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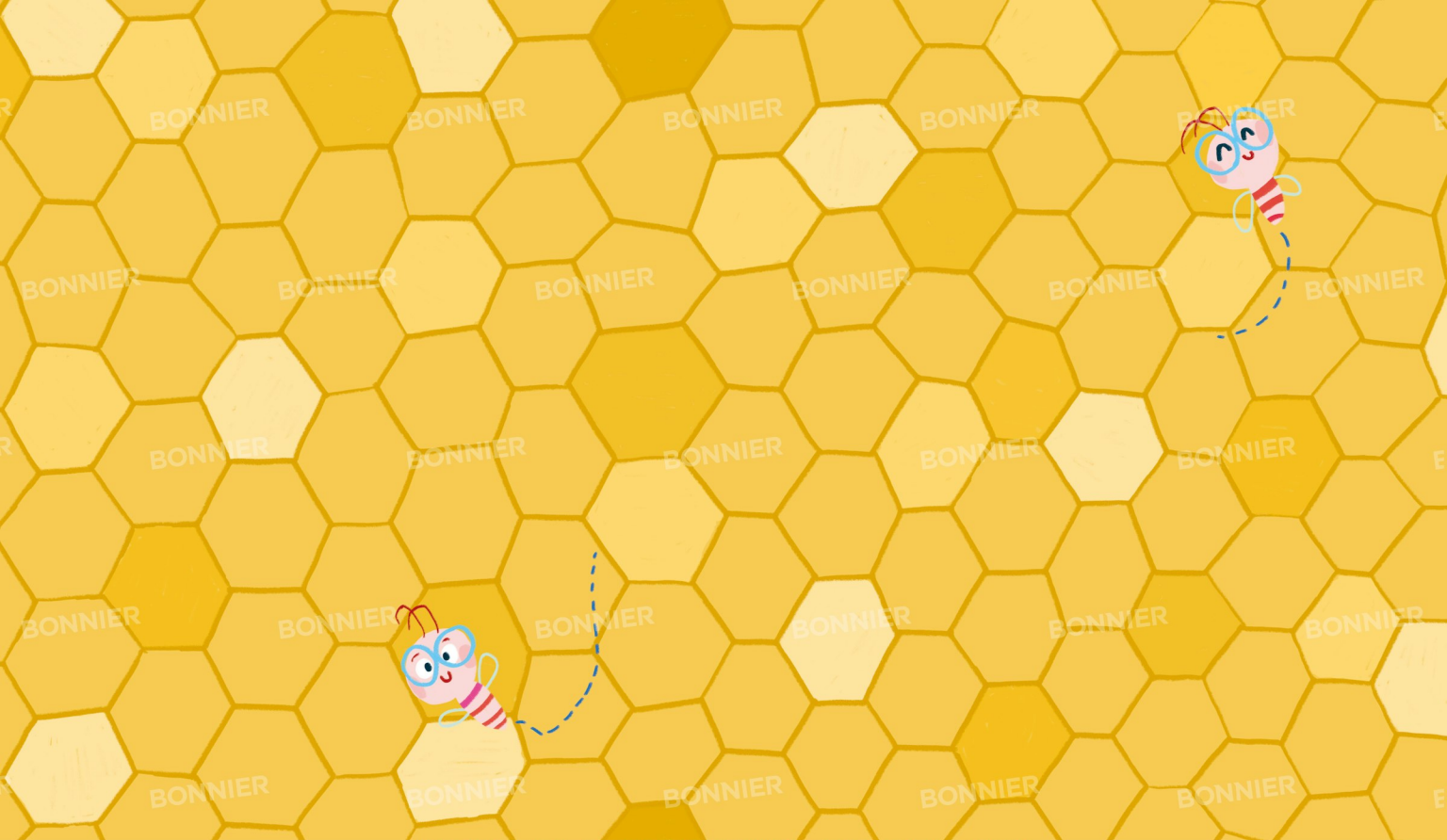
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Bessie's head was full of bees,
absolutely **BUZZING** with them.

And that was just fine.

Bessie's bees were always
buzzing to get out...



So every day they headed
straight into the garden.



While Bessie rolled in the
grass, the busy bees
explored the flowers.



While Bessie swung in
the tree, the busy bees
looped the loop!



While Bessie looked for
worms, the busy bees
looked for their
next adventure.

At bedtime, when Bessie couldn't get cosy...



the busy bees hummed all her favourite tunes until...

...they were all **FAST** asleep.



Bessie and her bees made the perfect team,
and everything was just fine. But then...

... One morning, Granny took them somewhere new.



Bessie didn't know what she was supposed to DO at nursery.

So she tried watching everyone else.

She put her coat on a peg...



She sat quietly on the carpet...



And she said, **"GOOD MORNING!"** just like the other children.



Then Bessie noticed she couldn't see anyone else with bees...

And she decided it was best to keep hers hidden inside.

But while Bessie played a game, the bored bees whirred so loudly that she didn't hear the rules and...

OH DEAR!

She slid Sunil's pieces down the snakes instead!

Next while Bessie helped to build towers, the bored bees buzzed round and round and...

OH NO!

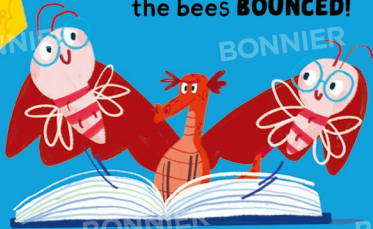
Taj and Tilly's towers tumbled down!

Miss Reid said a story would settle everyone down.
But Bessie's bees did **NOT** settle.

When the witches
cast their spells,
the bees **FIZZED!**



When the giants
banged their drums,
the bees **BOUNCED!**



And when the dragons
flapped their wings,
the bees **ZOOMED!**

Bessie tried **SO HARD** to keep
the bees inside.



But her head wasn't just **BUZZING**
with bees anymore...

... it was BURSTING with them!

They scattered bouncy balls...

The bees skittled dolls and dinos...

And they splattered paints EVERYWHERE!

After Miss Reid hurried the other children away, she stayed close by.



Still, Bessie felt very alone. . .

. . . until Granny came.



Granny knew just how to help - she started to hum.



Slowly, Bessie joined in.
And one by one, the bees flew back.

At home, Bessie sat in the garden
and took a deep breath. . .

“My bees don’t belong
at nursery,” sighed Bessie.

Maybe you could try sharing
them instead?”

“How do I share my bees?”
asked Bessie.

“But they do,” Granny replied. “Because **YOU**
belong there. And your bees are a part of you. . .

“Now **THAT** is up to you,”
Granny said.

The next morning, Bessie knew she didn't want to hide her bees anymore.



She started by showing Miss Reid how clever her bees could be.

Next she showed the other children how careful her bees could be.



And most importantly, Bessie told everyone that her bees needed to be kept BUSY!

Busy pouring paints...



Busy sliding down snakes when Sunil said it was her turn...



Busy balancing blocks at the tippy top of Taj and Tilly's towers.

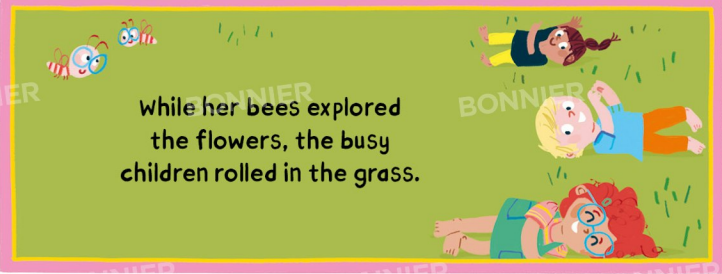


But bees can't be busy inside ALL day!

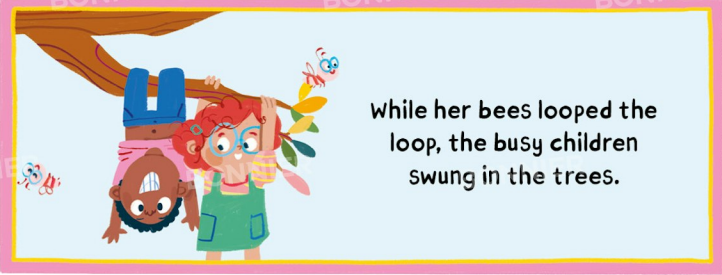


In the garden, Bessie and her bees showed the other children all there was to do!

While her bees explored the flowers, the busy children rolled in the grass.



While her bees looped the loop, the busy children swung in the trees.



While her bees looked for new adventures, the busy children were having FUN!



And if her busy bees got a bit too **FIZZY**...



Then Bessie settled down and hummed!

So now, Bessie's nursery is full of bees,
absolutely **BUZZING** with them.



And everyone agrees,
that is just fine.

