

## Handy Frame (Calendar craft)

Spring is here! The craft activities for the month of April will be centered around the theme of spring. For more craft activities, please visit us at [www.signingtime.com](http://www.signingtime.com) or [www.signingtimekids.org](http://www.signingtimekids.org).

### What do I need?

- March Calendar page (backside/upside down)
- Tempera paint (color your choice)
- A picture of your child
- Scissors
- Green construction paper (1)
- Yellow construction paper (1)
- Green tempera paint
- Glue
- Foil or paper plate



### Book Link:

*"It's Spring"* by Linda Glaser

*"The Reasons for Seasons"* by Gail Gibbons

### Time to Create!

**Step 1:** For this craft, you and your child will be making a flower from his/her handprints. In the center of the flower will be your child's picture. Kids love to see themselves on display. Now that you have your March calendar page (using the backside/upside down), you are ready to begin!

**Step 2:** Now that you are ready, begin by cutting out your child's picture in the shape of a circle. This picture will make the center of the flower your child is about to make with his/her hands. To make a nice circle, you might like to use a cup, place it over the picture, and trace a circle onto the picture using a pen. Then cut it out. Once that is complete, begin by choosing a paint color for your flower. Pour the color you chose onto some foil or a paper plate. Have your child place his/her hand into the paint. Then place the hand onto your paper. You will have your child continue making handprints in the form of a circle to make their flower. Now have your child wash his/her hand.

**Step 3:** Now that your flower handprints are dry, start by cutting the yellow construction paper in the shape of a circle a little larger than your child's picture. Glue your child's picture to the yellow circle, it frames the picture nicely. Then glue your picture in the center to complete the flower portion.

**Step 4:** Now pour some green tempera paint onto some foil or a plate. Have your child use his/her finger and dip it into the paint. Now your child will make the stem. Starting at the base of the flower, have your child use his/her thumb to make prints. To make leaves, your child can use the side of his/her thumb. Using the green construction paper, print and cut out the poem, glue into place and now you are done!

### "April Showers"

Pitter pat, pitter pat – What's that noise?  
It sound like raindrops bouncing off my toys  
The rain is here – What does it do?  
It cleans the earth and makes things new  
In April when it rains, do you know what you'll see?  
Many flowers popping up for you and me!

