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### **Books for Toddlers:**

*Bear Wants More* by Karma Wilson, 2003. (FAVORITES Wilson) *Duckie's Rainbow* by Frances Barry, 2004. (CONCEPTS Barry) *First the Egg* by Laura Vaccaro Seeger, 2007. (FAVORITES Seeger) *Kitten's Spring* by Eugenie Fernandes, 2010. (NATURE Fernandes) *Waiting for Wings* by Lois Ehlert, 2001. (NATURE Ehlert)

### **Books for Preschoolers:**

*My Spring Robin* by Ann Rockwell, 1989. (NATURE Rockwell) *Spring Blossoms* by Carole Gerber, 2013. (NATURE Gerber) *Splish, Splash, Spring* by Jan Car, 2001. (NATURE Carr) *Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!* by Candace Fleming, 2002. (FAVORITES Fleming) *Planting a Rainbow* by Lois Ehlert, 1988. (NATURE Ehlert) *Finding Spring* by Carin Berger, 2015. (NATURE Berger) *Spring Thaw* by Steven Schnur, 2000. (NATURE Schnur)

## Fingerplays & Songs :

#### **Relaxing Flowers**

Five little flowers standing in the sun

(hold up five fingers)

See their heads nodding, bowing one by

one? (bend fingers several times)

Down, down, down comes the gentle

rain (raise hands, wiggle fingers and

lower

arms to simulate falling rain) And the



five little flowers lift their heads up again! (hold up five fingers) (From:

http://www.preschooleducation.com/sflower .shtml)

#### A Little Sun

A little sun (hold arms above head) A little rain (wiggle fingers in the air in

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a downward motion) Now pull up all the weeds (pretend to pull weeds) Our flowers grow, all in a row (hold up all ten fingers lined up like flowers) From tiny little seeds. (hold thumb and finger to show size of seeds) (From: http://www.preschooleducation.com/s flower.shtml)

I Love to Play (Sung to the tune of "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean.") I love to play in the sand box. I love to play in the dirt. I love to play in the wet mud. I squish it and watch it squirt. (From: http://www.oocities.org/providersnfri ends/spring/s3.html)

See See See Song See, see, see (shade eyes with hands) Three birds are in a tree



(hold up three fingers) One can chirp (point to thumb) And one can sing (point to index finger) One is just a tiny thing. (point to middle finger, then rock baby bird in arms) See, See, See Three birds are in a tree (hold up three fingers) Look, look, look (shade eyes) Three ducks are in a brook (hold up three fingers) One is white, and one is brown. One is swimming upside down (point to a finger each time) Look, look, look Three ducks are in a brook. (hold up three fingers) (From: http://www.oocities.org/providersnfri ends/spring/s3.html)

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Big Book: The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

**Flannel Boards:** Kites in the Wind, Spring Winds, Five Busy Bees/Here is the Beehive, Bunnies in the Grass

Prop Stories: Spring is Here

Movie: And Then It's Spring

**Apps:** MarcoPolo Weather This is my Weather by urbn; pockets

**Stamps:** Daisy, small flower, and butterfly

Craft: Paper plate umbrellas on construction paper





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