

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*](#) 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