

## **BEEWARE**

### **ABOUT:**

One evening, while sitting on our front porch, my husband, aka Babe, and I watched Winston intently sniff around and under a bush. There must have been some sort of bug. I used this scenario to write a story about the consequences that come of our actions.

### **PURPOSE:**

This story is to help children make a link between what they do and what happens as a result. Children sometimes ignore advice because they just want what they want, or they get so intent on what they are doing that they ignore what they are being told, as demonstrated in this story.

### **SUGGESTIONS:**

It is important that children know how their actions will have consequences, both positive and negative. They can learn to take good advice from trusted adults, or they can learn from natural consequences that happen because of their decisions.

All too often the very word, consequence, is interpreted as bad. To further help children make the line between action and consequence, set up some verbal scenarios and ask your children what might happen next. Let them use their imagination as big as they want without correcting them, instead, help them to think through how actions have effects.

### **IDEAS:**

- Study all the different kinds of bees. In the story the Bumble Bee stings Winston, only it doesn't die. Some bees can only sting once. Some people are allergic to bee stings.
- Have a local beekeeper come to speak to your class
- Plant a flower that attracts bees and other pollinators.
- Study pollination