

Sowing

ENGLISH
TEXT AVAILABLE

Age
5+

The secret of a life in peace

In the beginning, life was paradise – everybody did what they could and there was enough of everything to go around. When the morning came, a fight broke out over the land.

Everybody had their own answer to the questions so that they completely forgot what had happened in the first place.

The fight that followed led to nothing but harm and injuries, but soon, they went back to the fields, sowing and cultivating the land.

When the next storm breaks out, they already know what happens: It is just the day that splits in half – so everybody does what they have to do and leaves the quarrelsome to their own devices.

Maria Wernicke's parabolic tale "Siembra (Sowing)" opens the dialog about the dynamics of war making people blind and never leading to any result but destruction – and how to keep peace by not being irritated by small inconsistencies.

Both the story and the minimalistic pictures offer an opportunity to talk about war with children.

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conflicts

Peace &
cooperation

Mutual
understanding