

Martin & Sylvia: Nine and Seven



It's Martin's ninth birthday — the brother and sister are growing up! What is it like to be nine? And what can "sevens" do? Martin finds himself interested in complex magnetism experiments while Sylvia embraces the challenges of leadership. Through science clubs, wilderness adventures, neighborly parties, and family time, Martin and Sylvia lean into their new ages. Together, they learn more about themselves, what they're capable of, and what makes life even more joyful.

Martin Has the Nines

It's Martin's ninth birthday! He wakes in the morning feeling pleased about being nine years old. But as the day progresses, he experiences a range of feelings — some nice and some strange. Is this what it means to be nine? A trip to the library with his family gives Martin some perspective on growing up.

A Sylvia Kind of Seven

"Sevens" can do so many things! Sylvia relishes the newfound height, skills, and enthusiasm for life that comes with being seven. But she wonders: what was Martin like when he was seven years old? It turns out that not everyone does Seven in the same way.

The Old and the New

Ella and Ollie are back! Martin and Sylvia's neighbors and friends have spent the year in Cuba and have just returned home. Brother and sister can't wait for their families to see each other again for a delicious meal. But what will Ella and Ollie be like? Will they have changed? Together, they all learn about the joys of seeing old friends in a new light.

An Inner Compass

Martin loves his Science League and all that he is learning about magnetism. But when he hears about an upcoming science fair, Martin's insecurities get the best of him. Is he ready to enter a competition like this? A conversation with Momma about the ways scientists conduct research projects helps him to know that experimentation and mistakes are part of the process.

Woodsies Isn't Good

It's the first day of Woodsies, the wilderness group Sylvia has personally designed and planned. She's excited! But as she makes her final preparations, a few of those plans go awry and Sylvia's frustration increases moment by moment. Will the group be any fun if the plan doesn't succeed? Daddy shares teacherly wisdom that helps Sylvia learn to take unexpected developments in stride.

Listen to the Project

Since deciding to build a compass, Martin's science project has captivated his attention. But when he returns to Science League, those feelings of insecurity begin to intrude once more. What if his project isn't very good? On an errand with Daddy, they discover that comparison can sometimes hamper creative thinking.

Squirrel Brigade

Sylvia is stuck. She's getting ready for her next gathering of Woodsies, her wilderness class — and there is one part of her plan for the day that is not coming together. No matter how much she tries to think of a good idea, she is blank. When the moment for Woodsies is upon her, Momma encourages Sylvia to watch and trust that the right idea will arise at the right time. Who knows what might happen?

Keep Going!

The big day has arrived at Martin's Science League: the day to present science projects and learn which ones would be chosen for competition. Martin feels pretty confident about his work, especially with the positive feedback he received from his family and friends. But will he make it into the competition? And if not, will all that work have been for nothing?

Even Better Than Sorry

Martin and Sylvia's new puppy Bilby is adorable! But despite all of his cuteness, Bilby can get into mischief if he isn't watched carefully. One day with the Woodsies, Sylvia brings Bilby along and keeps an eye on him ... until she gets distracted for just a minute and Bilby disappears. After the crisis resolves, Daddy and Sylvia have a long chat about what feels even better than apologizing.

What is Downstream

What a world! Martin's scientific imagination has been captured by all of his questions around compasses and magnetism and gravity. How do they work together? As he tromps through the woods, Martin happens upon his friend Ollie who joins his musings and raises some new ideas. Could it be that Martin has discovered his hypothesis — and that it's been right in front of him the whole time?

A Woods-inar

Woodsies will be learning from a new instructor today — and it's Martin! His experimentation has led him to create a Nature Compass and the day has arrived to teach it to Sylvia's wilderness group. Still, there's one part that Martin hasn't quite worked out yet, but everything comes together when inspiration strikes ... in the shape of snacktime.

Feliz Gravidad

The spring festival season has begun! This year, Martin and Sylvia invite their friends to a new festival that celebrates gravity in all of its forms. Between maps and snacks and activities, the family creates a joyful gathering that shows us how gravitational forces impact our world, our people, and all of the things we love best. Feliz Gravidad!