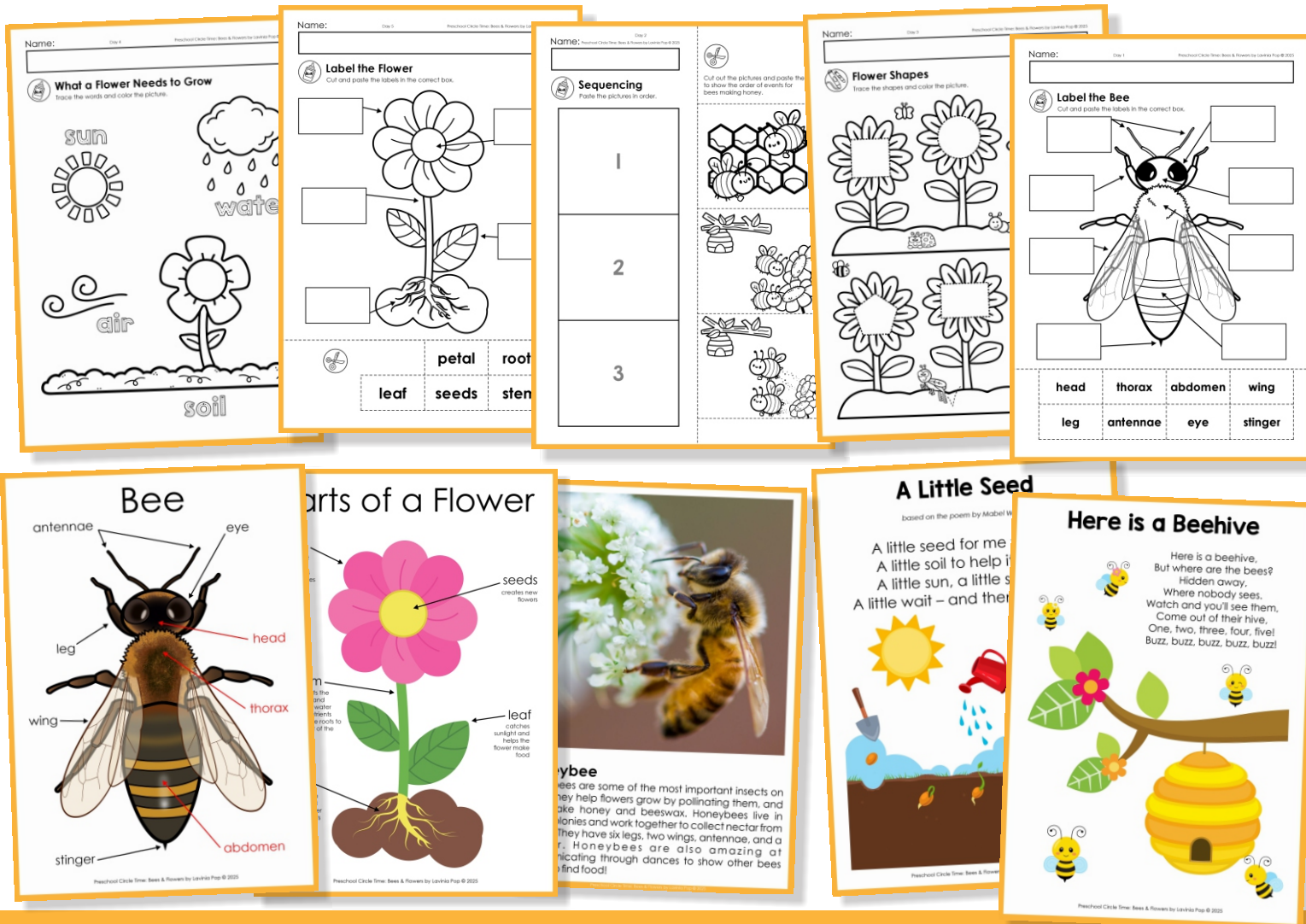


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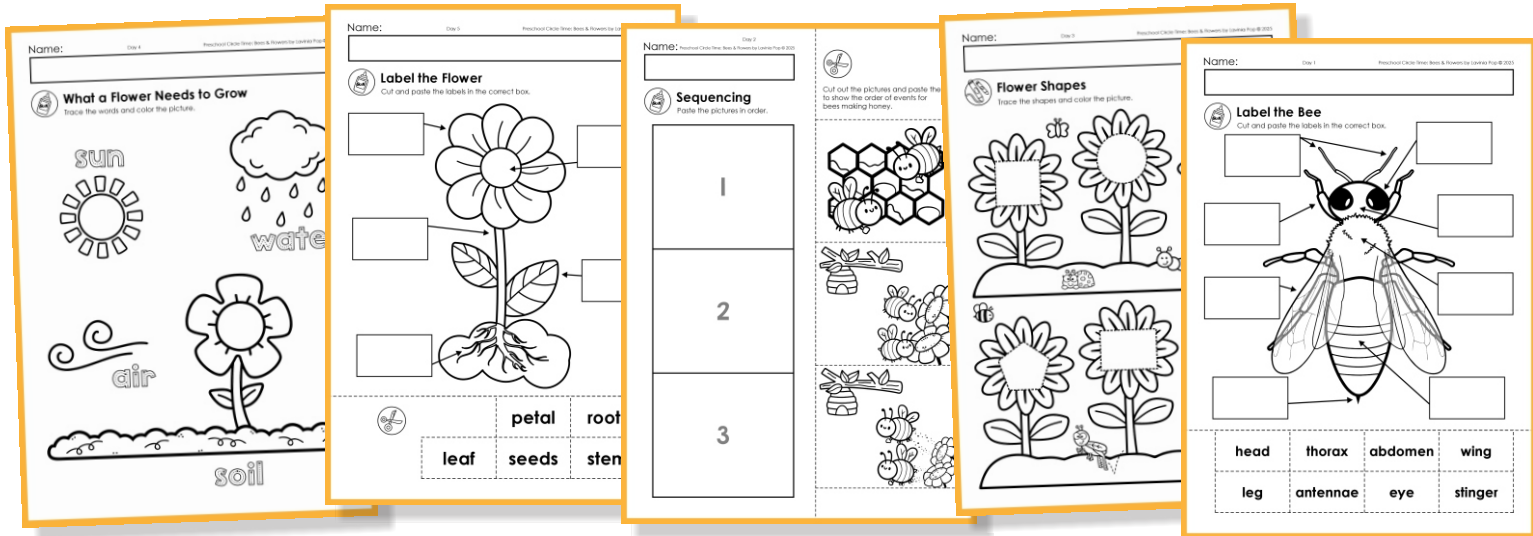


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# Introduction

The Bees & Flowers Preschool Circle Time Plan is designed to immerse young learners in the fascinating world of bees, flowers, and the essential relationship between them. Over the course of five days, children will engage in fun, hands-on activities that spark curiosity and support early learning concepts about the natural world.

Each day features an exciting read-aloud, along with an activity that helps children understand the important roles of bees and flowers. From exploring the parts of a bee and understanding their pollination process to creating flower crafts and conducting fun science experiments, this plan encourages children to develop their knowledge of how nature works while fostering creativity, critical thinking, and empathy for the tiny creatures that play a big part in our environment.

Whether making a bee craft, tasting honey, or watching flowers change colors, this plan offers an engaging, interactive experience that will inspire a deeper appreciation for nature's wonders!

## What's Included:

### 1. Detailed Circle Time plans

Each day of the week is planned with a structured circle time agenda that includes:

- *Introduction:* A brief and captivating introduction to the daily theme, setting the stage for the day's activities.
- *Song:* A fun and educational song related to the daily theme, designed to engage children and reinforce learning through music and movement.
- *Read aloud and discussion:* A carefully selected picture book paired with thought-provoking discussion questions to enhance comprehension and encourage interaction.
- *Activities:* Creative and hands-on activities that complement the day's theme, fostering gross and fine motor skills, creativity, and critical thinking.

### 2. Posters and props

Enhance Circle Time with visual and tactile aids:

- *Posters:* Vibrant posters featuring the lyrics and illustrations for each daily song, making it easy for children to follow along and participate. The product also includes non-fiction posters, providing educational content alongside the fun.
- *Props:* Printable props related to each song and theme help bring the songs and stories to life and engage children in interactive play.

### 3. Printables for all activities:

Not all days include activities that require printables. However, optional printables are included for each day if you would like to use them. They include:

- Group activity printables
- Worksheets
- Craft templates

## Why You'll Love This Resource:

- **Comprehensive and convenient learning:** A complete week of themed learning activities and resources in one packet.
- **Easy to use:** Detailed plans, printables, and props make it straightforward to create a dynamic and engaging circle time experience.
- **Educational and entertaining:** Each component is designed to be both educational and fun, keeping children excited and involved.

Happy Teaching :)



# Bees & Flowers

	Objective	Read Aloud	Activity
<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Parts of a Bee</b>  Children will learn about the different parts of a bee (head, thorax, abdomen, wings, legs, stinger) and their functions.	<b>Book:</b> "Bee and Me" by Elle J. McGuinness  <b>Discussion:</b> What bees do and their body parts like wings, antennae, and stinger. How bees help plants.	<b>Bee Cut and Glue Craft</b> Children color, cut, and glue the parts of a bee (abdomen, thorax, wings, legs, stinger, antennae). <b>Materials:</b> Printable bee template, crayons, glue, scissors.
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>The Importance of Bees</b>  Children will understand the importance of bees for pollination, honey production, and beeswax creation.	<b>Book:</b> "The Honeybee" by Kirsten Hall <b>Discussion:</b> How bees collect nectar, make honey, and pollinate flowers. Why bees are important for plants and the environment.	<b>Honey Tasting</b> Children taste different types of honey and describe the flavors.  <b>Materials:</b> Honey samples (clover, wildflower, etc.), spoons, paper plates.
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Kinds of Flowers</b>  Children will explore and identify different types of flowers, their shapes, sizes, and colors.	<b>Book:</b> "Planting a Rainbow" by Lois Ehlert  <b>Discussion:</b> Different kinds of flowers and the variety of colors and shapes they come in. How flowers grow in gardens and nature.	<b>Cupcake Liner Flower Craft</b> Children create flowers using cupcake liners to make a flower with a stem and leaves. <b>Materials:</b> Cupcake liners, craft sticks, glue, gems, buttons, green paper.
<b>Day 4</b>	<b>What Flowers Need to Grow</b>  Children will understand the basic needs of flowers, including sunlight, water, and soil.	<b>Book:</b> "Plant the Tiny Seed" by Christie Matheson  <b>Discussion:</b> What flowers need to grow, including sunlight, water, and soil. The journey of a seed growing into a flower.	<b>Flower Needs Craft</b> Children color and assemble flower parts, gluing them together to create a complete flower.  <b>Materials:</b> Flower templates, crayons, scissors, glue.
<b>Day 5</b>	<b>Parts of a Flower</b>  Children will identify the parts of a flower (petals, stem, leaves, and roots) and understand their roles in the flower's growth.	<b>Book:</b> "The Reason for a Flower" by Ruth Heller  <b>Discussion:</b> The parts of a flower: petals, stem, leaves, and roots. How each part helps the flower grow and thrive.	<b>Color Changing Flowers Science Experiment</b> Children place white flowers in colored water and observe the color change in the petals. <b>Materials:</b> White flowers, food coloring, clear cups, water.

# Bees & Flowers

## Day 4: What Flowers Need to Grow

Children will understand the basic needs of flowers, including sunlight, water, and soil.

### Introduction

Ask, "What do flowers need to grow?" Explain that flowers need sunlight, water, and soil to grow. Show pictures of flowers in gardens and fields and discuss how each of these things helps flowers grow healthy. Ask, "What do you think happens if flowers don't get enough sunlight or water?"

### Song

"A Little Seed"

**Props:** Seed, flower, sun, rain, clock

**Actions:** You will need to use a scarf for this song. Scrunch scarf in one hand.

**A little seed for me to sow,** (stick one finger from other hand into scarf)

**A little soil to help it grow.** (pat top of the hand holding the scarf)

**A little sun, a little shower,** (raise empty hand up for sun, then flutter fingers down for rain)

**A little wait—and then, a flower.** (tap finger on closed hand wrist, then close both hands on scarf & slowly open)



### Read Aloud & Discussion

**Book:** "Plant the Tiny Seed" by Christie Matheson

**Before Reading:** "What do you think a seed needs to grow into a flower? What does the seed need to help it grow big and strong?" Explain that in this book, we'll be helping a tiny seed grow by following its journey from a small seed to a beautiful flower.

**After Reading:** "What did we learn that flowers need to grow? How did the seed in the book grow into a flower?" Discuss how the seed needed water, sunlight, and soil to grow.



### Activity

#### Flower Needs Craft

**Materials:** Flower parts templates, crayons, scissors, glue.

**Activity:** Provide each child with a set of printed templates. Discuss why each need is important as children color the petals. Once colored, have them cut out the parts and assemble the flower by gluing the middle to the center, attaching the petals around it, and adding the stem and leaves. Encourage them to decorate the flower with additional details.

**Extension:** After the activity, take a walk to observe real flowers. Discuss how flowers use sunlight, water, air and soil to grow, and point out the parts of the flower in nature.



# Bees & Flowers

## Circle Time Song Posters and Props

This section includes all song posters and props.

- Here is a Beehive
  - complete song poster
  - verse song poster
  - beehive
  - bees (x5)



- A Little Seed
  - complete song poster
  - verse song poster
  - seed
  - flower
  - sun
  - rain
  - clock





# Here is a Beehive

Here is a beehive,  
But where are the bees?  
Hidden away,  
Where nobody sees.  
Watch and you'll see them,  
Come out of their hive,  
One, two, three, four, five!  
Buzz, buzz, buzz, buzz, buzz!



# A Little Seed

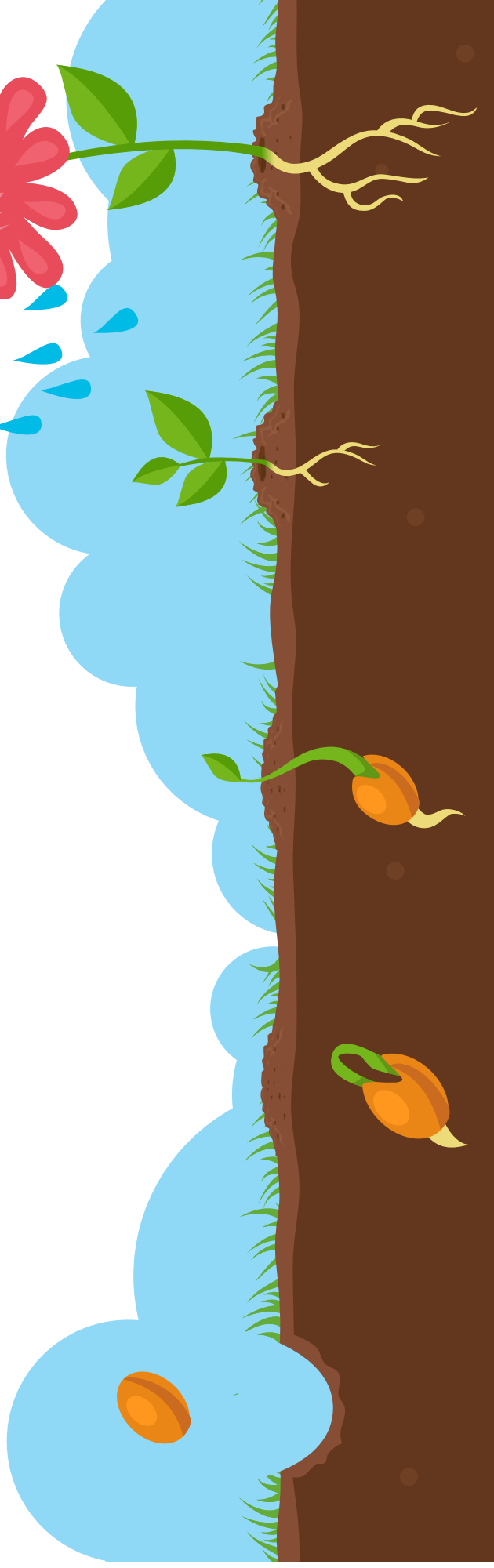
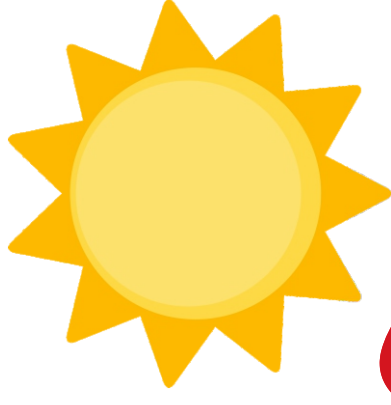
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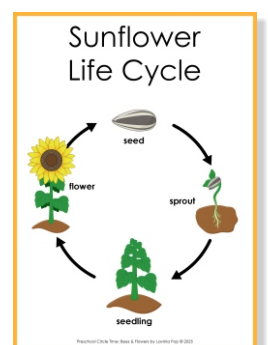
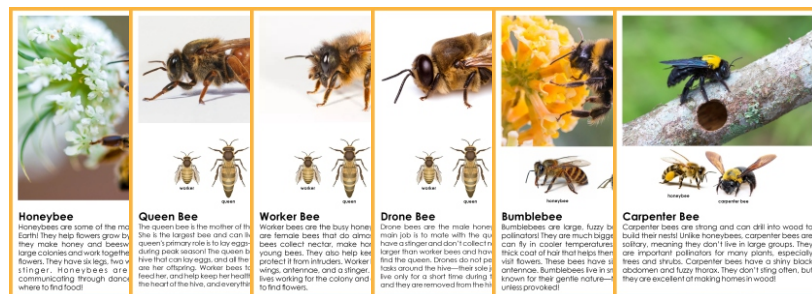
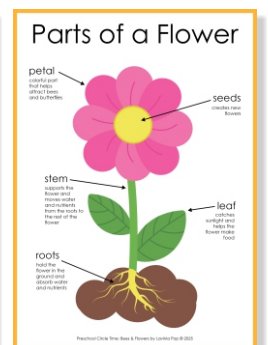
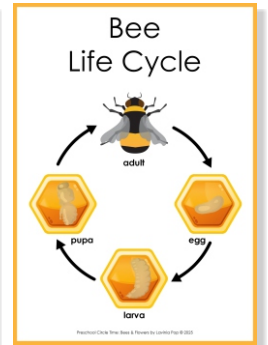
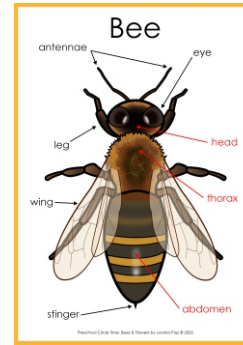


# Bees & Flowers

## Classroom Posters

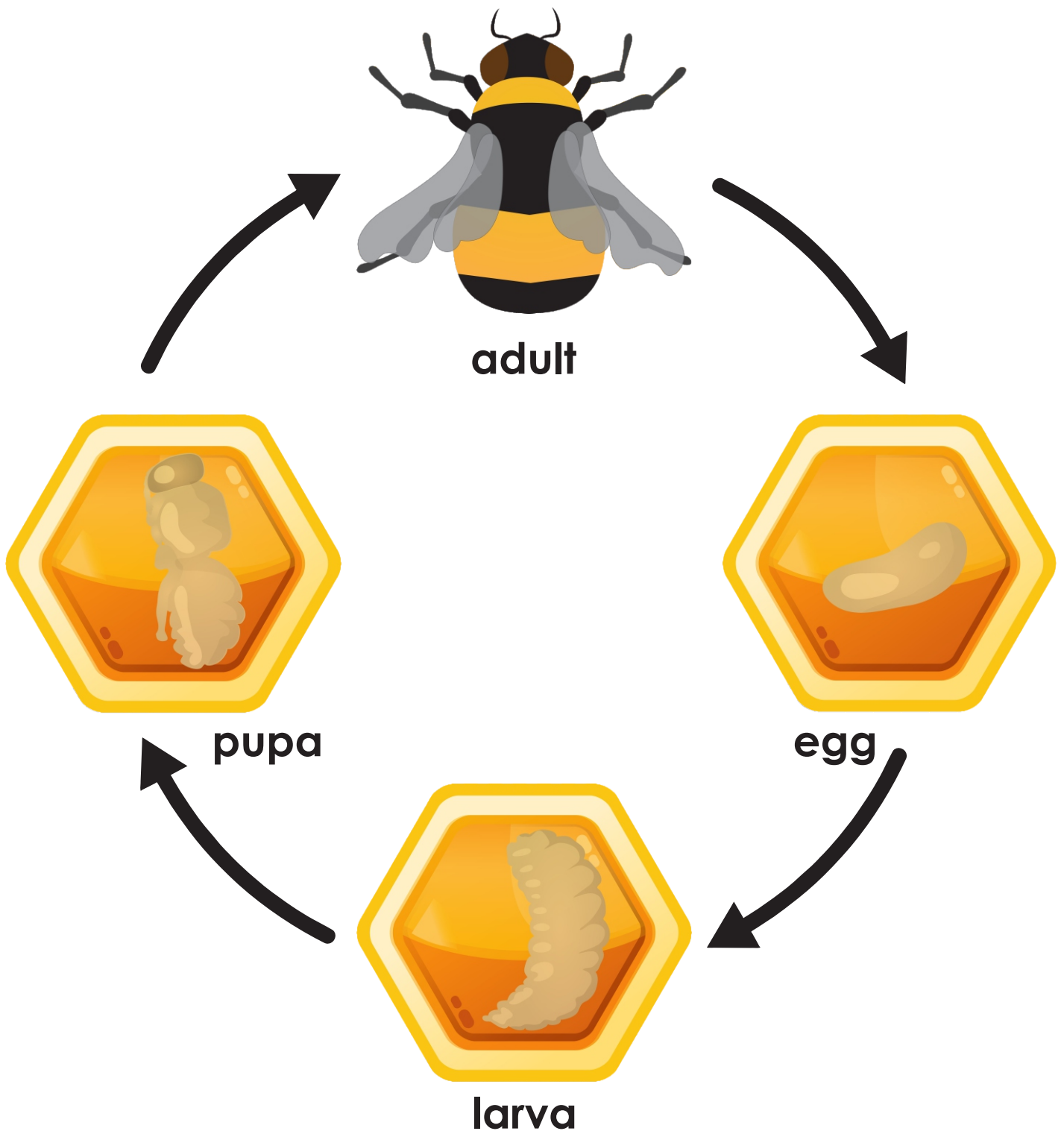
This section includes posters you might like to display in your classroom.

- Bee (parts of a bee with labels)
- Bee Life Cycle
- Non-fiction bee posters:
  - Honeybee
  - Queen Bee
  - Worker Bee
  - Drone Bee
  - Bumblebee
  - Carpenter Bee
- Honeycomb
- Non-fiction flower posters:
  - Sunflower
  - Rose
  - Daisy
  - Tulip
  - Lily
  - Poppy
  - Iris
  - Pansy
  - Lavender
  - Marigold
- What a flower needs to grow (x2 with and without info)
- Parts of a flower (X2 with and without information)
- Sunflower Life Cycle





# Bee Life Cycle





# Honeybee

Honeybees are some of the most important insects on Earth! They help flowers grow by pollinating them, and they make honey and beeswax. Honeybees live in large colonies and work together to collect nectar from flowers. They have six legs, two wings, antennae, and a stinger. Honeybees are also amazing at communicating through dances to show other bees where to find food!

# Honeycomb

## What is a Honeycomb?

A honeycomb is a wax structure made by bees to store their honey and house their larvae (baby bees). It's made up of hexagonal (six-sided) cells that fit perfectly together.

## How Do Bees Make It?

Bees make honeycomb from beeswax, which they secrete from special glands in their abdomen. They use their mandibles (jaws) to mold the wax into perfect hexagons, and it takes thousands of tiny bees working together to build the hive.



## What Does the Honeycomb Do?

- *Stores honey:* Bees fill the honeycomb with honey that they make from the flowers they visit.
- *Baby bees:* Bees use the honeycomb to hold eggs and baby bees until they grow up!





# Sunflower

Sunflowers are tall, bright flowers that can grow as high as 10 feet! They have big yellow petals and a round, brown center full of seeds. Sunflowers need lots of sunlight to grow, and they even follow the sun as it moves across the sky. You can find them in gardens and fields, and their seeds are used to make snacks and oils! Sunflowers are also great for attracting bees and other pollinators.



## Rose

Roses are beautiful flowers that come in many colors, such as red, white, yellow, and pink. They are known for their soft petals and sweet fragrance. Roses need plenty of sunlight and healthy soil to grow. You can find them in gardens and parks, where they are often used in bouquets and special occasions. Roses are also symbols of love and friendship, making them one of the most popular flowers in the world.





## Daisy

Daisies are cheerful flowers with white petals and a bright yellow center. They are easy to grow and need lots of sunlight to thrive. Daisies are often found in gardens and fields and can be used to make flower crowns. Their simple beauty makes them a favorite in wildflower meadows. Daisies also close at night and reopen in the morning, which is why they are sometimes called “day's eye.”



# What a Flower Needs to Grow

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**water**



**air**

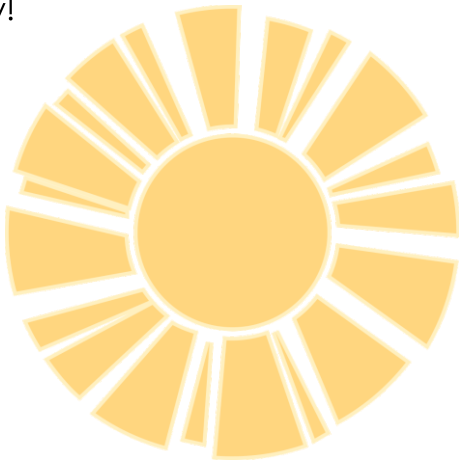


**soil**

# What a Flower Needs to Grow

## sun

Flowers need sunlight to grow strong and healthy. The sun helps flowers make food through photosynthesis, which gives them energy!



## water

Flowers need water to stay hydrated and grow. Water helps carry nutrients from the soil into the flower's roots and keeps the petals fresh and strong.

## air

Flowers need air to breathe! They take in carbon dioxide from the air, which helps them grow. Without air, flowers can't make food or grow properly.



Flowers need soil to anchor their roots and get important nutrients. The soil gives flowers the support they need to stand tall and stay nourished.

## soil

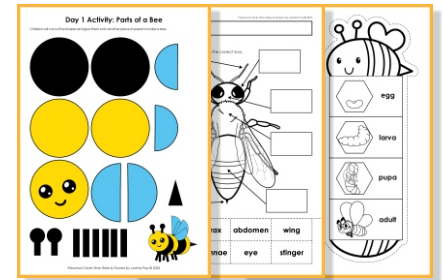
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## Activities & Worksheets

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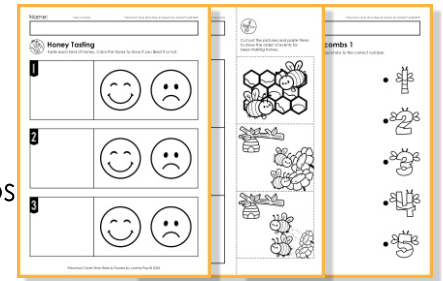
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- **Lesson Activity:** Parts of a Bee Cut and Glue
- *Additional Activity:* Label the Bee
- *Additional Activity:* Bee Life Cycle



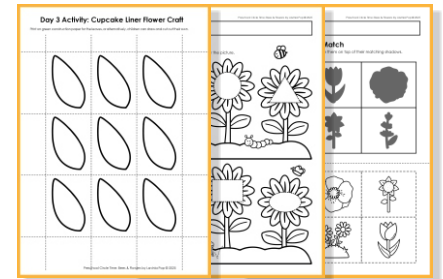
### Day 2: The Importance of Bees

- **Lesson Activity:** Honey Tasting
- *Additional Activity:* Sequence Bees Making Honey
- *Additional Activity:* Matching Numbers and Honeycombs



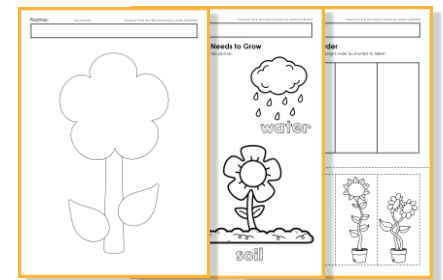
### Day 3: Kinds of Flowers

- **Lesson Activity:** Cupcake Liner Flower Craft
- *Additional Activity:* Flower Shapes
- *Additional Activity:* Flower Shadows



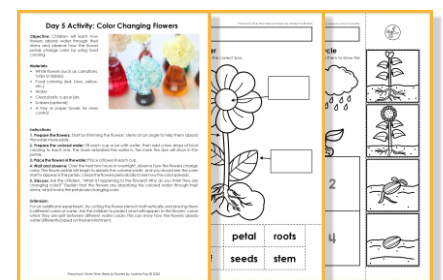
### Day 4: What Flowers Need to Grow

- **Lesson Activity:** What Flowers Need to Grow Activity
- *Additional Activity:* What Flowers Need to Grow Coloring
- *Additional Activity:* Flower Height Order



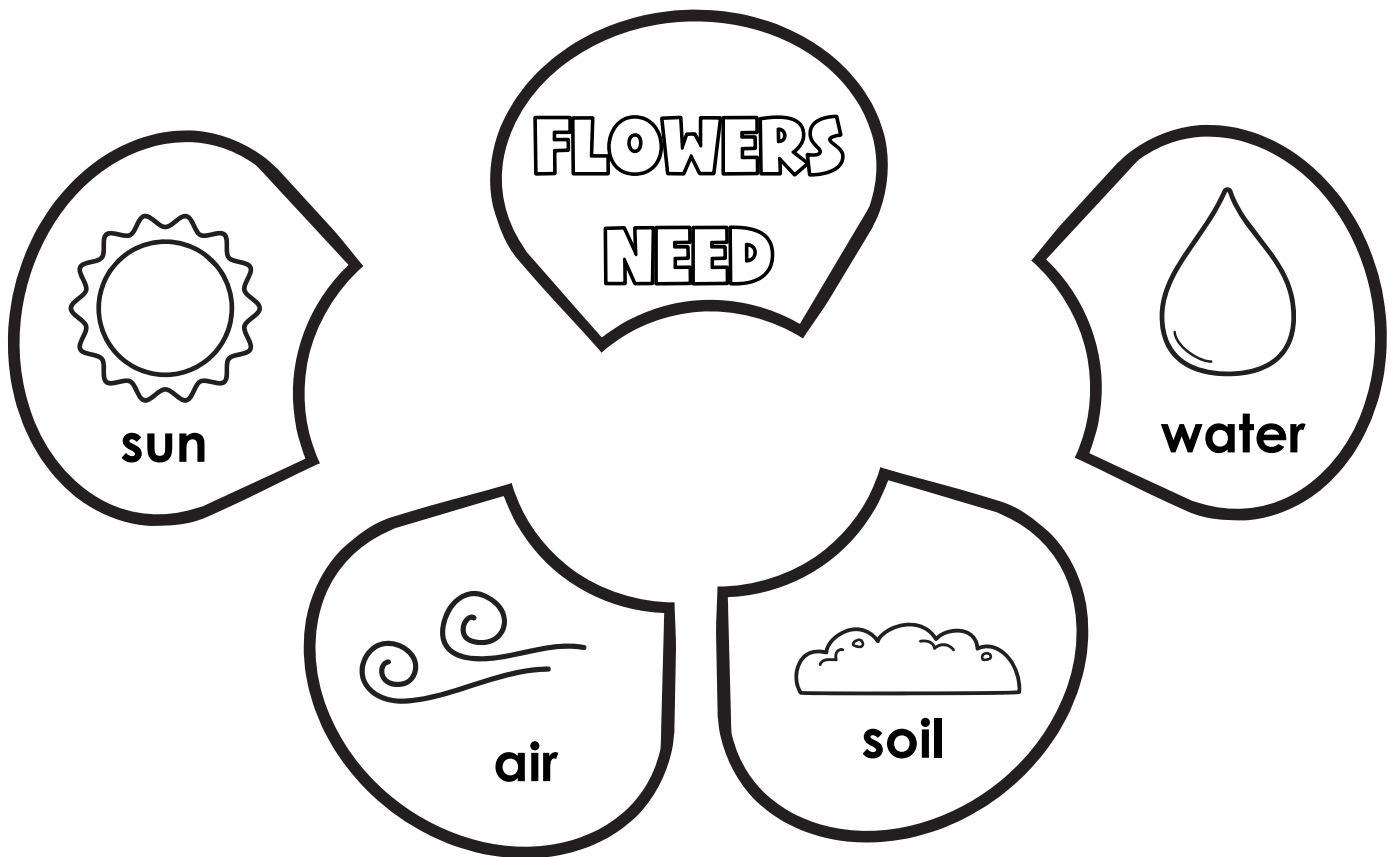
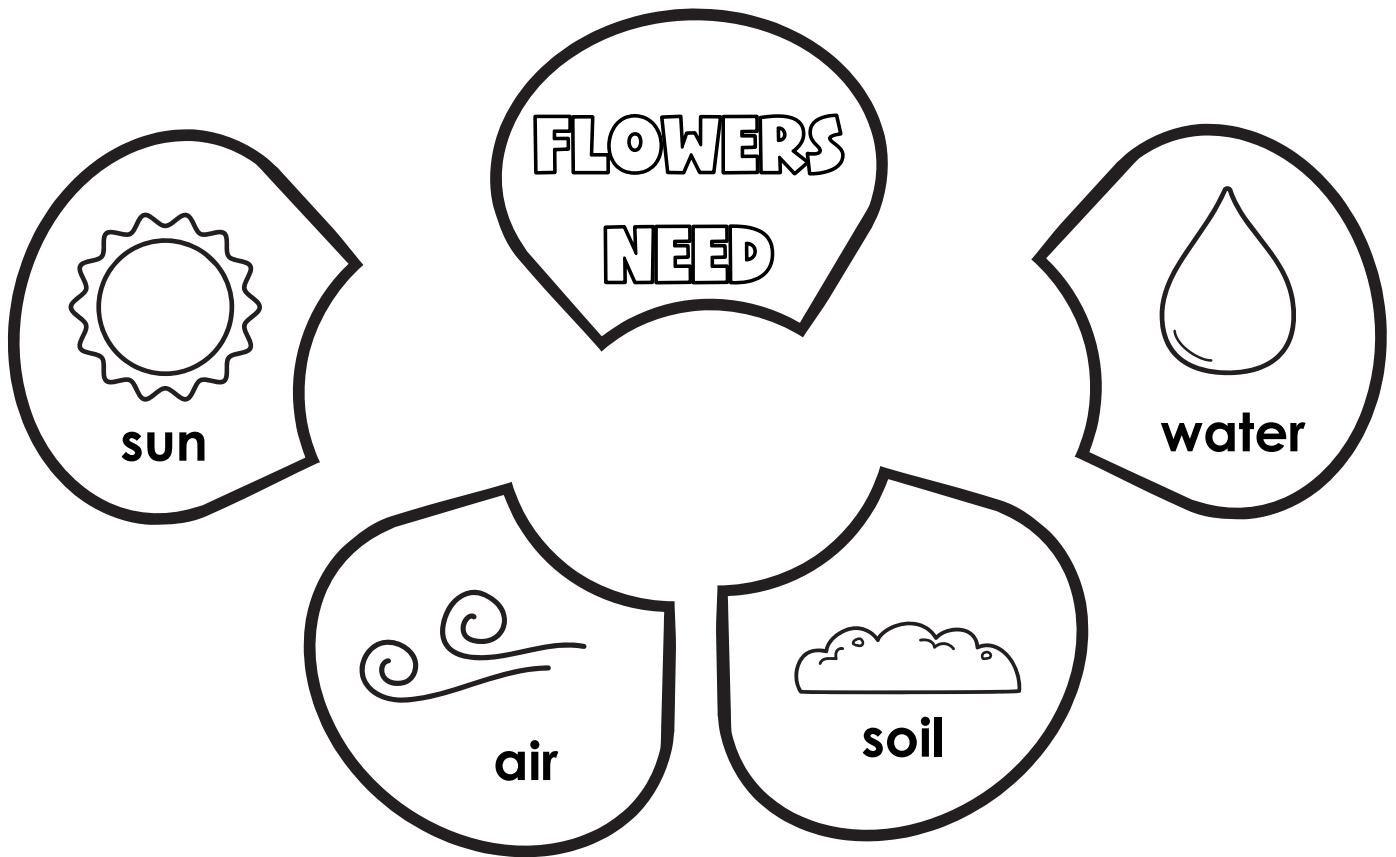
### Day 5: Parts of a Flower

- **Lesson Activity:** Color Changing Flowers Experiment
- *Additional Activity:* Label the Flower
- *Additional Activity:* Sequence Sunflower Life Cycle



# Day 4 Activity: Flowers Need

Print on white cardstock. Children will color and cut out the pictures.





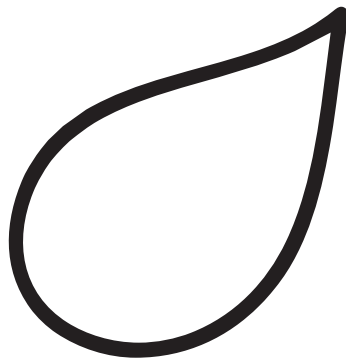
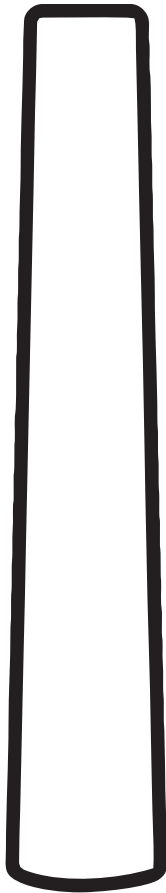
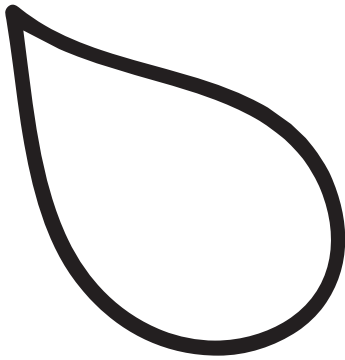
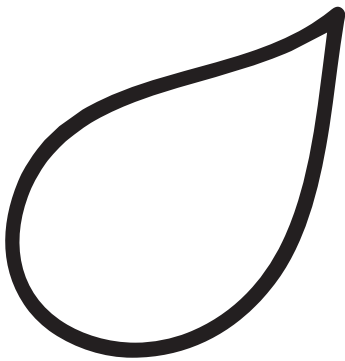
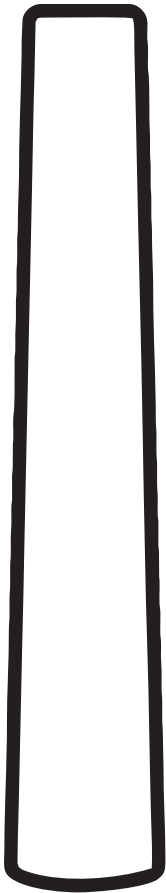
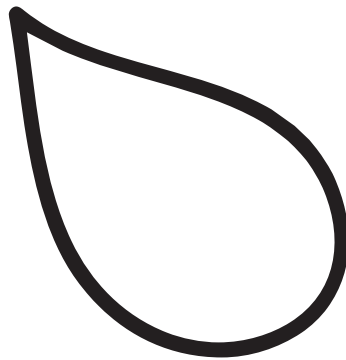
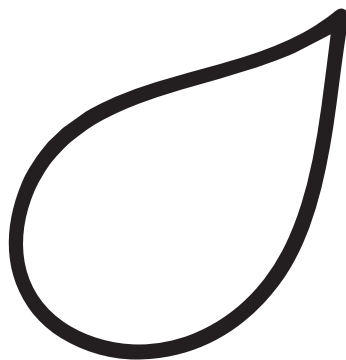
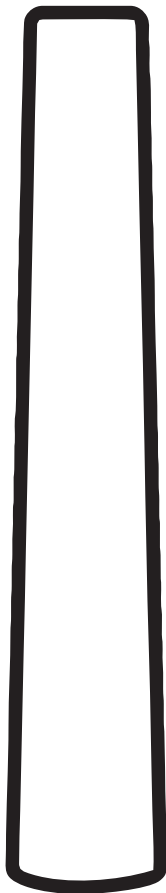
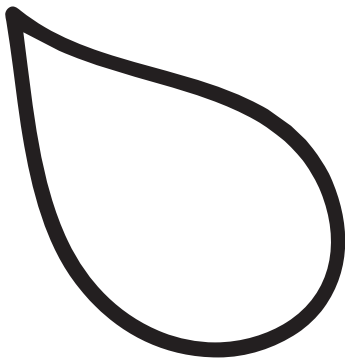
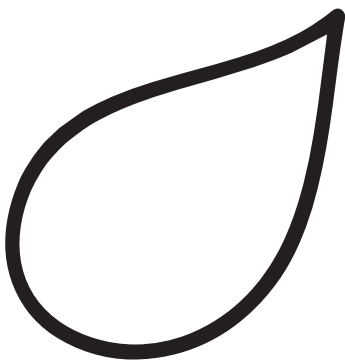
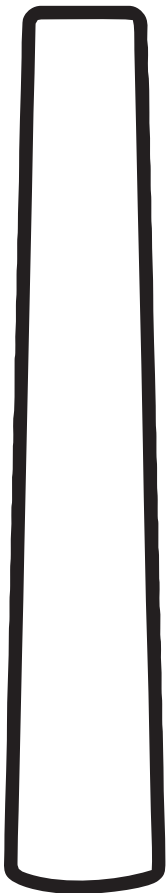
# Day 4 Activity: Flowers Need

Print on yellow construction paper. Children will cut out the disk and place it between the petals.



# Day 4 Activity: Flowers Need

Print on green construction paper. Children will cut out the stem and leaves and use them to build a flower.

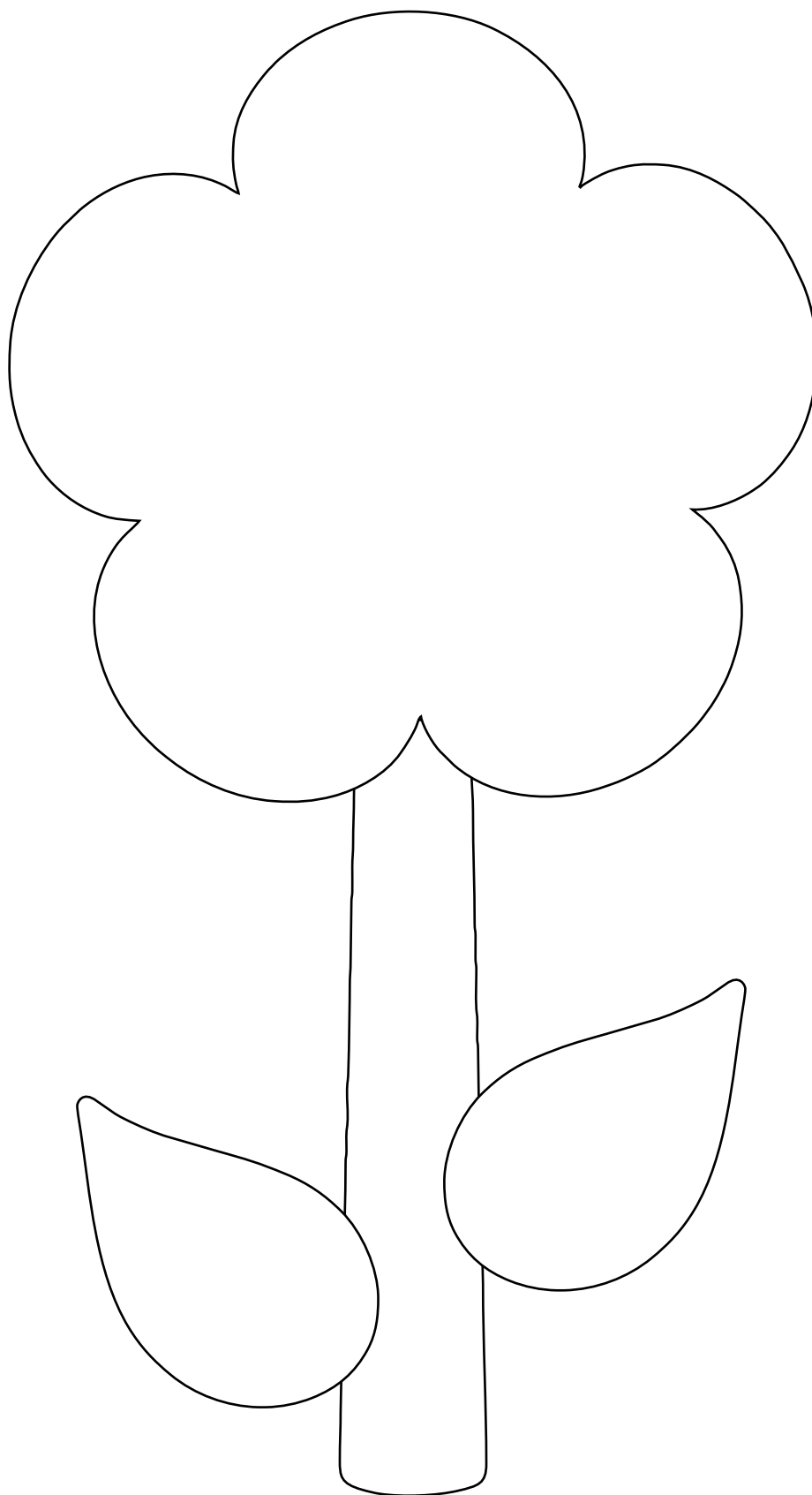


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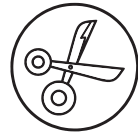
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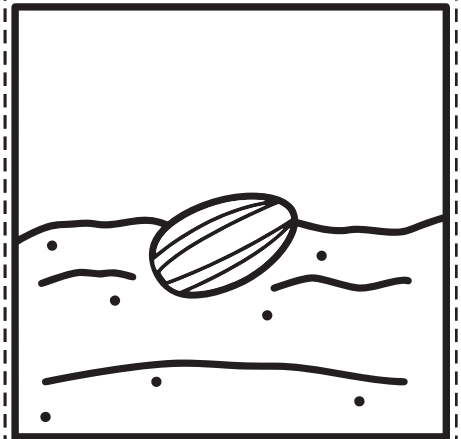
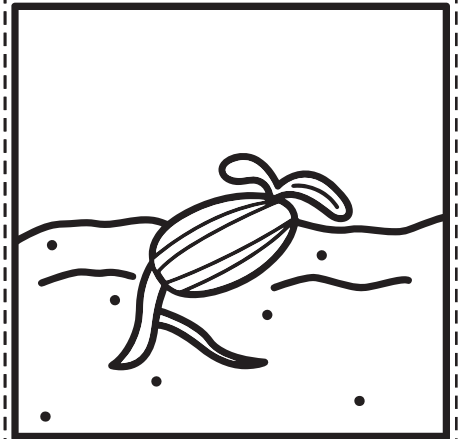
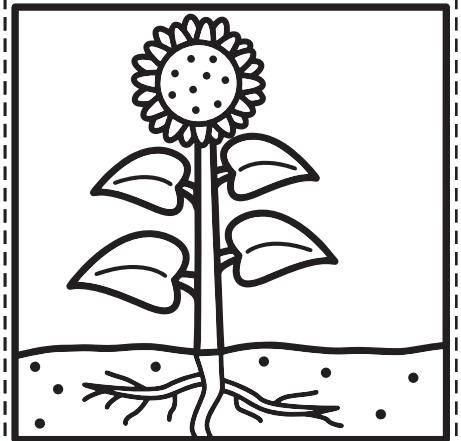
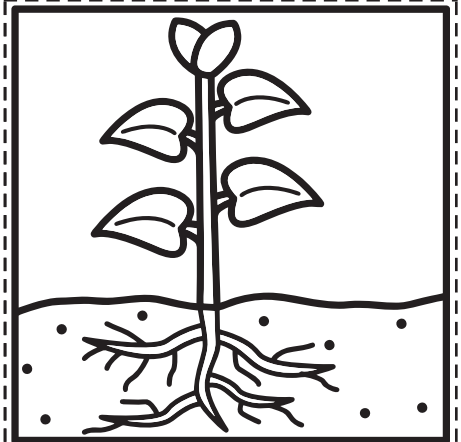
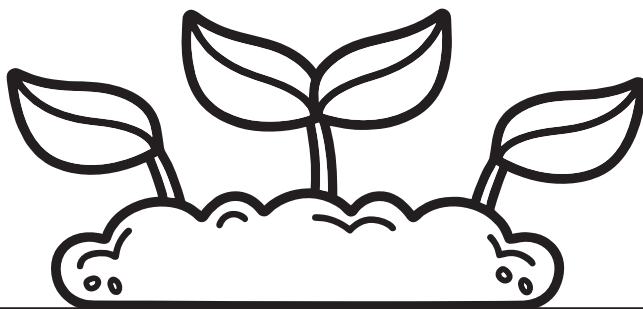
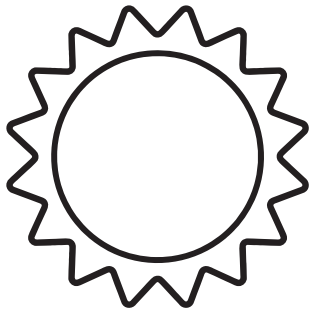
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## Sunflower Life Cycle

Cut out the pictures and paste them to show the life cycle of a sunflower.



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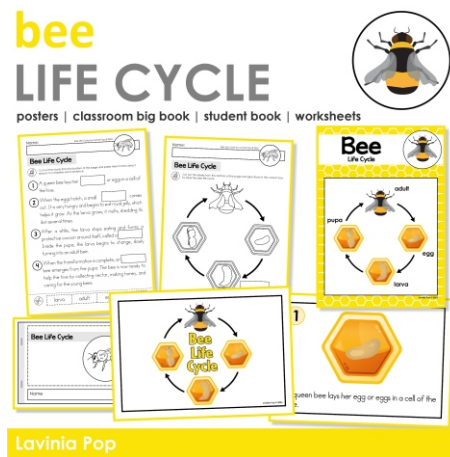
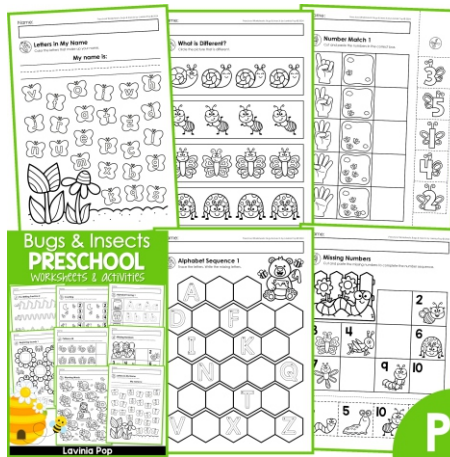
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# Additional Resources



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