bottom of the pond.

**Venus's - flytrap**



Plants get food from the  
earth. This plant traps its own  
food. It gets food from bugs!



## Bamboo

In China, bamboo plants  
grow high. This baby's mother  
has bamboo for dinner!

### Understanding the Story

Questions are to be read aloud by a teacher or parent.

1. What is the book about?
2. What do plants need to grow?
3. What kind of plants do pandas eat?
4. Which plant do you like best? Why?

Answers: 1. plants 2. rain, sun, earth 3. bamboo 4. Answers will vary.

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