

STORYTIME AT HOME

World Environmental Day



You and your little one can enjoy storytime at home! The United Nations celebrates World Environment Year every June 5th. This year's theme is biodiversity, which Britannica Kids defines as "the variety of living things in a given place."

Read and Talk

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

- *The Bumblebee Queen* by April Pulley Sayre <https://tinyurl.com/ycj4t2rw>
- *Grandpa's Garden* by Stella Fry <https://tinyurl.com/yatj2zb4>
- *In a Tree* by Jennifer Boothroyd <https://tinyurl.com/yatj2zb4>
- *A Nest is Noisy* by Dianna Hutts Aston <https://tinyurl.com/y8gln85c>



Talk about what you see when you look out your window! Are all of the trees on your street the same or are there different kinds? Listen to the birds in your yard! Are they louder in the morning or in the afternoon?

Need a library card? Apply for one here! <https://bit.ly/2VJnrxV>

Sing and Dance

The Itsy Bitsy Spider

The itsy bitsy spider went up the water spout
Down came the rain and washed the spider out
Out came the sun and dried up all the rain
And the itsy bitsy spider went up the spout again

And here comes her friend, the great big hairy spider:

The great big hairy spider went up the water spout...

Let's dance!

Dance to your favorite tunes or play this classic folk song: <https://tinyurl.com/yb2ptseg>

Or try this one with a scarf!

To the tune of the wheels on the bus:

The fish in the sea go swish, swish, swish (wave scarf side to side)
Swish, swish, swish, swish, swish, swish
The fish in the sea go swish, swish, swish
All day long

The dolphins in the sea swim round and round (circle in front)

The sand in the sea drifts down, down down (slowly lower scarf to floor)

The waves in the sea go up and down (wave scarf up and down)

Play

Art projects don't always have to be permanent! Gather some pebbles and see what shapes you and your children come up with for this fun, imaginative small motor activity. When you're finished, take a photo and simply leave your project for others to enjoy!



Interested in more loose parts play? Check out *Loose Parts* by Lisa Daly and Miriam Beloglovsky, available on Hoopla <https://tinyurl.com/y8e3uw9t>