

# Spring

## Storytime To Go

### Books

*And Then It's Spring*  
Julie Fogliano

*Snow Rabbit, Spring Rabbit*

Il Sung Na

*Spring Things*  
Bob Raczka

*Mouse's First Spring*  
Lauren Thompson

*Hurray for Spring!* Patricia  
Hubbell

*Spring is Here*  
Will Hillenbrand

*Bear Wants More*  
Karma Wilson

*Spring: Seasonal Crafts*  
Gillian Chapman



### Action Rhymes

#### April Trickery

The big, round sun in an April sky  
(*Make a circle with both hands*)

Winked at a cloud that was pass-  
ing by.  
(*wink*)

The gray cloud laughed  
(*raise arms to form a large*  
"cloud" overhead)

As it scattered rain.  
(*make raining motion with fin-  
gers*)

Then out came the big round sun  
again.  
(*make a circle with both hands*)

From [Whatcom County Library  
System](#)

#### The March Wind

Five little children one March day,  
(*hold up five fingers*)

Went for a walk just this way,  
(*march in place*)

The wind blew hard and strong,  
(*wave arms above head*)

As they walked along,  
(*march in place*)

It turned them 'round in the  
street,  
(*Twirl in place*)

Then it blew them off their feet!  
(*tumble down*)

### Fingerplays

#### During the Spring

During the Spring, it often showers  
(*flutter fingers down*)

Or the sun shines for many hours  
(*form circle in the air with arms*)

Bring on the sun, bring on the  
showers  
(*motion both back*)

Both are good for the pretty  
flowers!  
(*cup each hand and extend arms  
like flowers*)

From [Library Village](#)

#### Five Little Robins

Five little robins lived up in a tree  
(*hold up five fingers*)

Father, Mother, and Babies three.  
(*point to each finger, starting with  
thumb*)

Father caught a worm,  
(*point to thumb*)

Mother caught a bug,  
(*point to pointer finger*)

This one got the bug  
(*point to middle finger*)

This one got the worm  
(*point to ring finger*)

This one said, "now it's my turn!"  
(*wiggle little finger*)

## Songs

### The Farmer and His Seeds

*Sung to "The Farmer and the Dell"*

The farmer plants the seeds.  
The farmer plants the seeds.  
Hi ho the dairy-o,  
The farmer plants the seeds.  
(*bend and pretend to plant*)

#### **Verses:**

The sun comes out to shine...  
(*make a circle with arms*)

The rain begins to fall...  
(*fingers flutter down*)

The plants begin to grow...  
(*slowly raise up*)

The farmer cuts them down...  
(*cutting motion*)

And now he grinds it up...  
(*grinding motion*)

And now he bakes the bread...  
(*put in oven*)

*From The Storytime Sourcebook II*

### Flowers, Flowers Everywhere

*Sung to "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star"*

Flowers, flowers everywhere  
In the garden, in my hair.  
In the vase, at the store  
On the table, on the door.  
What a lovely time of year  
Flowers blooming, bringing cheer.



## Arts & Crafts

### Cupcake Flowers

Make spring flowers using cupcake liners, craft sticks and decorations like buttons, sequins and markers. Flatten the liners and decorate, then glue to the craft stick. Cut leaves out of construction paper and color your craft stick green.

### Accordion Caterpillars

Make a cute caterpillar with two long strips of construction paper. Start by overlapping the two strips in an "L" shape.



Alternate folding the pieces over one another and glue the ends together. Draw eyes and a mouth and tape antennae using pipe cleaners. A variation on this activity includes construction paper chain links as the caterpillar body.

*Image and idea from [Activity Village](#)*

## Science & Math

### Seed Observation

Use a clear plastic cup or an old CD case. Dampen a paper towel and put in the cup. Plant three or four bean seeds against the clear plastic side. Keep the paper towel damp and in a window for sunlight. Observe the seed and the changes that occur each day as it sprouts. Is one sprouting slower or not at all? Talk about why that might happen. Discuss what seeds need in order to sprout and what they need as they grow into seedlings and full plants.

### Counting Petals

Draw five circles on a blank sheet of paper. Label each circle one through five. Give your child crayons and ask them to draw the matching number of petals on each flower.

### Early Literacy Take-home:

Think of words that rhyme with "spring" with your child. They don't even need to be real words; they can be silly, made-up words. Think of other springtime words to rhyme with (flower, sun, rain, etc.). Rhyming is an essential early literacy skill that your child will build on as they learn to read.

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