

Theme: Flowers and Bees

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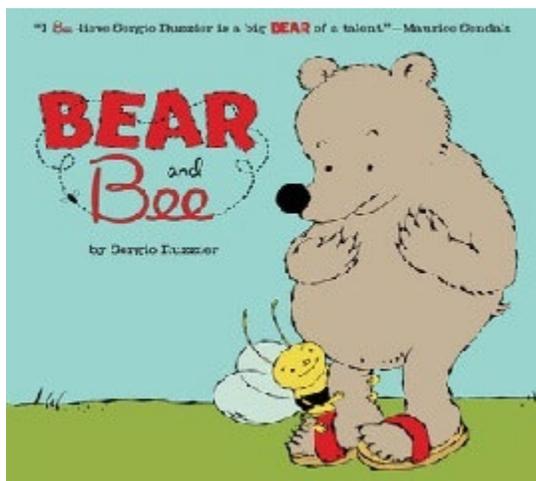
Hi StrongStart friends,

Today's email is put together by Ms. Cindy (from Cook).



Spring is here. How do we know? Well, flowers are starting to bloom, trees are beginning to bud and birds are starting to sing. It is a time when the weather is getting warmer and the butterflies and bees are returning.

Let's start with some songs and a story (Bear and Bee by Sergio Ruzzier) with Ms. Cindy - <https://youtu.be/2ggGxE92qEs>



Here's a song to remind us about the signs of spring (to the tune of "Frere Jacques"/"Are You Sleeping").

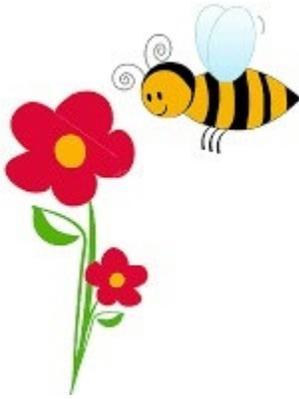
*Spring is here, spring is here.*

*How do you know? How do you know?*

*\*I see the flowers blooming, I see the flowers blooming*

*That's how I know, that's how I know.*

*\*repeat with ...I hear the birds singing; the grass is turning greener; I see the insects crawling; I hear the bees buzzing.*



Now that we have learned some signs of spring, let's play a flower and bee guessing game.

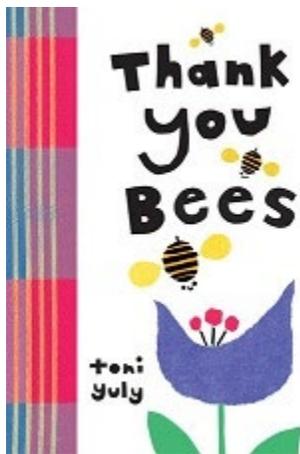
Instructions:

- Print out the attached template (PDF).
- Cut out 3 or more flowers. Colour each flower a different colour.
- Cut out and colour the bee.

How to Play:

- Have your child hid their eyes while you hide the bee under one flower.
- Have your child open their eyes and say "buzz, buzz, bumble bee...where oh where can you be?" and guess which colour flower it is hiding under.
- This activity is great for colour recognition, counting and memory.

After the game, let's read a book about appreciating nature and all it does. It's called "Thank You Bees" by Toni Yuly - <https://youtu.be/5FsC5Bi0Qjc>



If you want a movement activity to do at home, you can try this Cosmic Yoga Kids Adventure with Enzo the Bee - <https://youtu.be/uyj5LooYWyg>



Enzo The Bee | A Cosmic Kids Yoga Adventure!

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