



Kopano and Lereko were eating scones that their mother baked.

Those scones were covered with honey.



Lereko asked their mother, "Where does honey come from?"

"My child, bees make honey," answered mother.



"Bees make honey from flowers. They collect nectar from flowers," explained mother.

"Bees also carry pollen between flowers."



"Pollen is part of a flower's seed.

Pollination is when bees spread seeds from one plant to another. This helps plants to reproduce."



"Bees take pollen from one plant to another. They pollinate our crops," said mother.

"We also get useful products from bees."

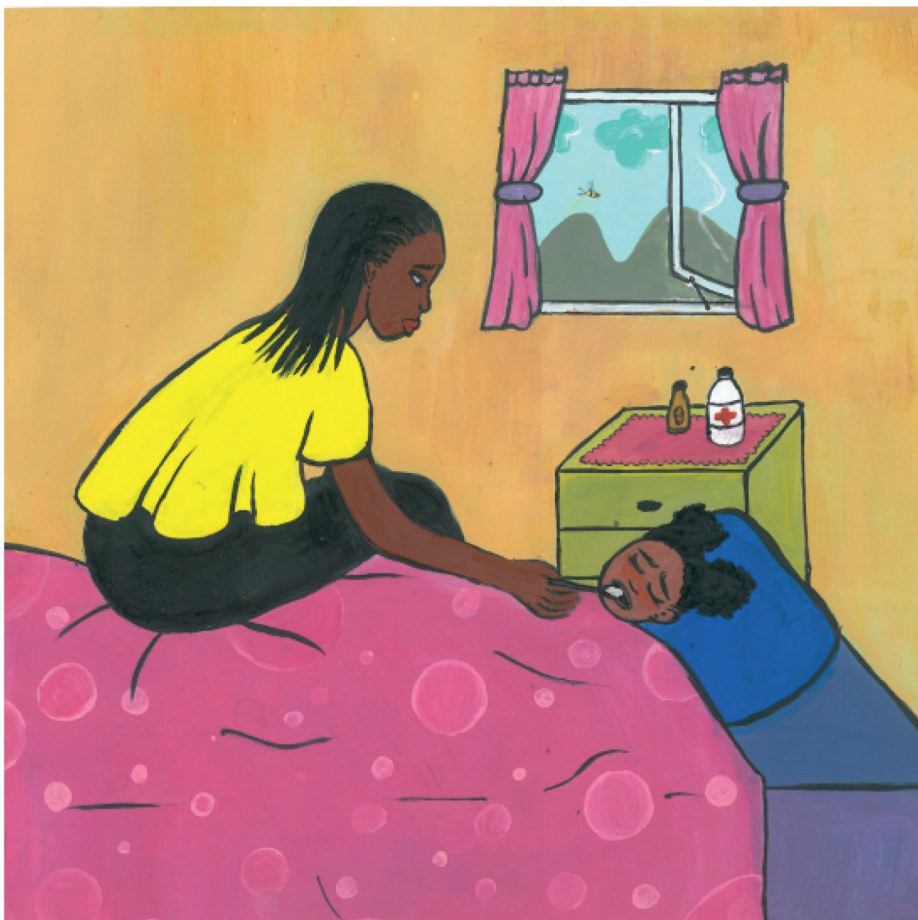


"I know! Bees make honey from nectar," said Kopano.
Lereko added, "Honey tastes so sweet and delicious!"



"Honey is also used in medicine," said mother.

"In traditional medicine, some pills and powders contain honey."



"Honey soothes sore throats, coughs and colds."



"Honey helps to heal wounds and burns."



"Honey isn't good for small babies, though. It can make them very sick," warned mother.



“Now, have you been listening? Why are bees important?” asked mother.

“They pollinate plants!” said Lereko.

“And make honey!” added Kopano.



Since that day, Kopano and Lereko have respected bees.