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Mikko likes to relax and be happy in his garden.

Mikko knows all the flowers.
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Grandpa yells at Mikko to stop being lazy.

Grandpa says other animals are not lazy and are happy.
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Mikko looks for animals who are not lazy and are happy.
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Mikko meets the turtle. Turtle is training to be the fastest turtle in the world. Turtle will be famous and happy.
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Mikko meets the rabbit. Rabbit is going to school.
School makes rabbit smart and happy. Mikko did not understand school and Mikko looks for other happy animals.
Mikko meets the badger.

Badger lifts rocks to be strong and happy.
Mikko can not lift rocks, he is too weak. Mikko looks for other happy animals.
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Mikko sees the ants. The ants are too busy working to talk to Mikko.

Mikko knows Grandpa was right.
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Mikko returned to the garden to think. Mikko was happy in his garden. He did not want to be the fastest, smartest, or strongest.
Mikko heard a cough. It was Grandpa. He gave Grandpa tea from his garden. Mikko was happy because he made Grandpa better.
Grandpa loves Mikko.
The Happy Hedgehog
By Marc Pfister

Objects to hold while reading the story:

Pg. 1........... Flower
Pg. 2........... Wooden cane
Pg. 3........... Bandana
Pg. 4........... Turtle stuffed animal
Pg. 5........... Star
Pg. 6........... Rabbit stuffed animal
Pg. 7........... Pencil
Pg. 8........... Badger stuffed animal
Pg. 9........... Rock
Pg. 10......... Plastic ant
Pg. 11......... Watering can
Pg. 12......... Tea bag
Pg. 13......... Paper Heart