

Summer Flowers

3+

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The children will:

1. Learn to identify colors by name.
2. Learn about various flowers.
3. Learn to cooperate and follow directions.

Materials

colored tissue paper
scissors (adult use only)
bread twist-ties
flower wand (a paper flower taped to an unsharpened pencil with strands of colorful curling ribbon attached)

VOCABULARY

circle	color	flower	grow	listen
pick	sit	walk	wand	

PREPARATION

- Make one colorful tissue paper flower per child by cutting sheets of tissue paper into circles and squares, setting three sheets on top of each other, holding them at the center, and twisting them into shape.

WHAT TO DO

1. Invite the children to stand in a circle and join hands.
2. Display the assorted flowers in the center of the circle, scattered randomly.
3. Hand the flower wand to one child and have the child stand in the center of the circle to become the “flower fairy.”
4. Ask the children to walk around the circle of flowers, in a counterclockwise direction, as they recite the following chant in unison:

Walk around the flowers

Growing on the ground.

Pretty summer flowers.

All sit down!

5. As the chant ends, all the children sit down quickly.
6. The person in the middle then uses the wand to tap various classmates, signaling each one to pick a flower, say its color, and then carry it back to her place.
7. The activity continues until each of the children picks a flower.

ASSESSMENT

To assess the children’s learning, consider the following:

- Are the children able to follow directions?
- Can the children recognize the colors of their flowers?

Children’s Books

Flower Garden by Eve Bunting
The Garden Party by James Hoffman
A Kid’s Guide to How Flowers Grow by Patricia Ayers
Planting a Rainbow by Lois Ehlert

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