

# Little Tree in a Big Forest

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## About the story




*Little Tree in a Big Forest* follows the life cycle of trees as they grow from seedlings to mighty trees to new creations that can last for generations. Through fun illustrations and a delightful story about a small oak tree and a family of bears, this book explores the important concepts of sustainable resources and caring for the environment through responsible forest management.

## Learning Opportunities

- Identifying various tree species
- Noticing what wildlife use the forest for their habitat
- Recognizing numerous everyday products that are made from wood
- Learning about the benefits of proper forest management

## About the Author



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She grew up on a farm in rural Missouri and graduated from St. Francis Borgia Regional High School. Hulseley joined KMOV as a news reporter in 2016 and continues working at the TV station as a lifestyle show host. Hulseley is also the author of the children's books "A Bad Day Fishing" and "A Fun Book."

**Free** lesson plan, coloring pages,  
and activity sheets available at  
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## Q&A with the author



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### **Q. Why did you want to write this story?**

A. I grew up on a farm so I was familiar with landowners timbering property for a variety of reasons and we had good friends who worked at paper mills. When I started raising my children closer to the city, I quickly realized they were a step removed from that early understanding of where some things, from food to paper, come from. I was intentional in my effort to create a story that could be used for learning in classrooms across the country while also being enjoyed as a sweet bedtime story at home. That's why I also created a free lesson plan, plus 15 free activity sheets and coloring pages, that are available on my website.

### **Q. What surprised you during this process?**

A. This project made me sit back, look around, and notice just how many products are made from wood. From books to tables and toilet paper, I bet you would lose count of how many forest products you use each day. Not only do trees create items, they also create a lot of jobs. I was surprised to learn how robust the forest products industry is here in the Midwest.

### **Q. What do you hope readers take away from this story?**

A. I hope they walk away with an appreciation for not only things, but also the people who create them. For example, I want our children to appreciate cattle farmers as much as they enjoy eating a cheeseburger and I hope they respect the loggers and mill workers as much as they value their beautifully crafted dinner table.

### **Q. What else are you working on?**

A. I have a quirky bedtime book that was just released this Fall, titled "A Fun Book." It's a collaboration with a St. Louis illustrator. The sequel to my Bad Day series will be released in Spring 2025. Stay tuned for "A Bad Day of Baseball," featuring reader-favorite "Jack" from my debut book, "A Bad Day Fishing."

