

Have you ever heard of the Peanut Man? George Washington Carver was born the son of a slave in Missouri. George loved plants and wanted to learn everything about them. But because of the color of his skin, George wasn't allowed to attend school! He left home, studied hard, and became the first black student to graduate from Iowa State Agricultural College. He became a teacher, showing students and farmers how to plant peanuts and other things to help keep the dirt healthy. He changed farming and the world!

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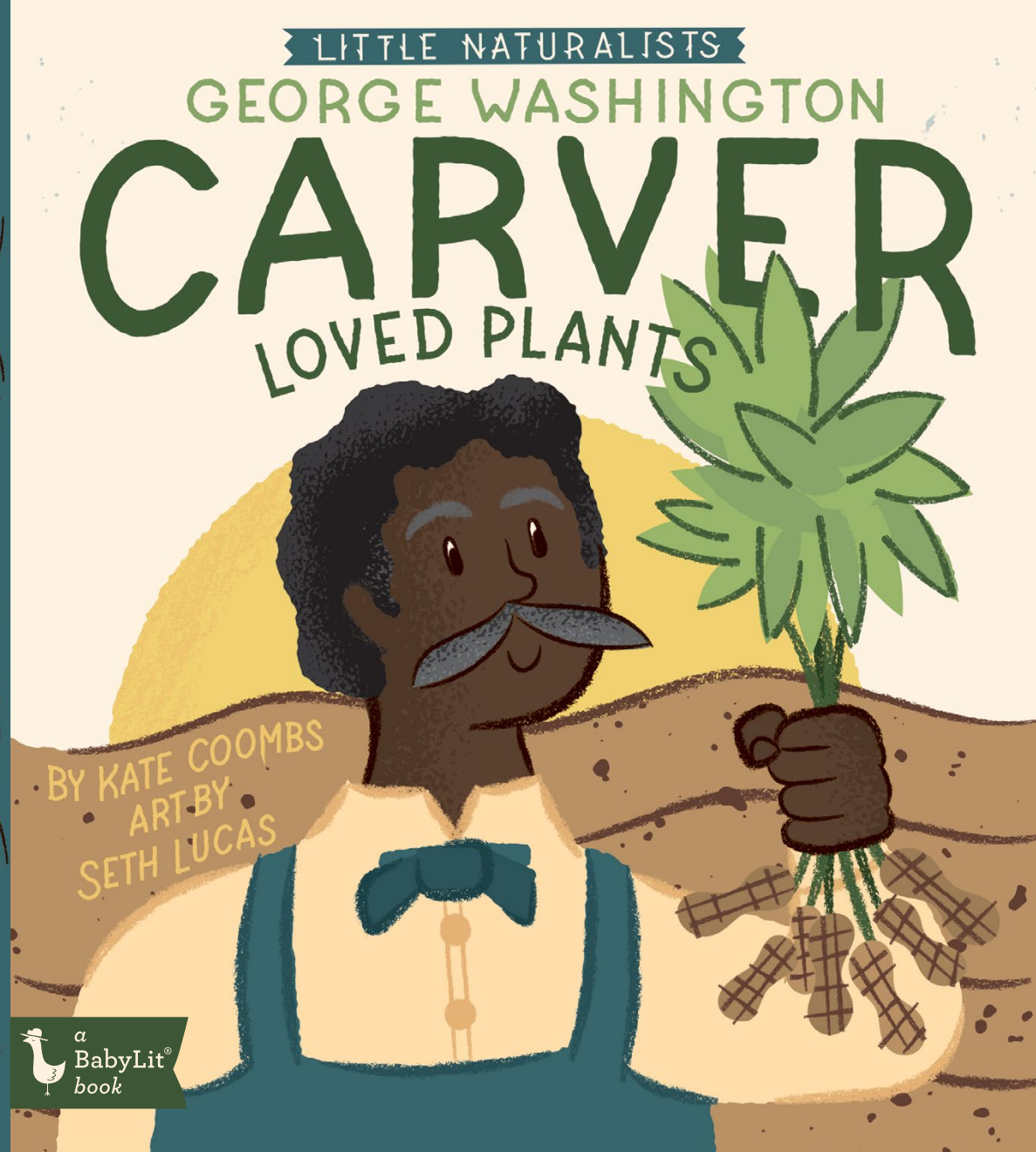
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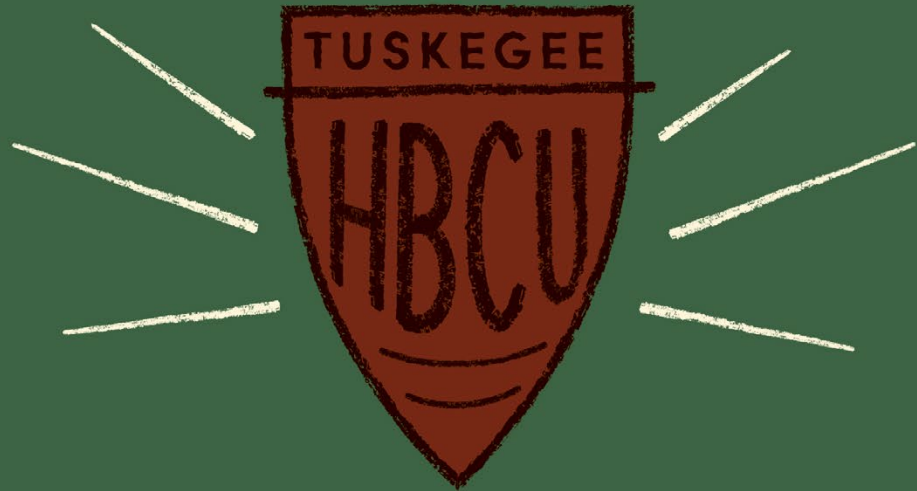
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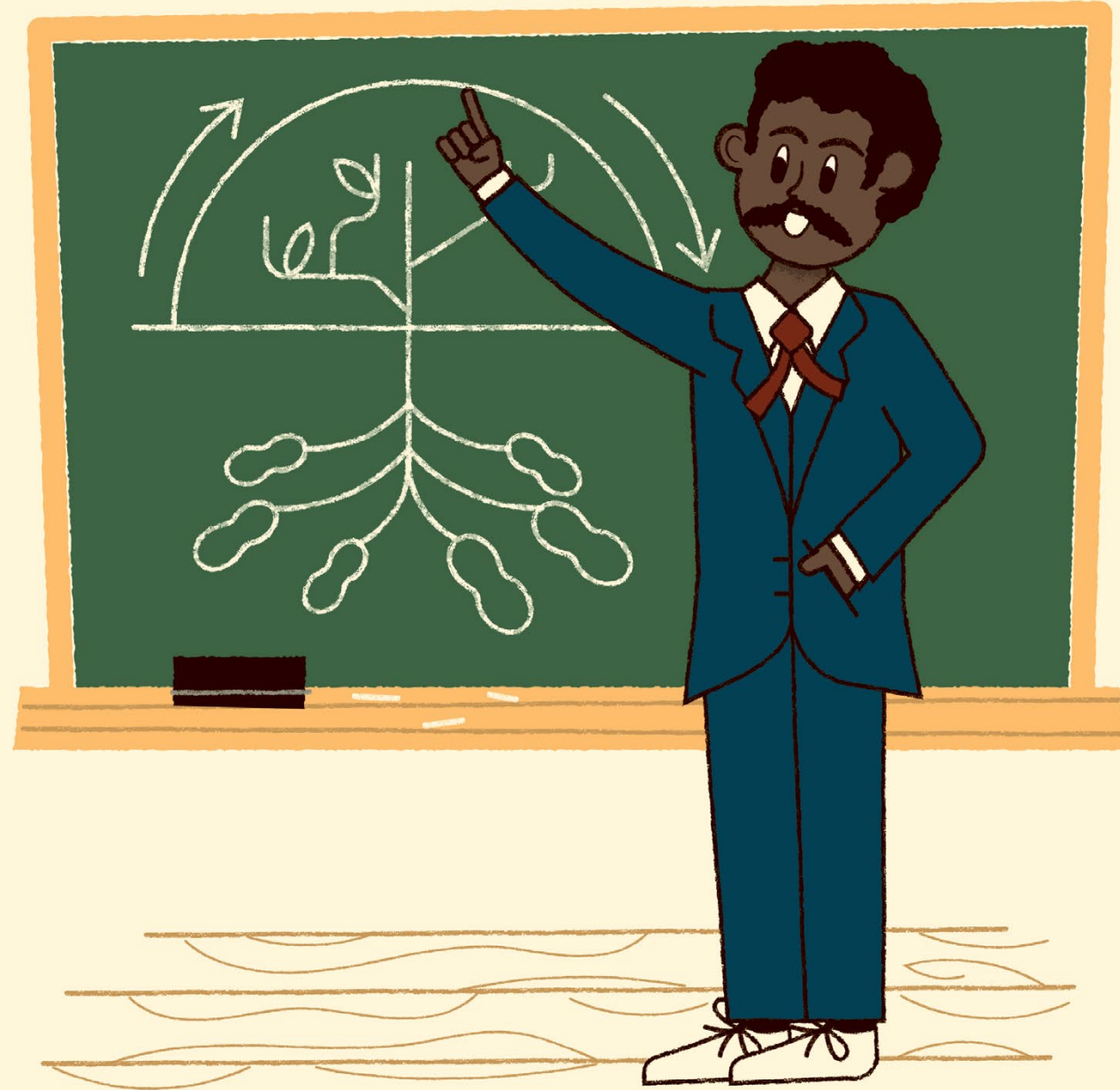
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George studied agriculture.  
He wanted to share his knowledge.



So after he graduated,  
he taught at an all-black college.



George didn't just teach students,  
he taught the farmers, too.

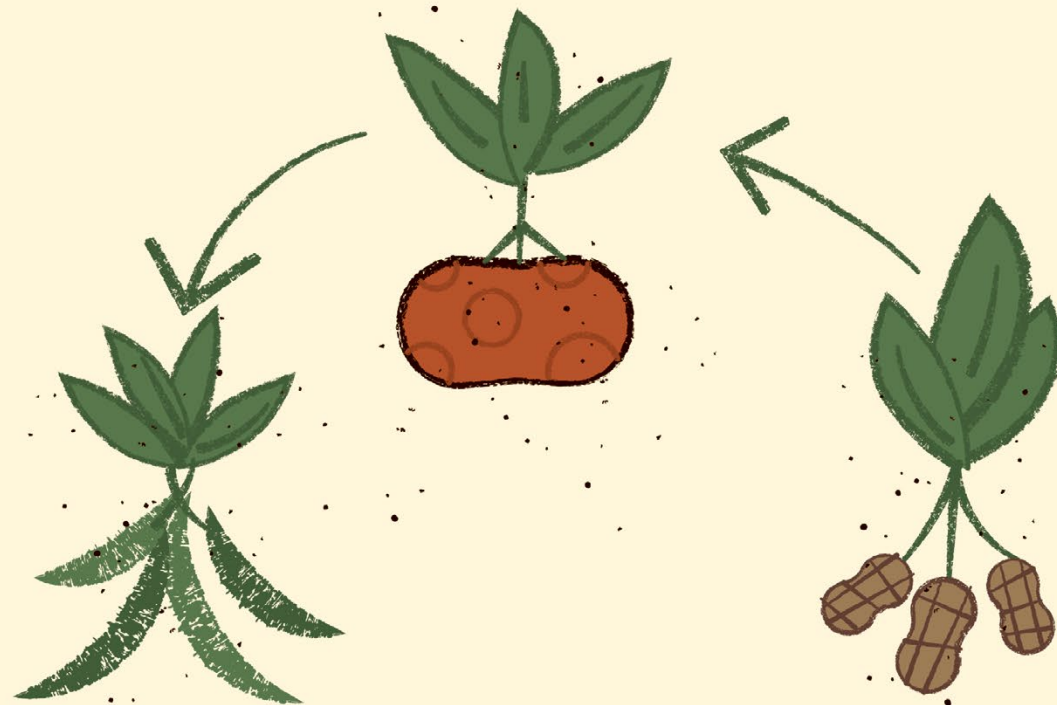


He saw their crops were failing  
and he knew what to do.



**“Don’t just grow  
cotton every year.  
That makes the dirt  
wear out!”**

**Plant sweet potatoes,**

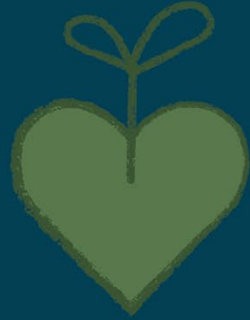


**black-eyed peas,**

**and peanuts.**

**Feed the ground.”**

**George treasured every plant.  
He loved the land with all his heart.**



**He wanted to use it well.  
He wanted to do his part.**

