

Gardens

Storytime To Go

Books

Planting a Rainbow
Lois Ehlert

*Muncha, Muncha,
Muncha*
Candace Fleming

The Curious Garden
Peter Brown

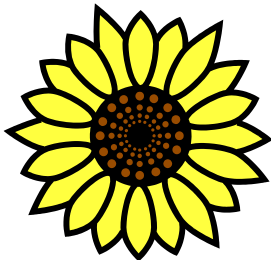
Up Down and Around
Katherine Ayres

Over in the Garden
Jennifer Ward

Plant the tiny seed
Christie Matheson

Puppet

Bumblebee puppet



Nursery Rhyme

Mistress Mary quite contrary
how does your garden
grow?
With silver bells and cockle
shells
And so my garden grows.

Fingerplays

Five Little Peas

Five little peas
*(make a fist with thumb
tucked in),*
In a peapod pressed.
One grew
(hold up one finger),
Two grew
(hold up two fingers),
And so did all the rest
(hold up all five fingers).
They grew
*(hands in front, palm
together)*
And they grew
(pull hands apart),
And they did not stop
(hands wide apart).
Until one day they all went POP!
(clap hands)

From Rick Samuelson

Round and Round the Garden

Goes the little mousie *(tiptoe
fingers up child's arm)*
One step, two steps, to his little
housie! *(tickle child)*

Ten Little Earthworms

*(to the tune of "Michael
Finnegan")*

One little, two little, three little
earthworms
Four, little five six, little earthworms
Seven little, eight little, nine little
earth worms, ten little wiggly
worms!

Ten little, nine little, eight little
earth worms, seven little six little
five little earthworms, four little
three little, two little earth worms,
one little wiggly worm.

Action Rhymes

A Little Sun

A little sun
(hold arms above head)
A little rain
*(wiggle fingers in downward
motion)*
Now pull up all the weeds
(pull up all the weeds)
Our flowers grow, all in a row
*(hold up all ten fingers lined up
like flowers)*
From tiny little seed
*(hold thumb and finger to show
size of seeds).*

From [Pierce County Theme Kit](#)

I Dig, Dig, Dig

I dig, dig, dig
(Make a digging motion)
And I plant some seeds.
(Make a planting motion)
I rake, rake, rake
(Make a raking motion)
And I pull some weeds.
(Make a pulling motion)
I wait and watch
(Place your hands on your hips)
And soon I know,
(Point to yourself)
My garden sprouts
*(Place your hands down low,
palms down)*
And starts to grow.
*(Raise your hands toward the
ceiling)*

From [Storytime for Two-year-olds](#) by Judy Nichols

Little Seed in The Ground

Little seed in the ground,
Sitting so still, Crouch down on
the floor, hands covering head)
Little seed, will you sprout? Yes
I will (jump up).

From [Pierce County Theme Kit](#)

Sweet Potatoes Growing

Sweet potatoes, sweet potatoes
in the ground,
Growing, growing, without a
sound.
When you're ready we pull you
out,
"Sweet potatoes are great!" we
all shout!

From *Kathleen McMillan's Storytime
Magic*

Songs

I'll Plant a Little Seed

(tune of "I'm a Little Teapot")
I'll plant a little seed in the dark,
dark ground.
Out comes the yellow sun, big
and round.
Down comes the cool rain, soft
and slow,
Up comes the little seed,
Grow, grow, grow!

From [Pierce County Theme Kit](#)

Pansies and Petunias

Traditional, as sung by Raffi on
*One Light, One Sun (Sing to the
tune of "Apples and
Bananas")*

I like to pick, pick, pick
Pansies and petunias.
I like to pake, pake, pake
Pan-says and pay-tay-nays.
I like to peek, peek, peek
Peen-sees and pee-tee-nees.
I like to pike, pike, pike
Piyn-siys and piy-tiy-nys.
I like to poke, poke, poke
Pone-soes and po-to-nos.
I like to pook, pook, pook
Poon-soos and poo-too-noos.

From Saroj Nadkarni Ghoting
and Pamela Martin-Diaz's
Early Learning Storytimes

Baby Bumble Bee

I'm bringing home a baby
bumblebee,
Won't my mommy be so proud
of me?
I'm bringing home a baby
bumblebee,
**BUZZ, BUZZ, BUZZ, BUZZ,
BUZZ!**

I'm bringing home a baby
dinosaur,
Won't my mommy hide behind
the door?
I'm bringing home a baby
dinosaur,
**CLOMP, CLOMP, CLOMP,
CLOMP, CLOMP!**

I'm bringing home a baby
crocodile,
Won't my mommy wear a great
big smile,
I'm bringing home a baby
crocodile,
**SNAP, SNAP, SNAP, SNAP,
SNAP!**

I'm bringing home a baby
rizzly bear,
Won't my mommy pull out all
her hair?
I'm bringing home a baby
grizzly bear,
**GROWL, GROWL, GROWL,
GROWL, GROWL!**

From *KCLS Tell Me A Story Wiki*

The Garden in the Yard

*(sung to the tune of the Farmer
and the Dell)*

The garden in the yard, the
garden in the yard,
Hi-ho the derry-oh, the garden
in the yard.
First we'll turn the soil
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Hi ho the derry-oh the garden
in the yard.

Then we'll dig a hole Next we'll
plant the seeds
Cover them with dirt
Water till they're wet
Soon the plants will grow.

Adapted by Sarah Northshield

Art Projects

Start a real or imaginary garden.
Have children write the names of
the plants on popsicle sticks and
place in the real or literal garden.

Science & Math

Seed Match

Find pictures of plants and the
seeds or vines that go with them.
Match them.

Plant seeds

Plant seeds and watch them grow.
Talk with the child(ren) in your life
about what makes a plant flourish.

What's Inside?

Take fruits such as an apple, pear,
peach, cantaloupe, or pumpkin.
Have child(ren) predict whether or
not there are seeds in the middle
and how many seeds there might
be. Open the fruit up and exam-
ine the seeds, look at size and
number of seeds.

Early Literacy Take Home:

Take a walk through a garden or a
park with your child. Talk about
the plants and animals you see
along the way. Talking with your
child about everyday things helps
them build vocabulary skills.

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