

Piggy and Woof Decide to ‘Bee Amazing’

This week Piggy saw a bumblebee. It was hovering over a patch of bluebells in the garden. Piggy doesn't really like insects – especially anything that might sting him – so he went inside.

“What’s the matter Piggy,” asked Woof. “Are you coming back outside? It’s a lovely day.”

“I know,” said Piggy. “But there’s a bee on the blue bells and I don’t want to get stung.”

“She won’t sting you Piggy,” said Woof. “She’s too busy looking for pollen.”

“Pardon?” asked Piggy.

“Pollen, Piggy,” said Woof. “Bees collect pollen. Come and see.”

So Piggy followed Woof warily into the garden to watch the bee. It was still hovering over the blue bells and did seem to be looking very busy.

“See Piggy,” said Woof. “Bee is just going about her business. She needs to eat pollen from the inside of the flowers. She’s hungry after her long hibernation.”

“How do you know it’s a girl?” asked Piggy.

“She’s a queen, Piggy,” replied Woof happily. “Only the queens survive over the winter. She needs to get her strength back and start a new family.”

While they were talking, Bee buzzed off.

“Bees are amazing Piggy!” said Woof excitedly. “They help flowers to pollinate by carrying bits of the pollen from one flower to another. Without them flowers wouldn’t be able to make new seeds. Other insects help but bees are the best! And without bees we wouldn’t have honey!”

Piggy pondered. He hadn’t realised how important bees were. He also thought it was pretty amazing that flowers and bees needed each other. It was as if all of creation was working together to provide for each others’ needs! Piggy wanted to be a part of this.

“I want to be amazing like Bee!” said Piggy suddenly.

“That’s great Piggy!” said Woof. “What can we do to be amazing?”

“Bee works hard and helps to keep our world beautiful,” said Piggy. “I want to help to look after our beautiful world too.”

Later on, when they were eating their honey sandwiches, Piggy said a little thank you prayer for bees and he prayed that he could be amazing too and do all he could to care for our beautiful world and all the other animals in it.

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