

STORYTIME AT HOME

Garden

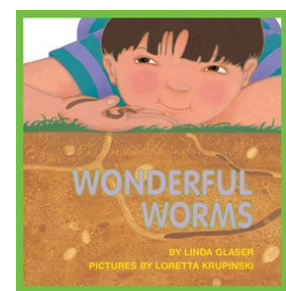
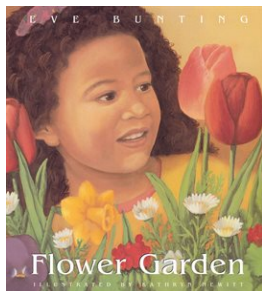
You and your little one can enjoy storytime at home! It's easy and fun and helps your little ones practice skills that will get them ready to learn to read.



Read and Talk

Head over to Hoopla digital to check out some of these titles about families, all available with your library card:

- [Flower Garden](#) by Eve Bunting
- [In the Garden](#) by various authors
- [Planting a Rainbow](#) by Lois Ehlert
- [Wonderful Worms](#) by Linda Glaser



When you read to your child, you expose them to words we don't often use in spoken language. Being familiar with a word or expression gives your child a head start to reading in Kindergarten.

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Sing and Dance

The Gardener Digs the Soil (sing to the tune of *The Farmer in the Dell*)

The gardener digs the soil, the gardener digs the soil
Hi-ho the derry-oh
The gardener digs the soil (pretend to dig)

The gardener plants the seeds....(pretend to plant seeds)
The rain begins to fall...(flutter hands like rain)
The sun shines bright and warm...(hold hands in circle overhead)
The plants begin to grow...(slowly raise hands up)
Flowers all around...(hands up outstretched)

Let's dance!

Sing and do the actions along with this fun [Raffi song](#):

Try a tickly rhyme.

Slowly, slowly, very slowly creeps the garden snail. (*walk fingers up arm*)

Slowly, slowly, very slowly up the wooden rail.

Quickly, quickly, very quickly runs the little mouse. (*run fingers around child's belly*)

Quickly, quickly, very quickly round about the house. (*slip fingers under child's arm and tickle*)

Or a fingerplay.

Wiggly is a wee worm

Who wiggles everywhere.

Can you keep your eyes on it

As it wiggles here and there?

Wiggly starts down at my toes

And wiggles all the way up to my nose!

It wiggles back down without a peep,

Creeps into my pocket, and goes to sleep.

Play and Discover

Next time you're outside, go on a little scavenger hunt. How many different shades of green can you spot? If you happen to have a paint sample card you can try matching what you see.



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