



Teacher instructions: Read this passage aloud to your learner.

THE SEED BABIES' BLANKET

"Dear me," said Mother Nature, as she tucked the last of her seed-babies in bed, and spread over them a blanket of leaves, "King Winter will soon be here, and I am afraid this covering is not enough to keep my babies from his icy grasp. I must get them another blanket. What shall it be? Let me see. It should be something soft and light. And for babies, of course, it should be white."

So she went to Mr. North Wind, and said: "Oh, Mr. North Wind, please bring to me
*A blanket pure and white,
Soft as down, and sparkling bright,
To wrap my little seed-babies."*

But Mr. North Wind said: "I cannot unless Jack Frost will give me some of his silvery powder."

So Mother Nature called to Jack Frost: "Oh, Jack Frost, please give Mr. North Wind some of your silvery powder, that he may make for me
*A blanket pure and white,
Soft as down, and sparkling bright,
To wrap my little seed-babies."*

But Jack Frost said: "You must ask the clouds to give me some vapor, then."

So Mother Nature called to the clouds, and said: "Oh, kind Clouds, please give Jack Frost some of your vapor, that he may change it into silvery powder, and give it to Mr. North Wind, that he may make for me
*A blanket pure and white,
Soft as down, and sparkling bright,
To wrap my little seed-babies."*

But the Clouds said: "We must wait until Old Ocean sends us more vapor." So Mother Nature said to the Ocean: "Please, Old Ocean, send more vapor to the little Clouds, that they may give some to Jack Frost, that he may change it into silvery powder and give it to Mr. North Wind, that he may make for me
*A blanket pure and white,
Soft as down, and sparkling bright,
To wrap my little seed-babies."*

But the Ocean said: "The Sun must send us some heat fairies, first." So Mother Nature said to the Sun: "Dear old Father Sun, please send some of your heat fairies to Old Ocean, that he may send vapor to the Clouds, that they may give some to Jack Frost, that he may change it into silvery powder and give it to Mr. North Wind, that he may make for me
*A blanket pure and white,
Soft as down, and sparkling bright,
To wrap my little seed-babies."*

Listen.



Lesson 96



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And the Sun said: “Gladly!” and sent forth a host of little heat fairies that called the vapor from the Ocean to the Clouds, and the Clouds gave some to Jack Frost, and Jack Frost changed it into silvery powder, and gave it to Mr. North Wind, and Mr. North Wind made for Mother Nature:

*A blanket pure and white,
Soft as down, and sparkling bright,
And covered her little seed-babies.*

– Mary Loomis Gaylor in *For the Children’s Hour*.

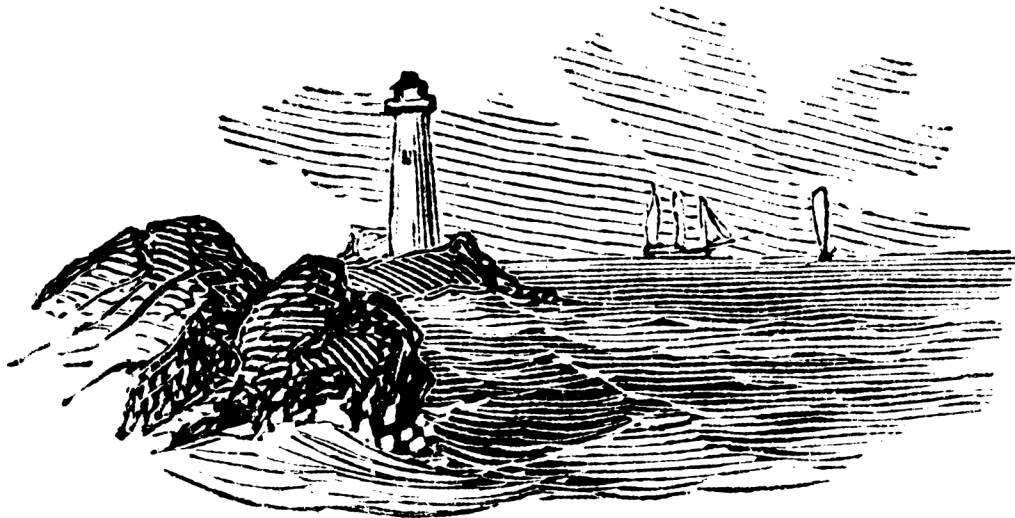
Discuss.



Lesson 96



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



What do you see in the illustration?

What do you remember from the story you just listened to? Tell me the story using your own words.

Read.



Lesson 96



Read this silently and then out loud.

THE LITTLE PLANT

*In the heart of a seed
Buried deep, so deep,
A dear little plant
Lay fast asleep.*

*"Wake!" said the sunshine,
"And creep to the light."
"Wake!" said the voice
Of the raindrops bright.*

*The little plant heard,
And it rose to see
What the wonderful
Outside world might be.*

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Write. 

Lesson 96



Copy the passage.

In the heart of a seed

Buried deep, so deep,

A dear little plant

Lay fast asleep.

Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed midline.

Write.



Lesson 96

end



Use the illustration as inspiration to write a sentence.



Handwriting practice lines consisting of four sets of horizontal lines. Each set includes a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line.