

DIY STORYTIME

THEME: SPRING

Here are some ideas and activities to try this week with your child. These five practices are designed to help your child develop literacy skills, engage your child, and enhance the bonds between you.



READ

[The Big Umbrella by Amy June Bates](#)
[Finding Spring by Carin Berger](#)
[Duck, Duck, Dinosaur: Spring Smiles by Kallie George](#)
[Spring Stinks by Ryan T. Higgins](#)
[Plant the Tiny Seed by Christie Matheson](#)
[Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt by Kate Messner](#)
[The Spring Book by Todd Parr](#)
[Little Blue Truck's Springtime by Alice Schertle](#)

PLAY

Pretend to be birds playing during spring. Flap your wings, dig for worms, make bird noises, and have fun.

Go on an outdoor scavenger hunt and look for signs of spring (new grass, birds, first flowers, leaf buds, etc.).

WRITE

Make a list (or draw) of things you like most about spring.

Using chalk, draw on the sidewalk. Draw shapes, letters, and/or a spring scene.

SING

April Clouds Action Rhyme

Two little clouds one April Day
(make two fists)
Went sailing across the sky
(move fists side to side)
They went so fast, they bumped their heads (bump fists together)
And both began to cry.
(rub eyes with hands)

Out came the big round sun who said
(make circle with arms)
"Never mind my little dears
(shrug shoulders)
I'm going to send my sunbeams down
(wiggle fingers downward)
To dry your fallen tears."
(point to face where tears would fall)

TALK

Talk about words that begin with an "S" sound, like spring.

Talk about spring. What are your favorite things to do in spring? How are winter and spring different?