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Tom's Tree

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The next day, Tom looked where he had planted the seed. There was no tree growing.
'Let's play football,' said Ned.

But Tom was thinking about his tree.
'When my tree grows,' he said, 'we can . . .



. . . build a tree house
like a pirate ship and
fly over the moon.'

'Trees can't fly,' said Ned.

... grow into a tree with
strong green branches and
golden leaves and
red fruit and
peacocks singing.'

'Peacocks don't sing,' said Ned.



Tom smiled at Ned. Ned smiled at Tom.

'Pirates!
'Dragons!
'Rainbows!
'Giants!'

