The splendor of spring and summer are here!

Want to delight your little ones with the wonders of spring and summer? Read *Spring Babies* and *Summer Babies*, then dive into these easy, toddler-size activities that engage the senses and celebrate the seasons.

**Spring Babies**
1. Pick dandelions and blow the seeds into the wind.
2. Is it raining? Head outside in boots and stomp and splash in puddles.
3. Find a gently sloping grassy hill and roll down. Watch out for rocks!
4. Head outside and listen to different bird calls. Also look for robins digging for worms and woodpeckers tapping.
5. Make a bird feeder using a pine cone, peanut butter, and birdseed. Hang it on a tree outside the window and observe the different visitors throughout the season.
6. Have a picnic outdoors at a park or indoors on the floor.
7. Feed the ducks at a pond.
8. Fly a kite and feel the gusty wind.

**Summer Babies**
1. Visit a butterfly garden OR start one! [https://nababutterfly.com/start-butterfly-garden/](https://nababutterfly.com/start-butterfly-garden/)
2. Run through a water sprinkler.
3. Watch bumblebees buzzing in and out of gardens, finding pollen and nectar.
4. Search for four-leaf clovers.
5. Eat watermelon slices, popsicles, or ice cream outside.
7. Blow bubbles! Use different size wands for added fun.
8. Make a gardening sensory bin using potting soil (or dried black beans), small rocks and pebbles, faux flowers, small containers, and gardening tools.

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Celebrate the wonder of the seasons!

Want to bring *Autumn Babies* and *Winter Babies* to life with your little one? Below are some simple, toddler-appropriate activities that engage the senses and provide an elementary introduction to all the wonders of the seasons.

**Autumn Babies**
1. Go on a Fall Scavenger Hunt! Make a list of items associated with fall (e.g., leaves, squirrels, acorns, sticks, pine cones) and search for each one while walking in the park or in the backyard.
2. Create a sensory bin with the scavenger hunt items.
3. Listen for birds singing and woodpeckers pecking.
4. Create a collection of leaves in different shapes and colors.
5. Make a pile of leaves, then jump in!
6. Watch squirrels chasing each other in the trees.
7. Roll down a hill.
8. Visit a pumpkin patch or apple orchard.

**Winter Babies**
1. Put on heavy boots and stomp in the snow, listening for crunching and other sounds. Don’t have snow? Walk on bubble wrap taped to the floor or driveway!
2. Make snow! Mix 2 ½ cups of baking soda with ½ cup of white hair conditioner.
3. Create “snowflakes” out of marshmallows and pretzel sticks.
4. Catch snowflakes on your tongue.
5. Freeze water in a water table or empty bin and make an ice-covered surface to “skate” toys over.
6. Go sledding down a snow-covered hill.
7. Listen to the wind blow.
8. Exhale outside and see your breath in the air.