

Shake &
Match
Playbook

Music in the Meadow



Grandma Tree stands in the meadow, gently shaking her leaves.

swish

swoosh

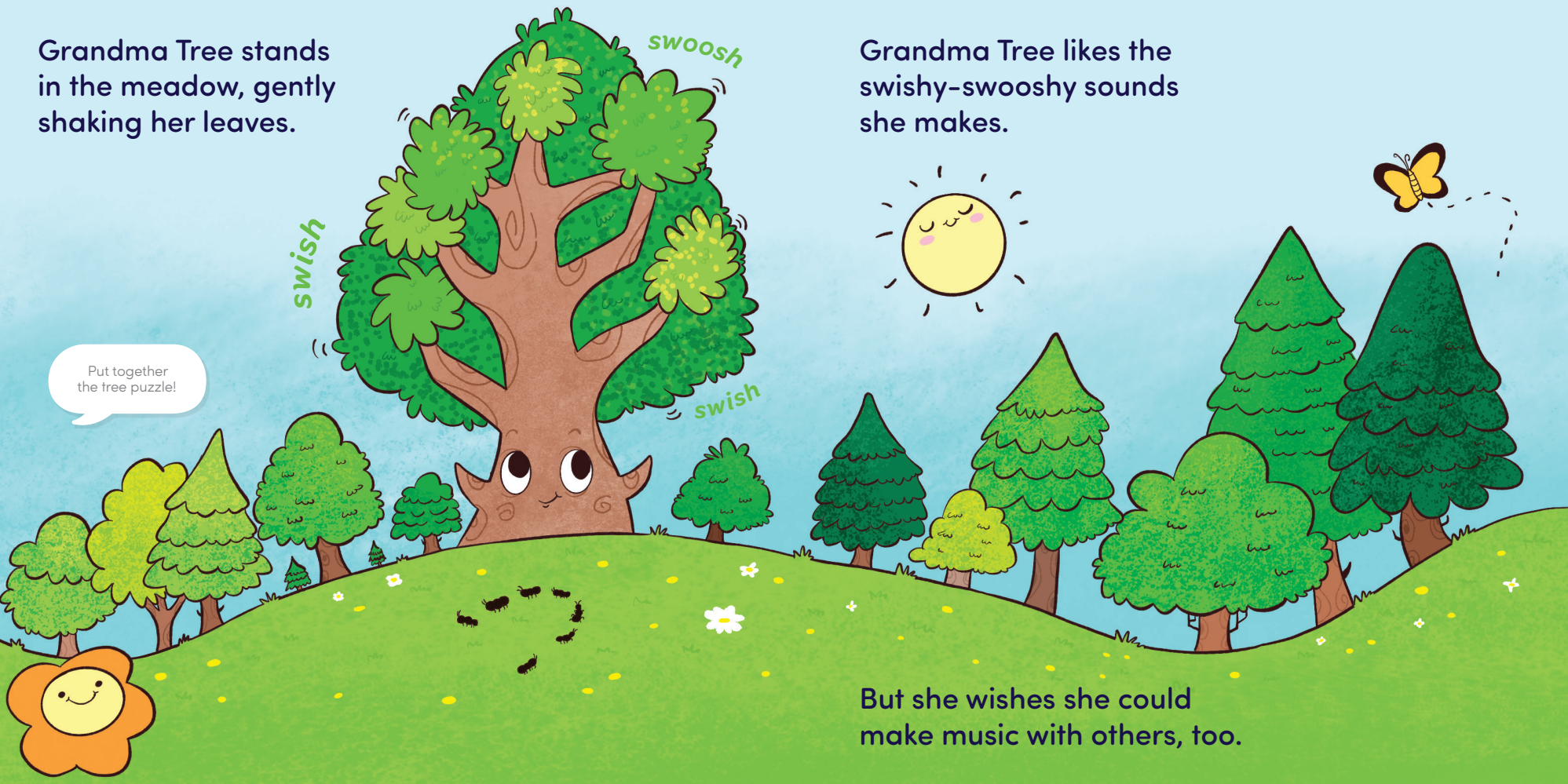
swish

Put together the tree puzzle!

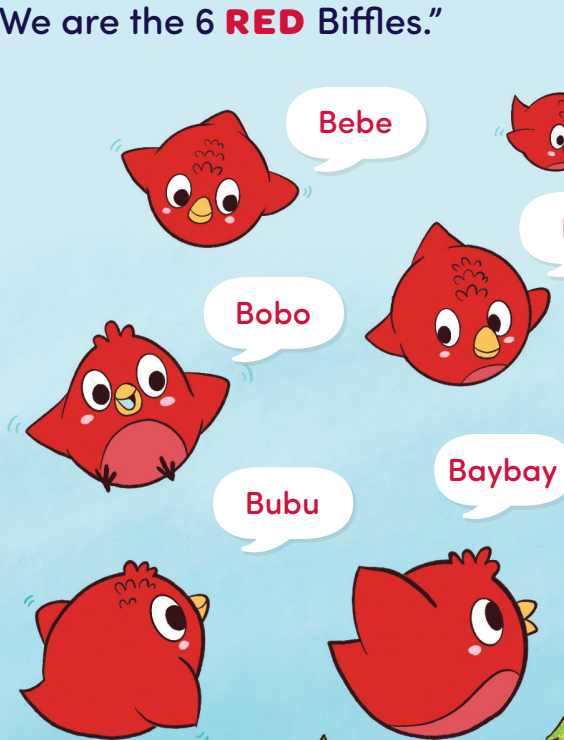
Grandma Tree likes the swishy-swooshy sounds she makes.



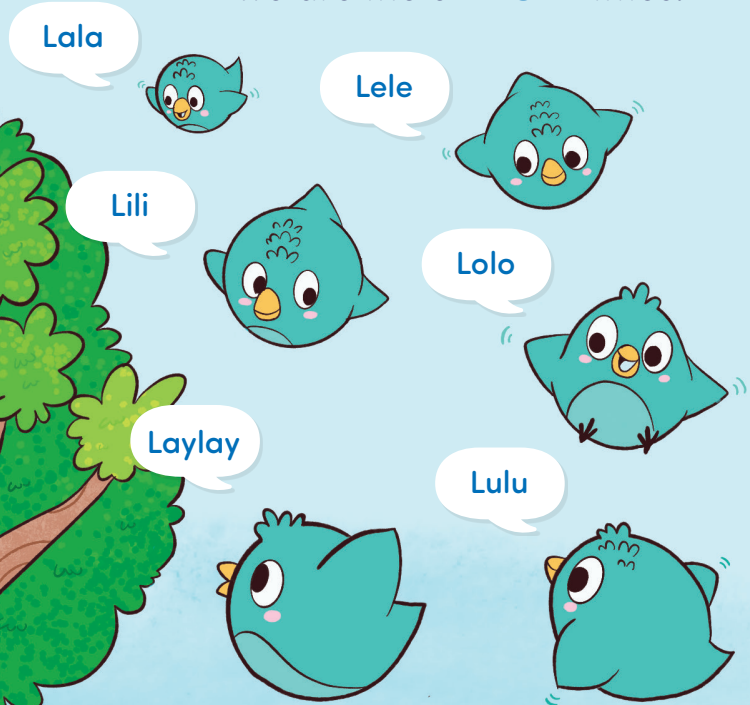
But she wishes she could make music with others, too.



Look! Here comes
a flock of noisy birds.
"We are the 6 **RED** Biffles."



"We are the 6 **BLUE** Liffles."



"Hurray!" says Grandma Tree.
"Let's make music together."





hush *shush*

But the noisy birds chirp,
coo, cackle, trill, tootle,
and screech—all at once!

hush!

Separate the birds
by color: make one group
of red birds and another
group of blue birds.

**Grandma Tree shakes
her leaves briskly.**

“Find a partner who sounds like you,” she says.

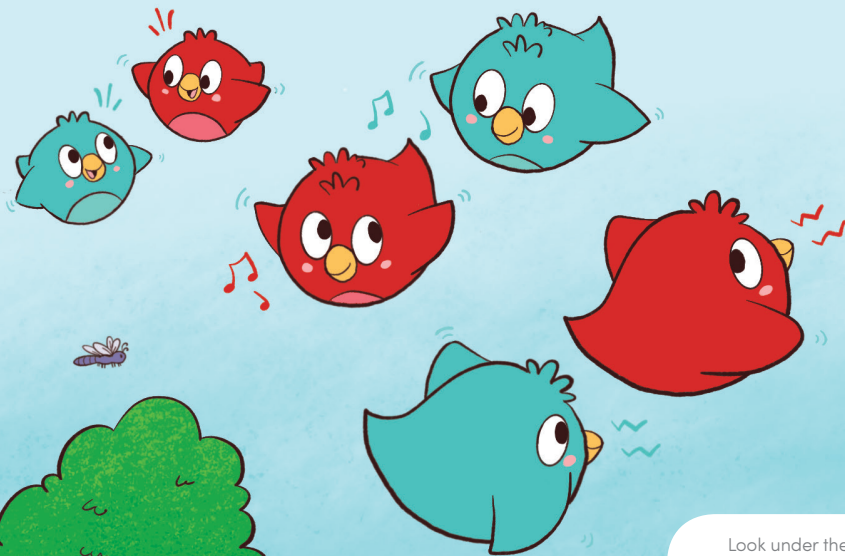
So, the birds sing, one by one—first a Biffle,
and then a Liffle.



**Each bird listens carefully—
and finds its match.**

"Now, sit on a branch in matching pairs..."

Shake a red bird
and find the blue bird with
a matching sound!



Look under the
bird pairs to see if the
bugs match!

"...and sing in
pairs, 2 by 2," says
Grandma Tree.



The birds take turns singing in pairs.

"And now, let's make music all at once!"
Grandma Tree says.

All 6 Biffles and all 6 Liffles sing.

Place all the birds
on the tree puzzle and
make a song
by shaking them!



Grandma Tree swishes
and swooshes her leaves.

The meadow is alive with music!



FREE PLAY

Let your child play as they please—they can build multiple skills along the way! Putting together the tree puzzle can improve fine motor skills, while shaking and listening to the birds can develop selective attention (the ability to filter out background noise to focus on one sound). Mini musicians can also get their creativity going by using the birds as instruments!

MEMORY ACTIVITIES

These activities cover important memory skills: memorizing and recalling information heard (auditory memory) and seen (visual memory) and remembering things in order (sequential memory). These skills are the building blocks for everyday actions, including counting, saying the days of the week, and repeating a phone number!

AUDITORY MEMORY ACTIVITY

Separate the birds by color. Ask your child to shake and listen to the birds to find matching pairs. To check if they got it right, ask them to look under the birds to see if the bugs match!


VISUAL MEMORY ACTIVITY

Place all the bug cards face down in front of your child. Ask them to find the matching pairs.

SEQUENTIAL MEMORY ACTIVITIES

Place 3 red birds in a line and ask your child to memorize their sounds in order. Then, ask them to find the matching blue birds and line them up in the same order. Start with 2 birds if it's too difficult or add birds if it's too easy!

Try the same activity with the bug cards: line up 3 cards from one set and ask your child to memorize them in order. Flip them over, then ask your child to find the same cards from the other set and place them in the same order.



Can you find the bugs hidden in the story? There's an ant, butterfly, beetle, spider, dragonfly, and ladybug!