One Seed

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Script for Reading (Play)

The colors are for each character.

► Narrator: Black

► Seed #1: **Red**

► Seed #2: Purple

► Seed #3: Brown

► Seed #4: Blue

► Seed #5: Green

► ► ► ► ► SOUND EFFECTS

Please be open to improvising and adding different sounds. Some schools have actually made sets and props, and worn costumes. Have fun! And of course, to finish with the song and have everyone joining in on the chorus.

NARRATOR:

Now, this is a story about One Seed. Is everybody ready and comfortable? Then, we will begin...

A long time ago there was a Seed, blowing about the desert plain. It swirled and flew with the wind and sand, in one direction and then another.

▶ ▶ ▶ ▶ ▶ Sound of the wind and sand

One day the Seed decided to settle down and grow. Now this was unheard of in the desert. All the other seeds shouted as they went spinning by:

- "It can't be done!"
- "It's never been done before!"
- ► "It's impossible!"
- ▶ "No, you can't do that!"
- "Yes I can," said the Seed. "Just watch me."

The Seed took no notice of what all the other seeds said and it planted itself firmly in one spot. It opened itself and sent up a little shoot, then sent down a little root.

Still the wind blew and the sand swirled around.

Soon the shoot grew above the surface of the sand. It was green and had little spikes at the top.

The roots grew down and down and began to hold firmly. Still the wind blew and the sand swirled around.

▶ ▶ ▶ ▶ ▶ Sound of the wind and sand

All the other seeds shouted as they went spinning by:

- "It can't be done!"
- "It's never been done before!"
- "You'll not survive!"
- "You'll never grow!"
- "Yes I will," said the Seed. "Just watch me."

And still the shoot grew taller and taller, and taller and taller, until it grew into a tree. It stood majestic against the bright golden sand and the brilliant blue sky. All the other seeds were amazed and surprised and shouted as they went spinning by:

- "You won't last long!"
- ▶ "You wait and see!"
- "You'll only fall!"
- "You won't last long!"
- "Yes I will," said the Seed. "Just watch me."

Years went by and the tree just grew bigger and bigger, stronger and stronger, and started dropping seeds to the ground.

Pretty soon those new seeds opened up and sent little shoots up to the sky and little roots down into the sand.

It wasn't long before there were several little trees growing around the big tree.

Their roots had grown so deeply into the sand to find moisture that they started to suck water up to the surface of the desert

▶ ▶ ▶ ▶ Sound of sucking (be careful this is hard on the throat so don't do it for very long).

and soon the sand was moist enough for grass to grow.

Then, when there were several trees growing strong and tall, the water began to bubble to the surface

and made a wonderful cool blue lagoon.

Word about the new lagoon was carried across the land by the wind,

and little birds and insects

▶▶▶▶ Sound of birds chirping and insects buzzing...

flew to see this magnificent place and make it their home.

With them they carried all kinds of seeds which grew into beautiful plants and flowers.

One day some weary travelers

▶ ▶ ▶ ▶ Sound of being weary, like after a long hard day of play... tired and weary... oh, oh...

were making their way across the desert and noticed in the distance this magical place.

They led their camels to the oasis, relaxed in the shade, and filled themselves with the cool, fresh spring water.

After a few days they felt refreshed and stronger and continued on their journey across the desert.

In their clothes they carried seeds that had fallen on them from the trees while they rested.

As the travelers walked across the desert the seeds fell out of their clothes, one by one,

▶▶▶▶ Sound like seeds falling out of their clothes, like boing, boing, boing...

and took hold in the sand and grew into trees.

So next time that you are seeking shade, and you find it under a tree, just remember that it took one brave seed to start to grow when all the other seeds said it was impossible, and couldn't be done



One Seed - that's all!

