



Themes

- Sand and Sea
- Sunny Savanna
- Springtime Sparkles
- Eating the Rainbow

Vocabulary

- beach, turtle, giraffes, zebras, rain, chicks, vegetables, fruit

Nursery Rhymes

- The Yellow Giraffe
- Five Little Peas

Sign Language



eat
Squished O hand moves back and forth to mouth as if eating.

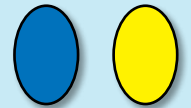


water
Right hand W taps chin with index finger.



book
Place palms together. Open hands like a book with pinkies touching.

Colors/Shapes

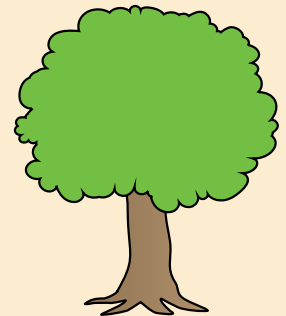


Opposites

empty/full

Help Me Grow!

Welcome the new season by going on a Spring Scavenger Hunt. Help your child identify the items below. Walk around your neighborhood, a nearby park, or other special location. You may even find these items in your own backyard! Can you find other spring items to add to the list?



FAMILY CONNECTION

Activities

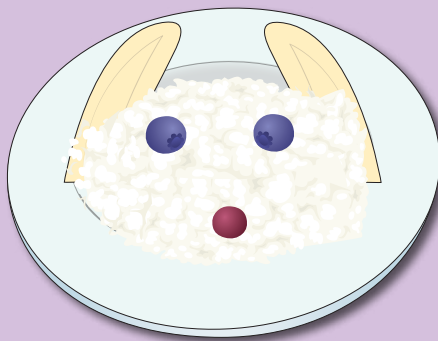
- **Full and Empty**
Play in a sandbox with your child. Provide a plastic shovel and a variety of containers. Encourage your child to fill the containers, dump them out, and fill them again.
- **Toy Animal Safari**
Hide some of your child's toy animals around the house. Invite your child to find them. As your child finds each one, name it, and talk about some of its features. Does it have a long neck? Does it have a trunk? Where are its ears?
- **Bath Time Rain**
Punch a few holes in a water bottle or another plastic container. At bath time, your child can fill the container with water and then watch the "rain" come out.
- **Colorful Food**
Meals offer a great opportunity to explore colors. As your child eats, name the colors of the foods.

Recipe

Bunny Salad

cottage cheese
half of a small banana
blueberries
½ red grape

For each salad, start with a scoop of cottage cheese to be the bunny's face. Peel half of a small banana and split it lengthwise. Arrange the pieces as bunny ears. Add blueberries for eyes and half of a red grape as a nose. That bunny looks good enough to eat! (You can substitute plain or vanilla yogurt for cottage cheese, if preferred.)



Reminders

Songs

Down in the Ocean

Sung to "Up on the Housetop"

Down in the ocean, look and see
A lazy giant manatee!
Jellyfish wiggling here and there,
Shiny fish darting everywhere.
Way down deep, starfish creep.
In the waves, dolphins play.
Down in the ocean, all around,
Millions of creatures can be found.



Springtime

Sung to "Pawpaw Patch"

Springtime's here with gentle showers,
Bringing pink and yellow flowers.
Birds sing happy songs for hours!
I love sparkly spring!



Springtime breezes softly blowing,
Fresh green grass is quickly growing.
Changes all around are showing.
I love sparkly spring!



Repeat all.



Book List

My Very First Book of Food
by Eric Carle

Here Comes Ocean
by Meg Fleming

Chu's Day at the Beach
by Neil Gaiman

Spring
by Gerda Muller

The Safari Set
by Madeleine Rogers

In the Rain
by Elizabeth Spurr