



## Activity Sheet 1 Season - Spring

**Stimulate discussion** - What is your favourite thing about spring?

- Spring is a time when flowers begin to bloom.
- Spring is a time when many animals give birth to their babies.

It is a wonderful time to take a walk to explore your environment or to visit a farm, park, or zoo to see all of the new arrivals.

### Ideas & Activities

#### Flowers

Take a walk and explore all of the changes taking place. Do you see new seedlings or new flowers blooming? Do you notice the bumble bees near the flowers?



- Spring is the time for gardening. Plant a garden for the children to observe and help maintain. Teach them to help take care of it. Talk about the importance of watering and weeding the garden. Visit the garden often to see the seeds begin to sprout. Measure and monitor the plants growth each time you check.
- Plant flowers in pots for the children to observe.
- Give the children magazines they can use to cut out pictures of flowers. Direct the children to use the flower pictures to create a collage.

#### Bumblebees

Bumblebees are attracted to a flower's scent. A scout bee, one that is sent out of the hive to search for food, finds the flowers and then goes back to tell the others. When he gets back to the hive he does a dance which acts as a map for the other bees to tell them where the flowers are located. The bees gather nectar and pollen from the flowers and take it back to their hive to make honey.

- Play music for the children to do the bumblebee dance.
- Give the children black and yellow play dough and show them how to make a bumblebee.



These activities are designed to inspire, excite and help build knowledge through play. Most importantly, remember to chat, read, explore, laugh and learn together every day. Your time and attention are two of the most precious gifts you can give to a child.

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