

Miss Johnson's Plants

Miss Johnson, a second grade teacher, reached deep into her	10
canvas bag and pulled out two plants. She placed the plants on a table at	25
the front of the room. She asked her class to gather around the table to	40
look at the plants and describe what they saw.	49
“They look the same,” Helena said.	55
“The leaves are green,” Aaron added.	61
“They’re standing straight up,” Lee noted.	67
Miss Johnson asked them to touch the soil and tell her about it.	80
“The soil is moist, and it’s dark brown,” Mia observed.	90
“The soil is getting stuck under my fingernails,” Teresa said.	100
Miss Johnson placed one plant in a sunny spot on the windowsill	112
and the other on the floor in a dark corner of the classroom. She asked	127
for four volunteers. Each volunteer was responsible for watering the	137
plant on the windowsill once a week. Miss Johnson promised her class	149
the plants would be part of an important lesson the following month.	161