

STORYTIME @ HOME GUIDES

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

Fingerplays and Songs

[The Farmer Plants the Seeds](#)

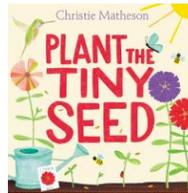
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The farmer plants the seeds,
The farmer plants the seeds,
Hi, Ho, the dairy-O,
The farmer plants the seeds.
The sun comes out to shine,
The sun comes out to shine,
Hi, Ho, the dairy-O,
The sun comes out to shine.
The rain begins to fall,
The rain begins to fall,
Hi, Ho, the dairy-O,
The rain begins to fall.
The seeds begin to grow,
The seeds begin to grow,
Hi, Ho, the dairy-O,
The seeds begin to grow.
The vegetables are here,
The vegetables are here,
Hi, Ho, the dairy-O,
The vegetables are here.
The farmer digs them up,
The farmer digs them up,
Hi, Ho, the dairy-O,
The farmer digs them up.
Now it's time to eat,
Now it's time to eat,
Hi, Ho, the dairy-O,
Now it's time to eat.

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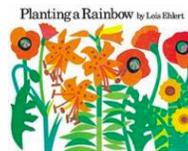
Read Aloud Stories

As you enjoy these read aloud stories with your child, ask them open-ended questions about the stories. Open-ended questions help children to think more deeply about the world around them.



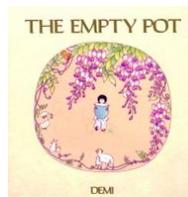
[Plant the Tiny Seed](#) by Christie Matheson

Discover how a seed grows into a flower in this interactive story. What things did the seed need to grow well? What would happen if the seed didn't get water or sunlight? Can you think of any other ways to act out the story?



[Planting a Rainbow](#) by Lois Ehlert

The author introduces us to all sorts of colorful plants and flowers in this story. Why do you think this book is called Planting a Rainbow? Which colors in the story are your favorite? Why?



[The Empty Pot](#) by Demi

Set in China, this folktale tells the story of a boy rewarded for his honesty. Why did Ping bring an empty pot to the Emperor? Do you think Ping tried his best to grow a flower for the Emperor? How else do you think the story could have ended?

Fun Activities To Try At Home!

Learn how to regrow green onions from kitchen scraps in this fun science lesson from homesciencetools.com

Here's what you need - green onions, a small glass, water, a knife and cutting board and an adult helper

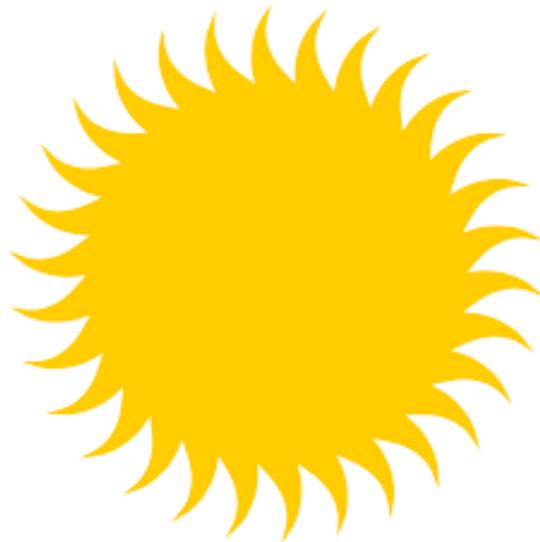
Here's what you do -

Have your adult helper cut the root end of each scallion (green onion) about 1" from the end. Save the root portions and use the remainders for cooking.

Place the cut scallion ends into the small jar and add just enough water to cover the roots.

Set the container(s) in a sunny spot, such as on a window sill.

Pour out the water and refill to about a half-inch every day. You should notice new green shoots in just a day or two and they should be long enough to harvest and use within 5 days.



Read outside in a garden!
Summertime is a great time to get outside and read. You can enjoy your favorite books in your own backyard garden or under a tree at the park. Look around and see how many kinds of plants, flowers and seeds you can find!



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