

## TEACHING NOTES: THE SUN AND THE MAYFLY

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### SYNOPSIS

When curious Little Mayfly meets the Sun, they form an unusual friendship. But can the Sun answer all Little Mayfly's intriguing questions?

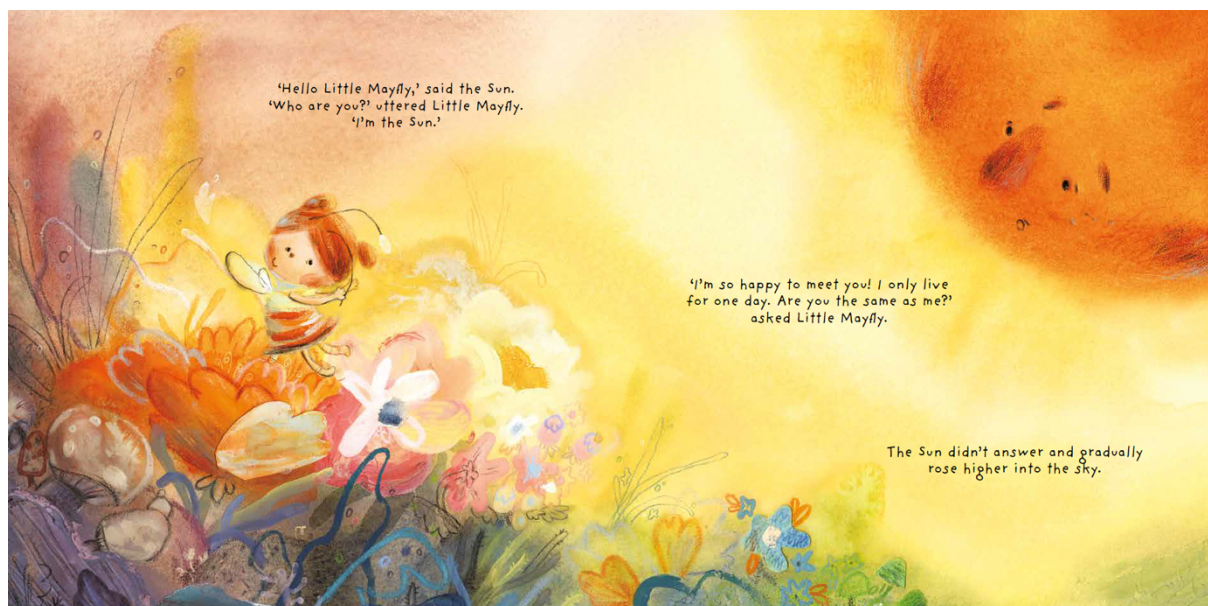
An uplifting story about the power of positivity and making the most of every day.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Tang Tang is a bestselling children's author in China, as well as a guest professor at Zhejiang Normal University. With a unique storytelling style, full of rich imagination, Tang Tang has won the National Outstanding Children's Literature Award three times, which is the most important award in Chinese children's literature. One of the winning titles, *Aqua Pixie Kakasha*, was published by Little Steps Publishing. Tang Tang loves travelling and, best of all, fairytales.

### ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Zhang Xiao is an illustrator and picture book author. Passionate about painting since she was a child, Zhang has worked in visual display design for eight years. She has worked on books and magazines such as Ren Rongrong's *Poems for Children* and *Pinocchio*.



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### EDUCATIONAL APPLICABILITY

*The Sun and the Mayfly* is a uplifting tale about the importance of positivity and making the most of every day. Key themes are nature, the seasons and curiosity about the world. Readers might like to find out more about mayflies, too.

### DISCUSSION TOPICS

Read the book together, asking questions throughout.

1. Look at the cover of the book together. What do you think the story might be about?
2. Who does Little Mayfly meet over the course of the story?
3. Little Mayfly has one day to live but she is very positive about her life in the end and tries to see the whole world. What does she see? Can you spot the camels and the train in the world picture?
4. What is Little Mayfly's relationship with the Sun like?
5. The Sun tells Little Mayfly about the circular nature of day and night and the seasons. Talk about nature cycles with the class.
6. Spend time looking at the details in all the illustrations. What can you spot? There are so many gorgeous details in Zhang Xiao's pictures.
7. What did the children think of the book? If they liked it, why did they like it? What was their favourite part?



## DRAWING FUN

Draw a picture of Little Mayfly and the Sun. Use your brightest colours!



You could add some of the animals that Little Mayfly meets throughout her day.



## THE SUN AND THE MAYFLY WORDSEARCH

Find all the words in *The Sun and the Mayfly* wordsearch.

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D R A G O N F L Y  
P E R E W O L F P  
A D E A V I Y O E  
O I E I G L Y R T  
U P J L F E T S I  
A S C Y R D U R F  
N B A S O N S T K  
N M R A G A W H A  
R U K C U D Q O W

DANDELION  
DRAGONFLY  
DUCK

FLOWER  
FROG  
MAYFLY

SPIDER  
SUN



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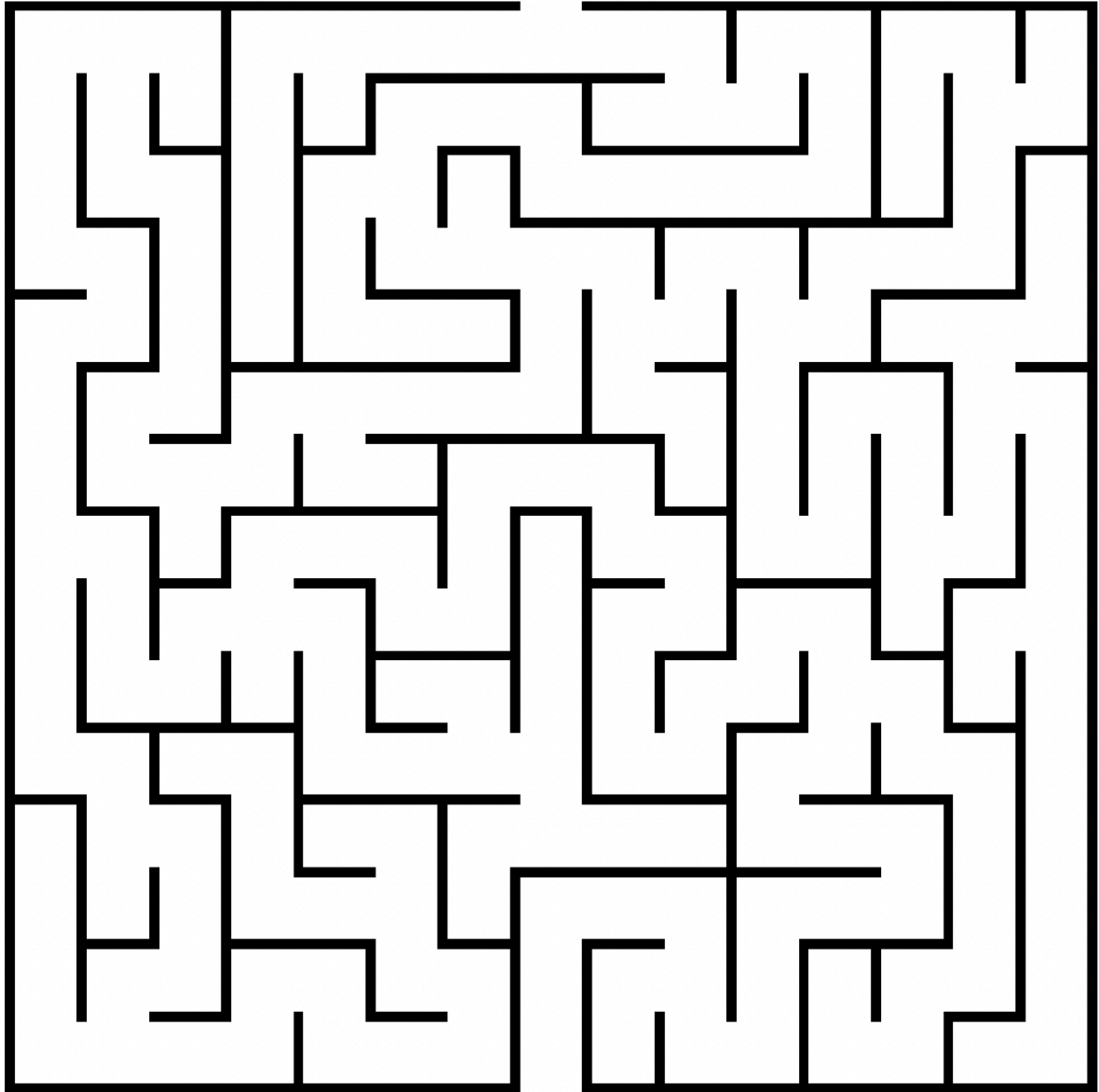
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SUN

FUN  
ACTIVITY!

# A-MAZE-ING MAYFLY

Help Little Mayfly fly up to the Sun.



FUN  
ACTIVITY!

# MAZE SOLUTION

