

# Signs of Spring

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Encourage one another to consider God's ongoing work of creation as you observe how spring arrives gradually, step by step, rather than all at once. Empower each family member to discover signs of this cycle of seasonal change.

## For

Young Family

## Season

Spring



## Needed

Bible, Clues of Spring's Arrival worksheet (see last page), pencil or pen, magnifying glass

## Prepare in Advance

Make a copy of Clues of Spring's Arrival worksheet.

## Activity Plan

1. Say this prayer aloud to begin:

*Loving God, thank you for your wonderful creation. Open our eyes to the signs that spring is coming. Amen.*

2. Open your Bible and read aloud the words celebrating spring in Song of Songs 2:11-12 , or use the text below:

For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone.  
The flowers appear on the earth,  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

3. Talk together about spring, using the following questions as discussion starters:
  - What do you look forward the most during spring? Why?
  - How do you know when spring has arrived?
  - Which season do you like best? Why?
  - Why do you think God created the world to have different seasons?
4. Show the Clues of Spring's Arrival worksheet. Read through the list of clues. Think together of clues you can add to reflect the place where you live. Are there any you need to cross out?
5. As a family, take a walk in your community or a local park with the Clues of Spring's Arrival worksheet, a pen or pencil, and a magnifying glass. Write today's date next to any signs of spring that you see. Encourage family members to take a close look at buds on plants, new grass, flowers, or insects with the magnifying glass.
6. When you return home, display the Clues of Spring's Arrival worksheet on your refrigerator or another prominent place in your home. Invite family members to offer a sentence prayer to thank God for their favorite signs of spring.
7. Once a week, take a family walk and look for more signs of spring. Continue these walks until you've discovered every clue on the worksheet.



## Clues of Spring's Arrival

Look for these signs of spring. Write the date you first notice each sign.

The first baby bird \_\_\_\_\_

Buds on a tree or bush \_\_\_\_\_

The first worm \_\_\_\_\_

The first thunderstorm \_\_\_\_\_

When we have a day with more daytime than nighttime \_\_\_\_\_

First blooming flower \_\_\_\_\_

Hearing the first lawnmower \_\_\_\_\_

First day of being outside without a coat \_\_\_\_\_

The first leaves on a tree or bush \_\_\_\_\_

The first butterfly \_\_\_\_\_

First fly or mosquito \_\_\_\_\_

Seeing ice melt to water \_\_\_\_\_

Seeing someone planting a garden or farm field \_\_\_\_\_

Mud \_\_\_\_\_

Clue: \_\_\_\_\_

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