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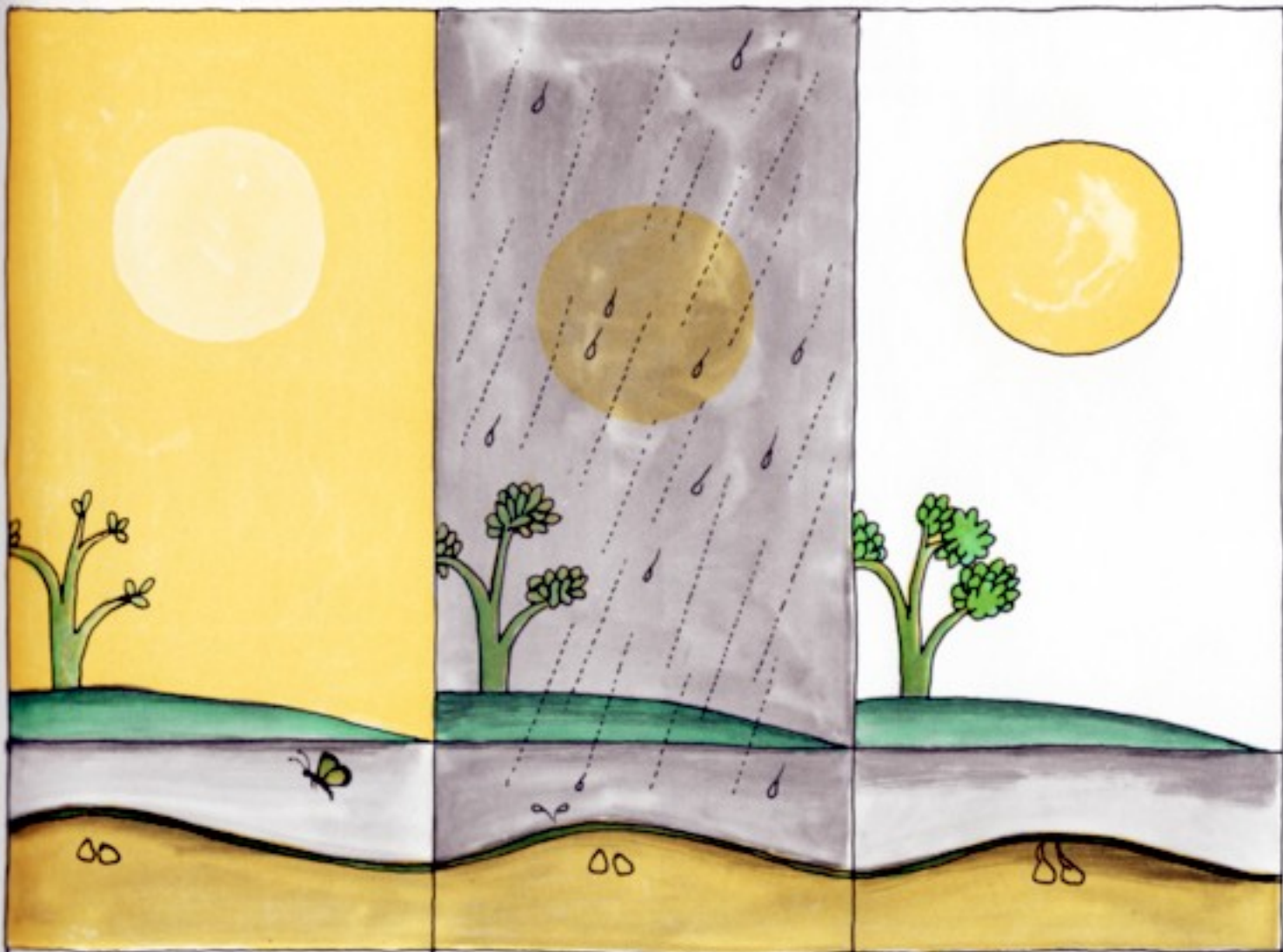
CORN IS MAIZE

The Gift of the Indians

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The sun shines
down on them.

Spring rains water
the soil.

The hard seeds
soften and sprout.

A leaf appears
and a stalk
begins to grow.



More leaves
come from joints
called nodes.



A corn stalk
shoots up fast.
Farmers say that
on a quiet evening
they can hear
the corn growing.



This is a kernel of corn.
It is a corn seed.

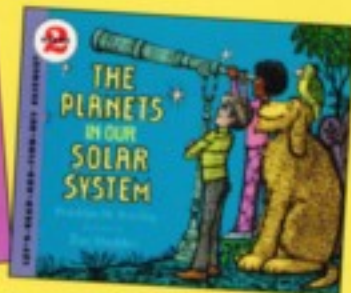
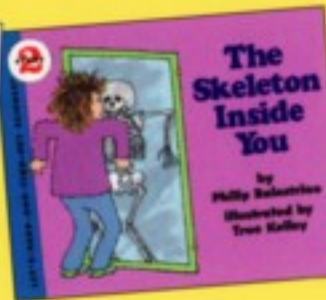
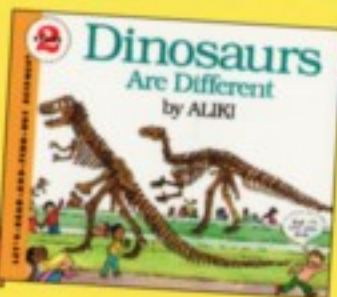
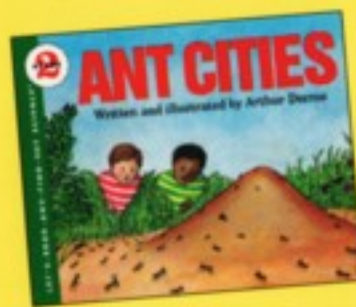


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