

## **Trees Trees Trees**

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- Cast: Ditty  
Renee Recycles
- Ditty: Trees, Trees, Trees, I never saw so many trees! Why are there so many trees?
- Renee: Well this is a Nature Preserve! And trees are good for us.
- Ditty: Good for us? Nature Preserve? Is that like peach preserves? I'll eat peach preserves but I WILL NOT eat trees.
- Renee: Ditty, I am not asking you to eat a tree. And a nature preserve is a place where trees are protected.
- Ditty: Whew! I am glad. I don't think I could have chewed a tree.
- Renee: You don't have to eat or chew on a tree but trees give us things that are good to eat.
- Ditty: Like what?
- Renee: Like nuts and fruits. But trees are good in other ways, too.
- Ditty: Like how?
- Renee: A very important way they are good for us is changing the carbon dioxide we exhale into oxygen so we can breathe it again.
- Ditty: So, if I breathe on a tree I won't get fussed at like when I breathe on Aunt Mable?
- Renee: No, Ditty, in fact it is good for the tree.
- Ditty: Even if I eat onions and garlic?
- Renee: I don't know about your eating habits but a tree will not complain even if you breathe on it after eating onions and garlic. But you know Ditty, trees do other things for us.
- Ditty: Like what?

- Renee: Trees muffle noises like car and airplane engines. They provide a place for birds and animals like squirrels to live. They also provide food for many animals. Us included. Apples, oranges and persimmons grow on trees. Pecans, walnuts and many other nuts come from trees, too.
- Ditty: Mom says my Uncle Ferd is a nut. Did he come from a tree?
- Renee: He may be from your family tree (aside to audience: "which I am sure is full of nuts") but that is not the type of nut or tree that we are talking about.
- Ditty: Well, What about tangerines and pears? I like pears!
- Renee: Yes, Ditty. Tangerines and pears come from trees, too. Did you also know that trees are grown and cut to make lumber for houses. Some trees are used to make paper and paper products when recycled paper is not available. Trees also provide shade and when these trees shade your house you use less energy.
- Ditty: I know! I know! Because when it is hot, I have absolutely no energy. I just drag around all day.
- Renee: No, Ditty. The energy I am talking about is the energy you use to cool your house on hot days. If you have trees shading your house you don't have to run your air conditioner so much.
- Ditty: Wow! I did not know that trees do that much for us. So it IS important for us to preserve our trees.
- Renee: Yes, Ditty. Conservation is important for all of us. And trees are important, too. So let's sing a song about how trees grow.

## **Growth of a Tree**

(to the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot")

I'm a little tree, oh so small,  
In years ahead, I'll grow so tall!  
With a lot of water, sun, and air,  
I will soon be way up there!

Deep inside the soil my roots are found,  
Drinking the water underground.  
Water from the roots my trunk receives,  
Then my limbs start making leaves.

As I start to climb in altitude,  
Leaves on my branches will make food.  
Soon my trunk and branches will grow wide,  
And I'll grow more bark outside!

I will be a tree very tall,  
Losing my leaves when it is fall.  
But when it is spring, new leaves will show.  
How do trees grow? Now you know!