



## Fun & Games With

SING songs such as "Oats, Peas, Beans and Barley Grow," and "Here We Go 'Round the Mulberry Bush."

MAKE "Garden Play Soup" outdoors with your child. Provide scissors, a big pot, plastic bowls, and spoons. Have your child snip flowers, leaves, and grass and add to water in the pot.

GO on a garden scavenger hunt to find: *small flowers; a flower in a certain color; something that smells good; a plant with no flowers; big leaves.*

SET UP an "indoor garden" in a sensory bin with potting soil or black beans. Add scoops, trowels, small pots, and plastic plants.



## Books About Growing Things

MEASURE the height of several plants. Use words such as *tall, taller, tallest* to compare the sizes.

CREATE a fairy garden or dinosaur garden in a pot saucer with soil, plants, rocks, and small toys.

GUIDE your child to use their five senses to try a new food that typically grows in a garden, such as an herb.

MAKE a flower sticky wall. Tape contact paper to a window or glass door. Gather flowers, grass, and leaves. Have your child stick the garden items to the contact paper.

PROVIDE cupcake liners or coffee filters, paper, glue, and markers. Encourage your child to glue the liner or filter to the paper to make a flower and draw details such as stems and leaves.

SAY this rhyme, holding up fingers as you repeat and count down to *none*.  
*Out in the garden,  
growing in the sun  
were 5 pretty flowers  
and I picked one!*