STORY TIME RESOURCES
FLOWER GARDEN

STORY TIME DESCRIPTION
Our story, Flower Garden by Eve Bunting, is about a little girl who is filled with excitement about planting a flower garden for her mother's birthday. This story is an inspiration to those who live in the city and a reminder of the joy that flowers bring to people everywhere!

HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES
- **Seed Starting Ideas:** Take a look at these [12 seed starting ideas](#) using recycled materials.
- **Implement a Reduce, Recycle, and Reuse Project:** [Kids Gardening](#) suggests ways to reuse your seeds and ideas for [reducing, reusing and recycling in the garden](#).
- **Create Art Using Seed Catalogs:** Children can create a [plant picture collage](#) or make a [garden art box](#) using recycled seed catalogs.
- **Flowers and Science:** Try this flower experiment called [color changing flowers](#) where children can explore and observe flowers changing colors by adding food coloring to the water.

OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES
- **Gardening with Kids:** Here’s an article from PBS called [Gardening with Kids: How it affects Your Child’s Brain, Body and Soul](#). This article focuses on the healthy benefits of gardening with children.
- **Project Learning Tree:** Project Learning Tree has an activity called [Bursting Buds](#) that focus on how the natural environment changes during spring. Print this [Connecting Kids to Nature](#) page.
- **Rainbow Stew Lesson Plan:** Lee & Low Books developed a lesson plan for [Rainbow Stew by Cathryn Falwell](#). This lesson plan can be used for Pre-K to grade 3.
- **Inside a Flower:** Watch this video called [Look inside a Flower](#) by Sci Show Kids to learn about the job of a flower and parts of a flower.
RELATED CHILDREN’S BOOKS

- **Plants Feed Me** by Lizzy Rockwell
- **Planting a Rainbow** by Lois Ehlert
- **Lola Plants a Garden** by Anna McQuinn
- **What’s in the Garden** by Marianne Berkes
- **Jayden’s Impossible Garden** by Mélina Manga
- **Sidewalk Flowers** by JonArno Lawson
- **Flowers Are Calling** by Rita Gray
- **Plant a Little Seed** by Bonnie Christensen
- **If You Plant a Seed** by Kadir Nelson
- **Michelle’s Garden: How the First Lady Planted Seeds of Change** by Sharee Miller
- **Kamala and Maya’s Big Idea** by Meena Harris
- **The Vegetables We Eat** by Gail Gibbons
- **The Ugly Vegetables** by Grace Lin
- **Tops and Bottoms** by Janet Stevens
- **Plant the Tiny Seed** by Christie Matheson
- **Messy Bessey’s Garden** by Patricia & Fredrick McKissack
- **Compost!** by Linda Glaser
- **It’s Spring!** by Linda Glaser
- **Gardening with Emma: Grow and Have Fun: A Kid-to-Kid Guide** by Emma Biggs
- **And Then It’s Spring** by Julie Fogliano
- **Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring** by Kenard Pak
- **Everything Spring** by Jill Esbaum