

Nature

Storytime To Go

Books

Green

Laura Vaccaro Seeger

Just a Dream

David Wiesner

Dumpster Diver

Janet Wong

Bear Has a Story to Tell

Philip C. Stead

Redwoods

Jason Chin

Over In the Meadow

Ezra Jack Keats

Outside Your Window: A

First Book of Nature

Nicola Davies

Good Earth Art

MaryAnn F. Kohl

Toy

1 bear puppet

Action Rhymes

I'm a Tall, Tall Tree

This is my trunk
(*point to body*)
I'm a tall, tall tree
(*hold arms up like branches*)
In the springtime, the blossoms
(*make fists*)
cover me.
They, open they open.
(*open fingers*)
This is my trunk,
(*point to body*)
I'm a tall, tall tree,
(*hold arms up like branches*)
In the summer the breezes,
Blow through me,
(*raise arms and wave them back and forth*)
I bend, I bend.
(*sway back and forth*)
This is my trunk,
(*point to body*)
I'm a tall, tall tree
(*hold arms up like branches*)
In the autumn, the apples,
(*form circles with thumbs and index fingers*)
Form on me,
They drop, they drop.
(*clap hands*)
This is my trunk
(*point to body*)
I'm a tall, tall tree
(*hold arms up like branches*)
In the winter, the snowflakes,
(*flutter fingers down*)
Land on me.
Brrr! Brrr!
(*hug self and shiver*)

From King County Library System

Fingerplays

Little Tree

In the heart of a seed
Buried down so deep
(*make a fist*)
A little tree
Lay fast asleep
Awake said the sun
(*make a large circle overhead with arms*)
Come up through the earth
Awake said the rain
(*flutter fingertips down*)
We're giving you birth
The little tree heard
(*open hand, turn fingers upward, raise arm slowly*)
With a happy sigh,
And pointed it's leaves
Up to the sky

From [Can Teach](#)

Watch it Bloom

Here is a green leaf
(*hold out one palm*)
And here is a green leaf
(*hold out other palm*)
That, you see, makes two.
(*hold up two fingers*)
Here is a bud
(*cup hands together*)
That makes a flower
(*slowly open hands*)
Watch it bloom for you!
(*open hands wide*)



Songs

If You See A Piece of Litter

(Tune: Happy and You Know It)

If you see a piece of litter pick it up (pick it up!)
If you see a piece of litter pick it up

We will make the world look better, if we pick up all the litter
If you see a piece of litter, pick it up.

From [Storytime Source Page](#)

This Is the Way We Turn Off the Lights

This is the way we turn off the lights,
Turn off the lights, turn off the lights.
This is the way we turn off the lights,
Because we love our world

Repeat with: turn off the water, throw out the trash, recycle the cans, plant the seeds...

From [Storytime Source Page](#)



Down By The Bay

Down by the bay where the watermelons grow
Back to my home, I dare not go
For if I do, my mother will say

Did you ever see a bear combing his hair?
Down by the bay

(Use the following, or make up your own!)

Did you ever see a fly wearing a tie...
Did you ever see a goat wearing a coat....
Did you ever see a frog sitting on a log...
Did you ever see a cat wearing a hat...

(keep rhyming and singing!)

Last Verse:

Did you ever have a time when you couldn't make a rhyme
Down by the bay

From Nancy Stewart's [singwithourkids.com](#)

A Little Seed

*Sung to "I'm a Little Teapot"
Suit motions to words*

A little seed I plant in the ground,
A little rain comes sprinkling down.
A little sun comes shining through,
I pick a flower just for you.

From [Macaroni Soup](#)

Arts & Crafts

Pressed Flowers

Gather some favorite flowers, leaves or ferns and press between the pages of a heavy book, such as a phone book. Let them sit for two to three weeks. For a unique and easy gift, place a few dried flowers on a strip of construction paper and cover both sides with packing tape to make a fun and pretty bookmark.

Science & Math

Open a Seed Pod

Open a seed pod and observe the inside of the pod. An easy seed pod to find and observe is right in your grocery store. Buy a bag of snow peas or green beans and talk about how these are some of the seeds we eat.

Sort & count

Grab a few packs of different seeds and ask your child to sort according to size, color, shape or another attribute.

Early Literacy Take-Home:

Take a nature walk. This is the perfect opportunity to discuss the wonders of the natural world. Taking part in thoughtful observation and discussion supports early literacy development.

Questions about this kit?

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