

Journey: Between Earth & Sky: Part 2

This is the second part of the journey called “Between Earth and Sky” where we take a trip with our clever flower friends across the country. Remember to take breaks throughout the journey and eat healthy snacks! Let’s continue on our way, shall we?

Steps:

1. Firefly suitcase
2. Have a great trip!
3. “Maine and the Many Ways Life Can Be”
4. So many seeds
5. A walk in nature to find seeds
6. How I “lived” my favorite flower’s line of the law

Purpose:

When I have earned this award, I’ll be aware of my feelings and the feelings of those around me.

Step 1: Firefly Suitcase

Materials:

- A container that can be decorated
- Assorted items for decorating (pom-poms, glue, sequins, stickers, etc)

Along with our “blue bucket,” we’re also going to have this “firefly suitcase” to remember our special skills. At the end of this segment, we are going to talk about our special skills and the ones we see in others. Take some time to decorate this “suitcase” before moving on. Maybe think back to colors and what feelings they can make us feel. What colors will you choose for your suitcase?

Step 2: Have a Great Trip!

Materials:

- ‘The Flower Friends and Their Girl Scout Law Values’
- ‘Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting Promises and Law Around the World’
- Crayons or markers
- Luggage tags/bookmarks
- Assorted items for decorating
- Slips of paper
- Pen or pencil
- Blue bucket

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Today you will learn “have a great trip” in Chinese! Gloria, the morning glory, knows this language and we will soon meet her! In Chinese, “have a good trip” is “Yi lu shun feng”. Listen to this [video](#) to get the right pronunciation.

Can you say the Girl Scout Promise from memory?

- On my honor, I will try: to serve God and my country, to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Take a look at “The Flower Friends and Their Girl Scout Law Values” to read about which flowers are associated with which line of the law, as well as the “Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting Promises and Laws Around the World”. Answer these questions:

- Do you think the values of the Girl Scout Promise and Law may be important to all cultures? Why or why not?
- These are some of the promises and laws that other Girl Scouts and Girl Guides say around the world. What do you notice about their Promises and Laws? What values do we have in common?

Today, to honor the story of our flower friends, we are each going to pick our favorite flower and then agree to do one thing to show how we live the part of the Girl Scout Law that our flower lives. So, if Clover is your favorite flower, you're going to show how you use resources wisely. And if Sunny is your favorite, you'll find a way to be friendly and helpful. Go ahead and pick your favorite flower friend and write it down as well as what she does to live the Girl Scout Law. Write down what you will do today to act like your favorite flower. Put your paper slips into your bucket.

Step 3: “Maine and the Many Ways Life Can Be”

Materials:

- “Maine and the Many Ways Life Can Be”

Read the story and answer these questions:

- In the story today, Lupe tells Clover every place is special. What special places do you know? What makes them special?
- When the flower friends get to the Morning Glory Inn, they enjoy some blueberry pancakes. Do you like blueberry pancakes? Have you ever had them for breakfast?
- Did you know that around the world, some people eat foods for breakfast that you may not even imagine? For example, in China, many people enjoy fried dough sticks called “you tiao” and warm soy milk for breakfast. Does this sound yummy to you? Or would you prefer breakfast like people in England, where they often enjoy eggs, sausage, bacon, beans, mushrooms and cooked tomato? You may have noticed that some people in the United States enjoy these items for breakfast too! Would you like to dine like the Brazilians and enjoy ham, cheese,

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and bread for breakfast? Did you know that in Japan soup and rice are considered breakfast foods? This may be a little different than what you're used to. Does this sound like something you'd like to try?

- What did you eat for breakfast today? How did you feel afterward?
- What do you think makes a good breakfast that gives you a lot of energy for your day?

Step 4: So many seeds

In chapter 1 of the girls' book, Zinni worries about her seeds blowing around in the wind. Watch this [video](#) to see how seeds can be dispersed, or moved around, by the wind, water, or other funny ways! Think about these questions:

- Does this give you an idea of what lots of wind outdoors can do to seeds?
- Can you see how this can be a good way for seeds to spread themselves around?
- Can you think of times when having seeds blowing all over the place might not be good? What could happen that might not be good? Some plants are invasive, meaning that they can grow out of control and take resources away from other plants that need them more. If seeds from a plant far away comes to Indiana, it could be invasive and kill off our natural plant species. Here is a fun [video](#) to explain invasive species better.

Step 5: A walk in nature to find seeds

Materials:

- 'Seeds and Weeds'

Read "Seeds and Weeds," and then go outside and see if you can find seeds that have fallen to the ground. How many sizes, shapes, colors, and textures of seeds can you find? Can you see any weeds? Where do they grow?

Seeds can tell you what trees they come from, but trees also have fruits, leaves, flowers, and bark, which can all be used to identify trees! Go to this [website](#) with some leaves, seeds, pictures of bark, and other things you can find from trees and try to match them to the correct one!

Step 6: How I "lived" my favorite flower's line of the law

Materials:

- Slips of paper
- Pencil or pen
- Firefly suitcase
- 'Sunny's Summer and the Road to Dairyland'

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How did you live like your flower friend? Write it down on a piece of paper and read it to your parent, sibling, or friend.

Do you know what it means to have a special skill? A special skill is something you do really well. Write down your special skills and place them in your firefly suitcase. What skills do you want to get better at on this journey? Write those down as well and place them in the firefly suitcase, too.

Read “Sunny’s Summer and the Road to Dairyland” before the next section.

Congratulations on finishing this part of your journey! After this section, you have two more parts before you finish the entire journey, GO YOU!! Check back in next week for part three.