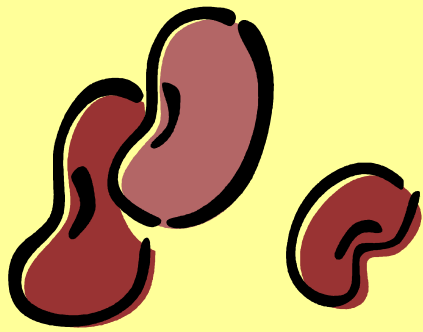




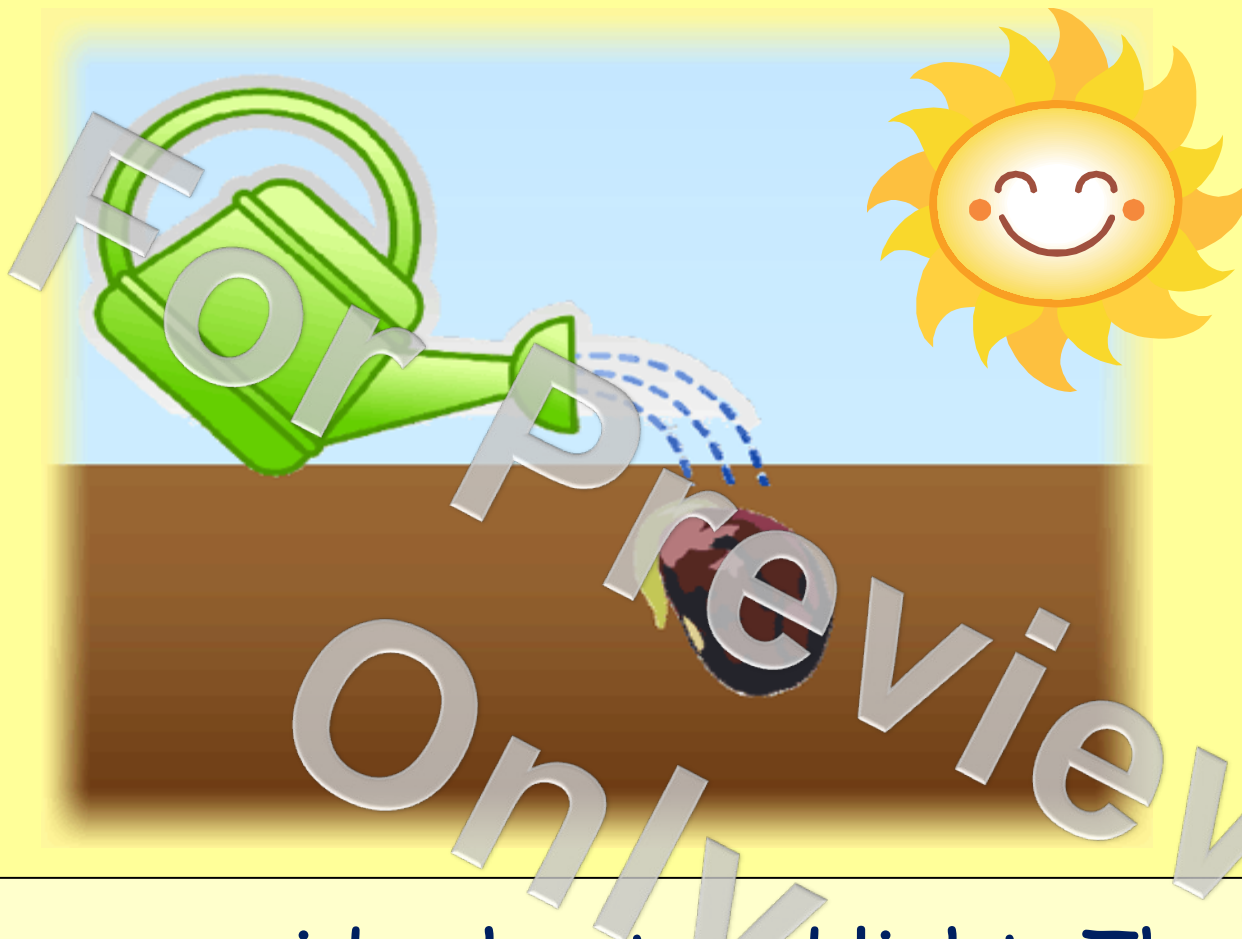
# The Story of a Bean Seed





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A bean is planted in the ground. It is dry and has a tough outer shell. It only takes a few things to make changes happen.



The sun provides heat and light. The plant also needs water and nutrients from the soil to help it grow.



The bean begins to sprout and grow.  
This stage is called germination.



The seed is swelling and getting bigger as the plant develops. The hard casing drops off, into the soil.



The bean plant begins to develop a stem, roots and leaves. The stem grows upwards, towards the light, while the roots are beneath the ground.



The leaves open as the bean plant keeps growing. The bean plant now develops flowers. The flowers have male and female parts so that the plant will pollinate.





The flowers on the plant are fertilised and new beans grow. The cycle starts all over again.

