

## All those flowers

Usually I tell you about meeting Simone in the back yard where the vegetable garden is. We also have a flower garden, in the front yard. One day I was coming through the gate from the front, and I just about tripped over Simone! Simone was sitting there. I found out why.

The words I said **look like this.**

The words Simone said **look like this.**

**Simone! I almost tripped over you.**

**I would have got out of the way. I'm very fast, you know.**

**What were you doing sitting there?**

**Looking and wondering.**

**Looking at what? And what were you wondering?**

**I was looking at all those coloured flowers.**

**They look very beautiful right now, don't they?**

**Well, yes, I guess so. But what are flowers for? I've been wondering about that. Are they food?**

**No. There are a few flowers that people can eat, but not many. No, flowers are not for food.**

**Good! I wouldn't want my humans to put flowers in my food dish! So, if they're not to eat, what are they for? To make things out of?**

**No. Maybe some people can make colours to colour cloth out of flowers, but hardly anyone knows how to do that. No, flowers are not to make things out of.**

**Well then, what are they for?**

(Suddenly I had the idea that Simone was already thinking of an answer to that question, so I said to Simone.. )

**Simone, what do you think flowers are for?**

**I think they're just for being beautiful, to make some happiness. And maybe some fun too, with all the different shapes flowers come in. I think flowers are to show us that .. what you humans call God .. loves a lot, and wanted to make the world a wonderful place to live.**

**Simone, I really like your idea.**

**It's a good idea, isn't it? The idea came to me when I was sitting one day. I had a special feeling about the wonderfulness of everything, and then, almost like a voice in my head, something sort of said to me, "Did you notice the flowers? The flowers say welcome to my world." That's how I had the idea about flowers.**

**Thank you, Simone, for telling me.**

(Then we talked about some others stuff. I've just told you the part about flowers.)

Flowers are just one of the many, many beautiful things in this wonderful world God gave us. I like the flowers, and the trees, and the clouds. What are some things that you like just because they're beautiful to look at?

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***P.S. It is not every Sunday that Ted Bristow has the children time, so if you are in luck you might hear a Simone story the Sunday you come. Otherwise you have to come back the following Sunday and see if Ted is there.***

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