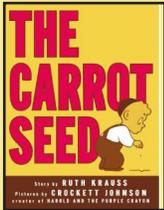




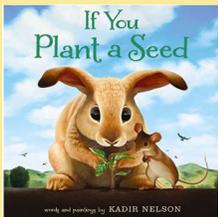
This Week's Theme: Planting!



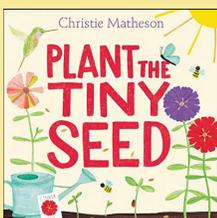
Books To Read



The Carrot Seed
by Ruth Krauss



If you Plant a Seed
by Kadir Nelson



Plant the Tiny Seed
by Christie Matheson

The Carrot Seed Activity

After reading *The Carrot Seed*, review the concept that the carrot seed needs water to grow. Talk to your child about watering the seed with the hose at your house or that raindrops are Mother Nature's way of watering the plants.

Making Raindrops

Materials:

- Dark blue tissue paper
- Light blue tissue paper
- Scissors
- Wax paper
- Glue
- Paintbrush
- Bowl
- Pen
- Hole punch
- String
- Tape

What You Will Do:

- Cut out the tissue paper into 1-inch squares.
- Tape a large piece of wax paper to the table.
- In a bowl, stir together a 50/50 mixture of water and glue.

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Please see below for some additional activities that you could try with your child.



- Paint a layer of glue over the top of the wax paper.
- Stick the tissue paper squares to the wax paper, alternating colors, then paint over the squares with the glue mixture.
- Let the glue dry.
- Draw small and large rain drop shapes on the wax paper once the glue is dry.
- Cut out the rain drop shapes and punch a hole in the top of each one.
- Thread the rain drops on the string and use tape to hang the banner in the window.

Flower Garden Art Project

- On a paper plate, put a variety of paint colors for your child to use to make their own flower garden.
- Have your child look outside and ask if they see any flowers? If so, what colors are they?
- You will want to encourage your child to use spring colors such as yellow, red, pink, purple, etc. (green too for the stem and leaves of the flower)
- Give your child a piece of white paper, a paintbrush, and a plastic fork (to use as a flower print) and let them use their imagination on producing their own garden.
- Another idea . . . take a celery heart, dip into paint, and press on a white piece of paper. The celery heart print looks like a rose. Have your child add the stem of the rose and draw a vase or a 'garden' scene to complete the process. Do not forget the butterflies, birds, sun, and other nature items found near a garden.

Nature Walk

Take a nature walk through a nearby garden (or neighborhood) taking in all the sights and sounds you can. Talk to your child about what you see. What colors do you see? What sounds do you hear? What smells do you smell?

Make Your Own Daisy

Materials needed:

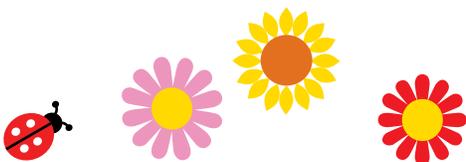
- 15 to 20 Q-tips
- Small blob of yellow play dough
- 2 green pipe cleaners

Directions:

- Roll the yellow play dough in your hands and then flatten in the middle of the page.
- Arrange 15 to 20 Q-tips around the circle (glue them down when ready).
- Using 2 green pipe cleaners, make the stem and leaf of the daisy

Flower Game

Using Sidewalk Chalk, draw five or six different flowers on the driveway. Use a variety of colors. (If you are not one to draw, you can always cut out pictures of flowers and put on the driveway. Tape down if there is any wind.) Put the flowers in a circle and talk to your child about the colors of each flower. Then play a movement game . . . hop to the red flower, skip to the pink flower, run to the purple flower, etc.



*Activities should be done under the supervision of an adult or older sibling.