The Lonely Pine Tree

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Once there lived a pine tree with no friends. She was so lonely that no bird built a nest on her. Every day she would ask birds to be her friend. But they all refused.
One day she asked a Dove, "Would you be my friend?"

"No Way!" replied the Dove. "You are way too prickly."

The pine tree felt really sad, because of the mean comment.
Then a humming bird came near by. The pine tree asked the humming bird, "Do you want to build a nest on me?"

"No! You are too tall for me. So I don't want to build a nest on you." Said the humming bird and flew away.
One fine morning a cardinal passed by the pine tree. The cardinal asked the pine tree, "Would you be my friend?" The surprised pine tree said, "Wow! You are the first one to ever ask me that. Yes! You can be my friend. What made you ask me that? Am I not too tall? Am I not too prickly for you?"

"No! You are just perfect!" The cardinal said.
"Your height and your prickly leaves will protect me and my babies from predators. I can build nest with your leaves and they can keep me warm. Also you are evergreen and your oldest friend is 4,600 years old. I bet you can live that long too, so we can be friends forever," told the cardinal and started building the nest.

The pine tree felt happy and was never lonely again.