

Seasons of My Apple Tree: Spring

(Season's book)

It is time to add to your "Seasons Book!" Winter has come and gone and now spring is upon us. It is time to see what spring will bring and what spring means to you. Now it is time to get ready to create another page for your book! For more craft activities and ideas, please visit www.signingtime.com and www.signingtimekids.org

Materials

- White sheet of paper (2)
- Brown construction paper (1)
- Tissue paper (green and white)
- Tempera paint (green and white)(optional)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- Marker

Book Link

- **It's Spring** by Linda Glaser
- **What Happens in Spring? (I Like the Seasons)**
by Sara L. Latta

"Spring"

Spring has sprung!
Do you know what that means?
Tree branches not barren,
Instead full of leaves

The snow is melting
Harsh rains have gone
Light showers we see
And days become long

Spring's in full swing
Breezes are blowing
Birds chirp and they sing
A new season is showing

Time to create!

Step 1: Using the brown piece of construction paper, have your child place his/her forearm up to the hand onto the paper. Your child's forearm and hand will be the tree. Using your pencil, trace your child's hand and forearm. Then cut it out. Have your child glue the tree onto the center of his/her white sheet of paper. Before starting step 2, discuss with your child how trees change in the spring time. For example, trees sprout new green leaves and flowers begin to bloom. Be sure to label your page "Spring."

Step 2: Now it is time to make your tree come alive! Using the green and white tissue paper, cut 1 inch squares. These squares will represent the green leaves and white flowers. Using a pencil, take one square of tissue paper and place the tip of your eraser into the center of the square piece of tissue paper. Squeeze the tissue paper around the end of the pencil. Place a dab of glue onto the tissue paper (eraser portion of the pencil) and glue randomly into place on the hand portion of your child's tree. Continue doing this until the tree is covered with green "leaves" and white "flowers." (You can also use tempera paint in place of tissue paper and have your child stamp green and white fingerprints onto his/her tree.)

Step 3: When your child has finished his/her tree, while it is drying, go outside and find a tree that looks similar to the tree your child just made and take a picture. Paste this picture onto your child's paper next to his/her tree. You might also like to include the poem above by cutting out a flower shape and writing the poem onto the flower and glue in to place on your "spring" page.

Step 4: Using the second sheet of white paper, create a collage with your child by talking about some of the changes that happen in the spring. You might like to find and cut out those images from magazines, or newspapers. Your child might even like to include family photos of different holidays your family celebrates or outdoor activities your family appreciates. This is a great opportunity to reflect on the special things your family does together during each season while capturing them forever in a "Seasons" book.