

Activity Time

(Recommended for ages 3-6)

Out in the Garden

These activities are not for children under 3 years. Adult supervision is recommended.

Crafts: *You will need the following materials*

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| - Pom-poms | - Paper plates | - Tape |
| - Scissors | - Construction paper | - Plastic flowerpot |
| - Googly eyes | - Ribbon or yarn | - Seeds & dirt |
| - Glue | - Crayons or markers | - Large bowl |

Book Worm Bookmark

Supplies:

- Pom-poms (4 or more)
- Craft stick
- Googly eyes
- Glue

Directions:

1. Glue one of the pom-poms to the end of a craft stick.
2. Glue more pom-poms on each side of the first pom-pom.
3. Glue two googly eyes to one of the pom-poms which is on the end of the worm.

<http://raychillsworld.blogspot.com/2011/05/book-worm-bookmark-craft-toooooo-cute.html>



Flower Wreath

Supplies:

- Paper plate (with the center cut out)
- Green construction paper or tissue paper
- Construction paper flowers and circles
- Ribbon or yarn
- Crayons

- Glue
- Scissors
- Hole punch (optional)

Directions:

1. Color the rim of the paper plate green.
2. Glue green tissue paper or construction paper on the plate.
3. Glue circles on the flowers.
4. Glue flowers on the paper plate.
5. Put a hole in the plate and thread a piece of ribbon or yarn through and tie it (optional).

<https://www.3dinosaurs.com/wordpress/index.php/paper-plate-flower-wreaths/>

Flower Garden

Supplies:

- Construction paper in a variety of colors
- Scissors
- Glue

Directions:

1. Cut out simple shapes.
2. Glue the shapes onto construction paper to create a unique flower garden.



<http://www.paper-and-glue.com/2016/02/invitation-to-create-flower-garden-kids-craft.html>

Flower Bouquet

Supplies:

- Green construction paper
- Paper flowers
- Circles (for center of flowers)
- Scissors
- Glue
- Tape

Directions:

1. Fold green paper in half lengthwise.

2. Cut from the fold towards the bottom of the paper stopping about an inch from the bottom.
3. Glue circles on the flowers.
4. Glue flowers to the top of some of the folded green strips (about half).
5. Form a circle and glue (or tape) together so your bouquet can stand. It makes a beautiful centerpiece.

<https://coolcreativity.com/handcraft/diy-mothers-day-craft-project-ideas/4/>

Handprint Carrot Garden

Supplies:

- Orange, brown, and green construction paper
- ½ of a paper plate
- Pencil
- Crayons or markers
- Glue
- Scissors

Directions:

1. Color paper plate brown.
2. Tear some brown paper into small pieces and glue onto the plate (to represent the dirt).
3. Trace one of your child's hands on the orange paper.
4. Cut out the traced handprint design from the paper.
5. Cut out small greenery and glue on each fingertip of the handprint.
6. Glue the decorated orange handprint to the paper plate.
7. Cut out a worm from brown paper and add to the paper plate (optional).

<https://www.gluedtomycraftsblog.com/2017/03/handprint-carrots.html>



Flowerpot

Supplies:

Plastic Flowerpot
Markers or crayons
Seeds
Dirt

Directions:

Remove the paper insert. You may color in the printed design or turn the paper over and create your own design on the back. Plant some seeds (a package of seeds is included) in the flowerpot or use it to hold some special trinkets.

Stem Activities

Blooming Flowers

Supplies:

- Copy paper
- Crayons or markers
- Bowl or large container
- Water

Directions:

1. Cut some flowers out of paper and color them.
2. Fold the flower petals into the center. Do not press the creases too tight.
3. Fill a bowl or other large container with a few inches of water. Place the folded flowers in the water and watch them bloom.

<https://teachbesideme.com/blooming-paper-flowers-experiment/>

Growing Seeds in a Greenhouse on a Window

Supplies:

- Plastic baggie
- Bean seeds
- Water
- Paper towel
- Tape
- Construction paper greenhouse
- Marker
- You will also need a sunny window on which to hang the baggie.

Directions:

1. Decorate the greenhouse (optional).
2. Place a dampened, folded paper towel along the bottom of the baggie. It should be wet, but not soaking or dripping wet.
3. Place one or several bean seeds between the paper towel and the baggie.
4. Tape the baggie onto the paper greenhouse.
5. Tape the greenhouse on a bright, sunny window.
6. Check the seeds daily. You should see a root come out of the seed within 3-4 days.

<https://lessons4littleones.com/2018/04/19/plants-science-experiments-teaching-how-plants-grow/?pp=1>

Snacks

Vegetable Flower

Ingredients:

- Red pepper
- Green pepper
- Mozzarella or White American Cheese
- Tomato

Directions:

1. Slice some of the green pepper into thick strips (leaves and stem).
2. Cut a circle from the mozzarella (or American) cheese.
3. Slice a tomato and then cut the slices in half.
4. Place the cheese on your plate (center of the flower) and add a thin slice of red pepper for a mouth and two small red pieces for eyes.
5. Put the tomato around the cheese (petals).
6. Add the strips of green pepper for the stem and leaves.

Berry Flower Bagel

Ingredients:

- Cinnamon swirl or plain bagel
- Plain or flavored cream cheese
- Strawberries, hulled and halved (cut the strawberries smaller if you wish)
- Blueberries

Directions:

1. Slice the bagel in half.
2. Spread each half with cream cheese.
3. Put the strawberries on the bagel (flower petals).
4. Fill the center with blueberries.

<https://b-inspiredmama.com/kids-in-kitchen-berry-bagel-flower/>

Spring Snack

Ingredients:

- Strawberries
- Blackberries
- Granny Smith apples
- Vanilla yogurt (for dipping fruit)
- Peanut butter

Directions:

Muffin Cup Flowers:

1. Cut strawberries into bite size pieces and put in a muffin cup.
2. Put a blackberry in the center of the strawberries.
3. Cut the apple into wedges for stem and leaves.
4. Spread some peanut butter on the plate to represent dirt.

Muffin Cup Cloud:

Put vanilla yogurt in a muffin cup on the plate.

<https://thenatureofgrace.blogspot.com/2012/03/homeschool-theme-of-week-spring.html>

Books You May Enjoy!

Up, Down, and Around

JP Ayres

Flower Garden

JP Bunting

The Tiny Seed

JP Carle

Planting a Rainbow

JP Ehlert

Muncha, Muncha, Muncha!

JP Fleming

My Garden

JP Henkes

Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt

JP Messner

What Does Bunny See?

JP Parks

From Seed to Plant

J 581.3 G (Gibbons)

Seeds Go, Seeds Grow

J 581.4 W (Weakland)

From Seed to Dandelion

J 582.13 W (Weiss)