

FLOWERS

- 9-9:15 Opening in activity room
- 9:15-9:30 Free play, table play related to theme (flower painting (see below), different flowers out to view, compare/contrast, and smell. A basket with floral oasis helps them to stay fresh without glass/water.)
- 9:30 -9:40 Bathroom Break
- 9:40 – 10:20 Circle time (welcome children, prayer, introduction of topic)
show n tell, wiggle songs, stories and songs related to theme
“My Hand says Hello!”
“This is Big Big Big”
Ask; “What can you tell me about flowers?”
Book: How Flowers Grow—talk about the parts of the flower and what they do.
Book: Planting a rainbow.
- 10:20 – 10:40 Theme craft
*Plant a rainbow (plant some seeds in peat cups, have a variety of colors/ types of seeds OR make your own seed tape for garden, OR send seeds home)
*Paper plate flowers
- 10:40- 11:05 Bathroom break and snack time
- 11:05 -11:30 Outside time if weather is nice/free play (Go on a flower walk and see how many different flowers we can find between the church and the Ark playground then play there) (Potentially find a Mom who is willing to hang out on the playground with the kids so that one teacher is free to seal the tiles if using them.)
- 11:45-pickup Completion of any craft activities, stories, songs
Rest time or video

Activities:

Paper Plate Flowers: Use a green paper plate as the background of the flower. Have petal shapes drawn out on construction paper. The kids can cut out the petals, using fancy-cut scissors if desired, for cutting practice. Glue the petals on to the paper plate. Glue a yellow circle (or a pompom left over from the eggs and chicks lesson) to make a center of the flower. It can be scented with Essential Oils or perfume if desired. (The outside of a regular mouth canning ring made a

great template for the petals. It can bleed off the paper some so that there is a flat edge. The inside of the canning ring made a nice “center of the flower” template. Left photo below.

Paint flowers: Have paints set out and different “brushes”: sponges, forks, brushes, etc. [I had a bunch of large ceramic tiles here. I glued white construction squares (9”) to the center of the tile and let it dry. The kids can paint the paper. After it is dry, the tiles can be spray with clear acrylic sealer. If parents want to preserve it even more, they can use the Envirotex product from Hobby Lobby or Michaels to really seal it.

<http://www.homemade-gifts-made-easy.com/how-to-make-coasters.html>

There would be the possibility of gluing paper cut-outs to the tile if the child doesn’t want to paint. Do this early so there is time for things to dry! The acrylic will also have an odor lingering for a while. It should be cured outside the room! Note: I reinforced the back of the tile with duct tape to prevent shattering if it breaks. I taped all four edges in a frame then made an asterisk pattern across the back with duct tape. See center photo below.]

Plant a rainbow: Have peat cups and potting soil and different color flower seeds. The kids can plant seeds to make a rainbow. Later at home, they can transplant them. Alternatively, purchase some already started plants at a green house and send one or several home with each child. OR. DIY seed tape of flowers to plant later in at home. (<http://learningandyearning.com/make-your-own-seed-tape>). Use Toilet paper and flour glue to paste the seeds at appropriate lengths on your paper. Fold the toilet paper over and glue shut with a few paste drops. Then plant the paper in the bottom of the row. (I’m actually just sending home zinnia seeds with planting directions!)

Books:

Helbrough, Emma, “How Flowers Grow” (Usborne Beginner Science book)

Ehlert, Lois, “Planting a Rainbow” JE EHLER (Board Book)

Lobel, Arnold, “The Rose in my Garden” JE LOBEL

Sheehan, Kevin, “The Dandelion’s Tale” JE SHEEH

Higgs, Liz Curtis, “The Sunflower Parable”

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