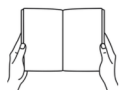


*Read.*



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*start*



*Read this silently and then out loud.*

## THE PINE TREE AND ITS NEEDLES

A little pine tree lived in the woods.  
It had leaves like long green needles.  
But the little pine tree was not happy.  
"I do not like my green needles," it said.  
"I wish I had beautiful leaves.  
How happy I should be if I only  
had gold leaves!"  
Night came.  
Then the Fairy of the Trees  
walked in the woods.  
"Little pine tree," she said,  
"you may have your wish."  
In the morning the little pine  
tree had leaves of gold.  
"How beautiful I am!" it said.  
"See how I shine in the sun!  
Now I am happy!"



*Read.*



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*Read this silently and then out loud.*

Night came.

Then a man walked in the woods.

He took all the gold leaves and  
put them into a bag.

The little tree had no leaves at all.

"What shall I do?" it said.

"I do not want gold leaves again.

I wish I had glass leaves.

Glass leaves would shine in the sun, too.

And no one would take glass leaves."

Night came.

The Fairy walked in the woods again.

"Little pine tree," she said, "you may have  
your wish."

In the morning the tree had glass leaves.

"How beautiful I am!" it said.

"See how I shine in the sun!

Now I am happy."

*Read.*



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*Read this silently and then out loud.*

Night came.

Then the wind came through the woods.

Oh, how it blew!

It broke all the beautiful glass leaves.

"What shall I do now," said the tree.

"I do not want glass leaves again.

The oak tree has big green leaves.

I wish I had big green leaves, too."

Night came.

Then the Fairy of the Trees walked in  
the woods again.

"Little pine tree," she said, "you may have  
your wish."

In the morning the little pine tree had  
big green leaves.

"How beautiful I am!" it said.

"Now I am like the other trees.

At last I am happy."



*Read this silently and then out loud.*

Night came.

A goat came through the woods.

He ate all the big green leaves.

"What shall I do?" said the tree.

"A man took my leaves of gold.

The wind broke my leaves of glass.

A goat ate my big green leaves.

I wish I had my long needles again."

Night came.

The Fairy walked in the woods again.

"Little pine tree," she said,

"you may have your wish."

In the morning the little pine tree had its long needles again.

"Now I am happy," said the tree.

"I do not want any other leaves.

Little pine needles are best for little pine trees."



## *Discuss.*



## Lesson 88



*Teacher instructions: Discuss the illustration and the passage with your learner.*



*What do you see in the illustration?*

*What did the pine tree want?*

*What did the Fairy of the Trees  
give the pine tree?*

*What happened to the pine tree?*

*What did the pine tree learn?*

*Write.*



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*Copy the passage.*

I do not want any other leaves.

Little pine needles are best for little  
pine trees.

Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed midline, repeated eight times.

*Write.*



Lesson 88

*end*



*Use the illustration as inspiration to write a sentence.*



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