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# Spring

## Ideas and Patterns

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### Directions for the Blooming Daisy Art Activity

- Copy the daisy pattern on construction paper and then cut the daisy out.
- Write a secret message in the center of the daisy.
- Fold each petal down into the center.
- Fill a bowl with water and float the daisy on top.
- Watch the petals gradually unfold and reveal the message.

### Directions for the Spring Word Game

- Draw or cut out pictures with starting sounds that match the letters in the word “spring”.
- Place each picture in the appropriate column.

### Directions for the Student Book Patterns

- Photocopy and quarter fold the book pattern for each student.
- Have each student color and read the book.
- We have given you three book titles to choose from: “A Flower”, “It’s Spring”, and “May”.

### Healthy Sunflower Recipe

You will need:

1 rice cake

1 celery stalk

6 baby carrots sliced lengthwise

½ tsp. sesame seeds or sunflower seeds without the shell

2 orange slices

Peanut butter

1. Cover the rice cake with peanut butter.
2. Place seed in the center of the rice cake.
3. Place sliced carrot around the rim of the rice cake.
4. Use the celery stalk as a stem and orange slices as leaves.
  - See picture!

### Directions for the Planting Graph

1. Photocopy a graph and tally. (one for the class or one for each student)
2. Plant lima beans, popcorn, and sunflowers as a class.
3. Have the students predict which they think will sprout first and write their names in the appropriate column.
4. Have the students check the plants each day. Ask the students to tally the days by coloring one leaf for each day they wait to see the plants sprout. Once a plant has sprouted, stop coloring leaves on that plant.
5. Compare and contrast each the results on the graph. Which plant sprouted first? How many days did it take? How many more days did it take until the next plant sprouted? How many more days did it take until the last plant sprouted? And so on.

### Directions for the Sunflower Pattern

Use the Sunflower pattern as a math mat.

- Try completing addition or subtraction sentences using sunflower seeds as manipulatives. Use the center of the flower as a work space and each petal as a space to record your addition/subtraction sentence in.
- Have the students write the numbers 1 through 12 inside the petals.
- Sort different types of beans or seeds on the mat. Place all the seeds/beans in the center and sort then by attribute to the petals.

Use the Sunflower pattern as a writing frame.

- Have the students write their name, poem, or story in the sunflower. Then place all the sunflowers under a bulletin board title "Watch us bloom!".

Use the Sunflower pattern as a class made book cover.

- Have each student write to the prompt: This year I have learned to ... Put all of the students pages together to make a class book titled: "Watch Us Bloom".

## Directions for the Sunflower Clock

1. Run the sunflower pattern on white construction paper for each student.
2. Have the students lightly color the sunflower and the leaves and then cut them out.
3. Place the leaves on the middle of the sunflower and secure using a brad.
4. Practice time to the hour or half hour using your new sunflower clock.

## Spring Science Activities

Plants, as well as animals, need water to stay alive. The roots of plants are designed to take water from the ground. Water moves through the plant in tiny tubes, which are similar to the blood vessels in our bodies. Fill three glass bottles with water and add a few drops of different food coloring to each. Trim the stems on three fresh white carnations and place each carnation in a different bottle of colored water. Leave the flowers overnight. What happens? Each flower has become the color of the water it was resting in. As the colored water traveled up the stem of each flower it spread to all the flower parts, including the petals. Thus, changing the petal color.

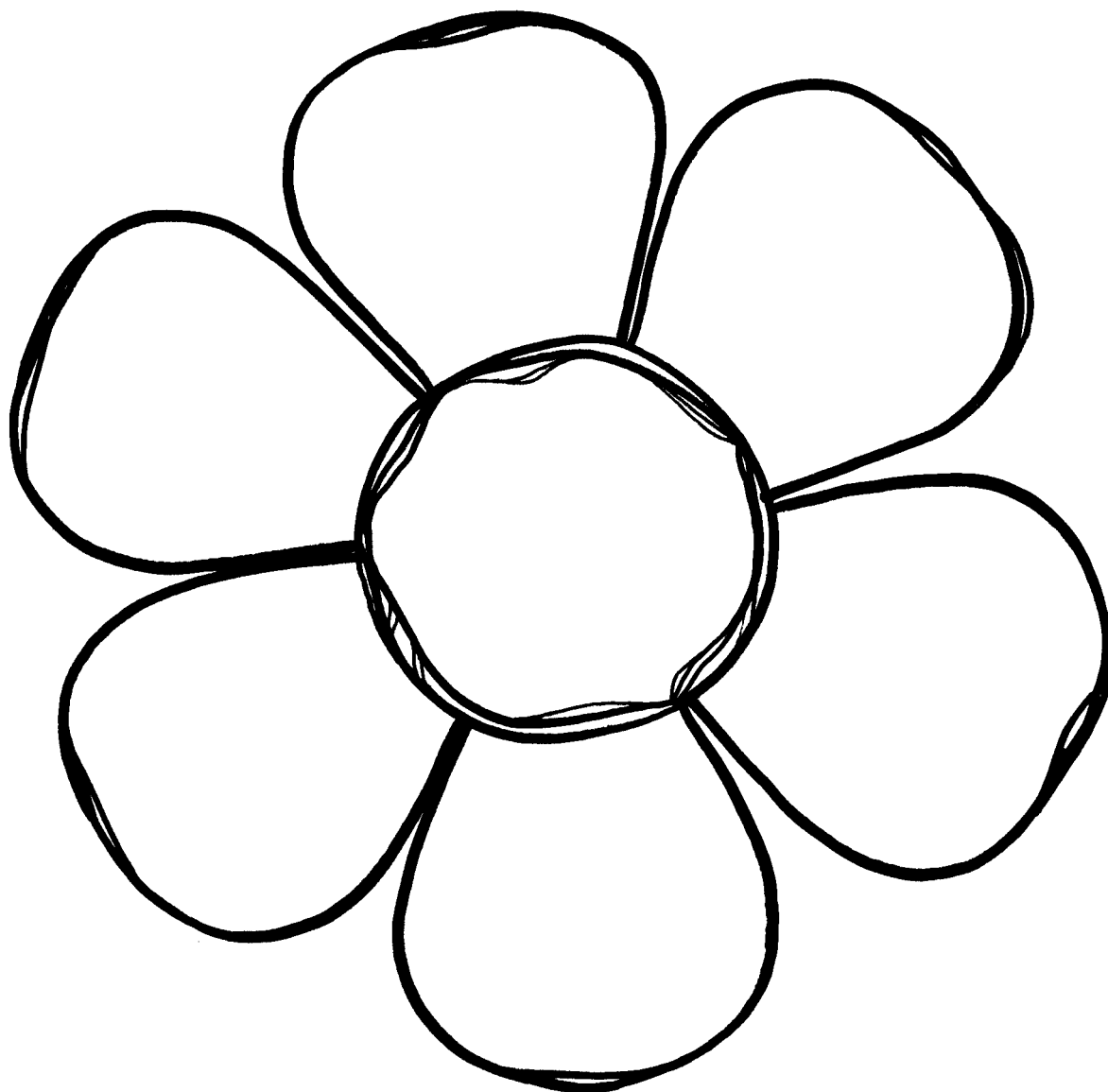
An interesting variation or extension of carnations in water with food coloring is to split the stem of a white carnation into three sections so that one is in plain water, one in red and one in blue. Ask the children to predict what will happen and wait to see. You will get a multicolored carnation!

Have students "grow" their names! Use the tops of boxes that grocers cut off to remove merchandise and line them with plastic. Fill the "gardens" with potting soil and then have the children use their fingers or a stick to trace their names or initials in the soil. The students place radish or grass seeds in the trench and lightly cover them with soil. In a few days the children will be delighted to see their names sprouting

Take 5 or 6 Dum Dum or Tootsie Pop suckers and wrap a rubber band around them. Then cut out two green tissue paper leaves and tuck them in the sides. Put green curling ribbon at the bottom and you have a easy, sucker bouquet!!

## Blooming Daisy

Copy and cut the daisy pattern from construction paper. Fold the petals to the center. Fill a bowl with water and float the daisy on top. Watch the petals gradually unfold. (You may want to write a secret message on the center of the daisy).



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw or cut out pictures with the same starting sounds.

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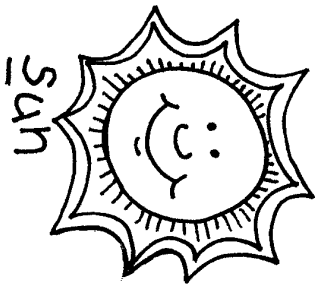
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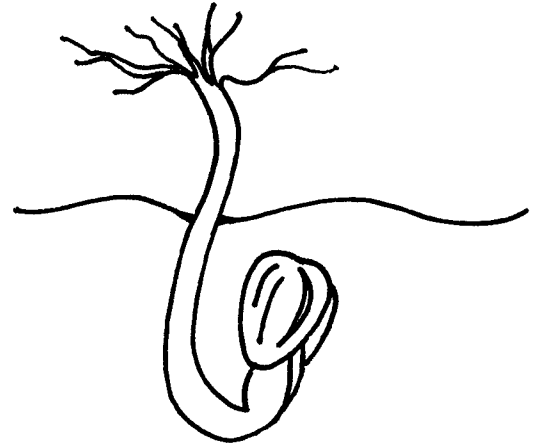
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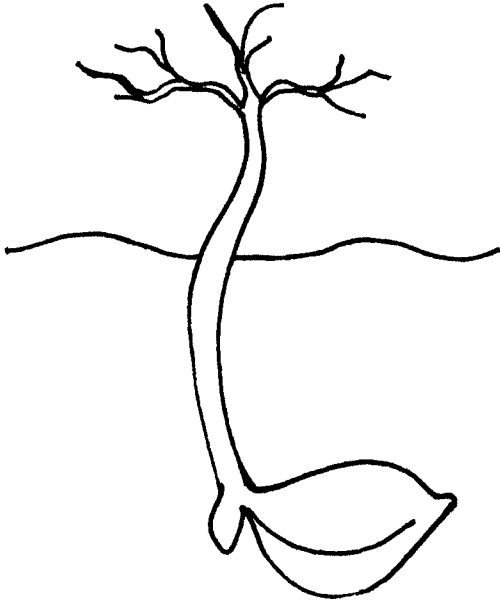
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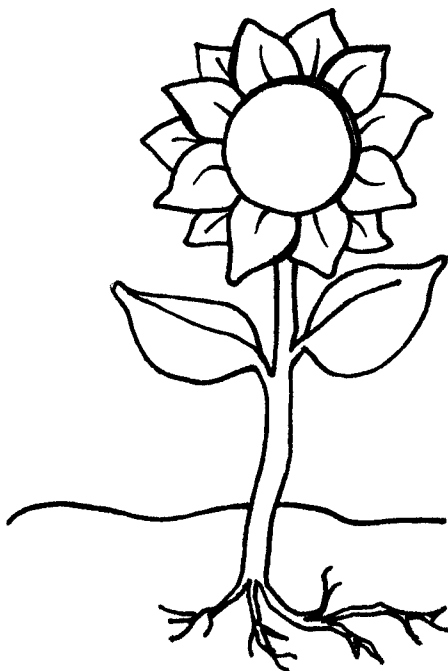
A stem.



A leaf.



Name:

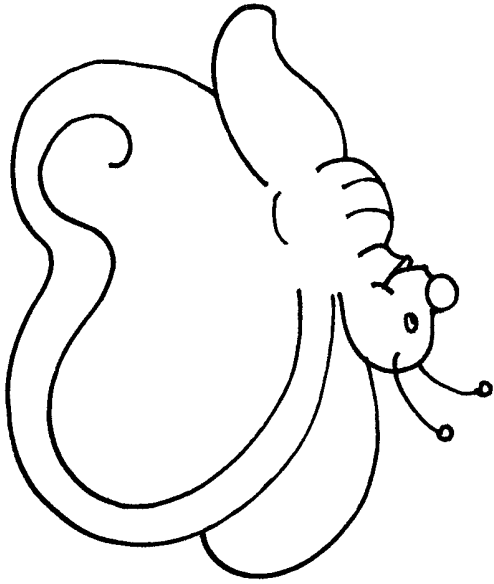


A flower.

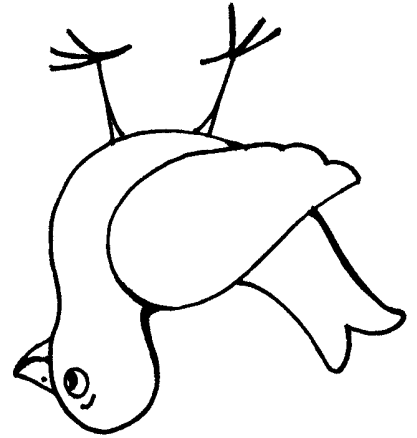


A seed.

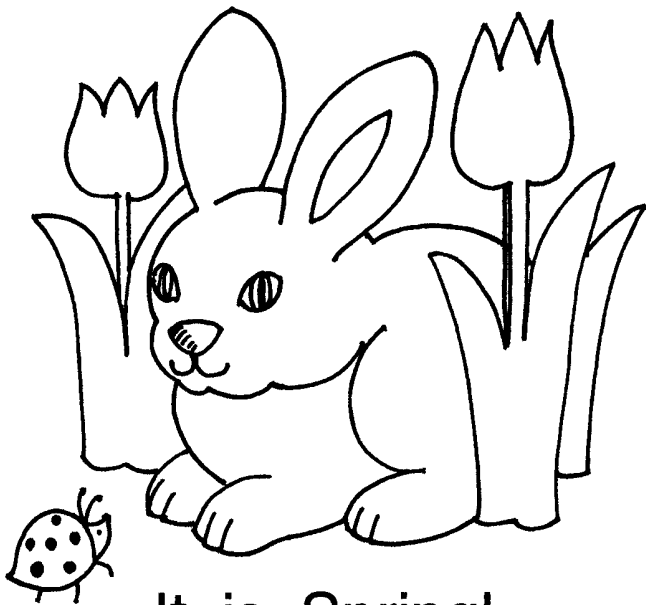
See the butterfly.



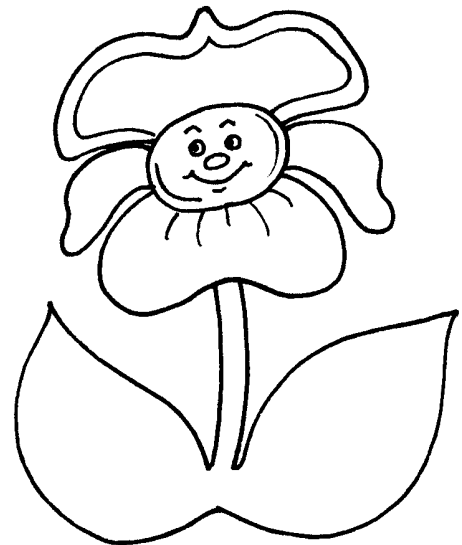
See the bird.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

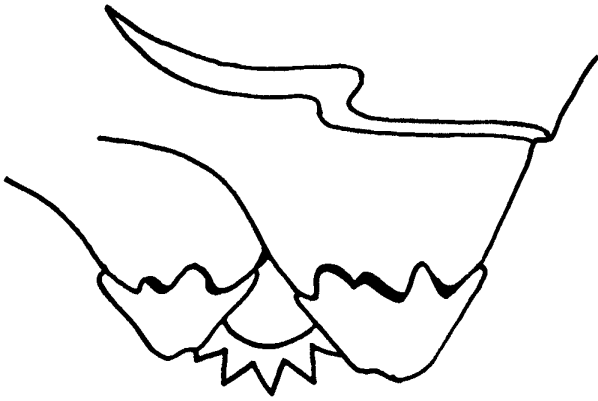


It is Spring!

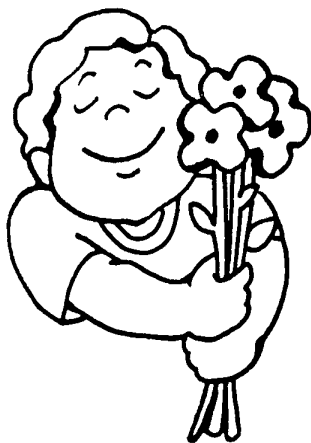
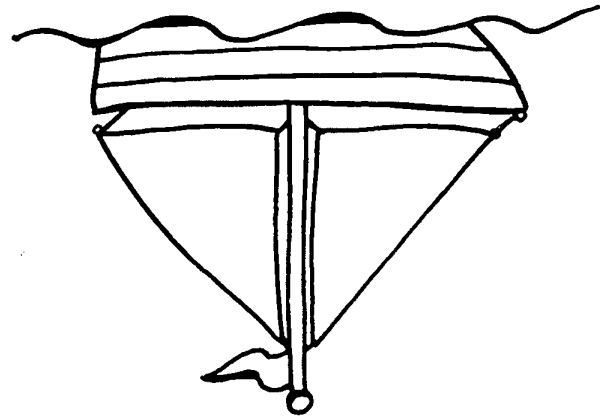


See the flower.

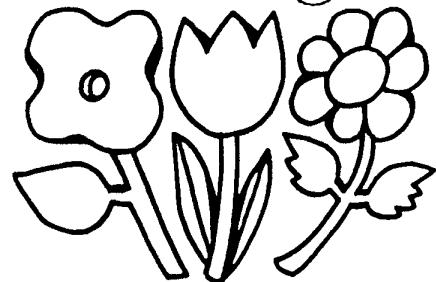
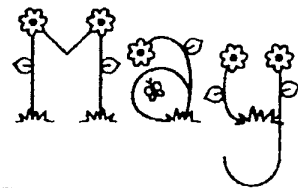
I may hike in the mountains.



I may sail in the bay.



I may, because it's May!



I may pick lots of flowers.

## Spring Recipe

### Healthy Sunflower

You will need:

(for each flower)

1 rice cake

1 celery stalk

about 6 baby carrots

(sliced lengthwise)

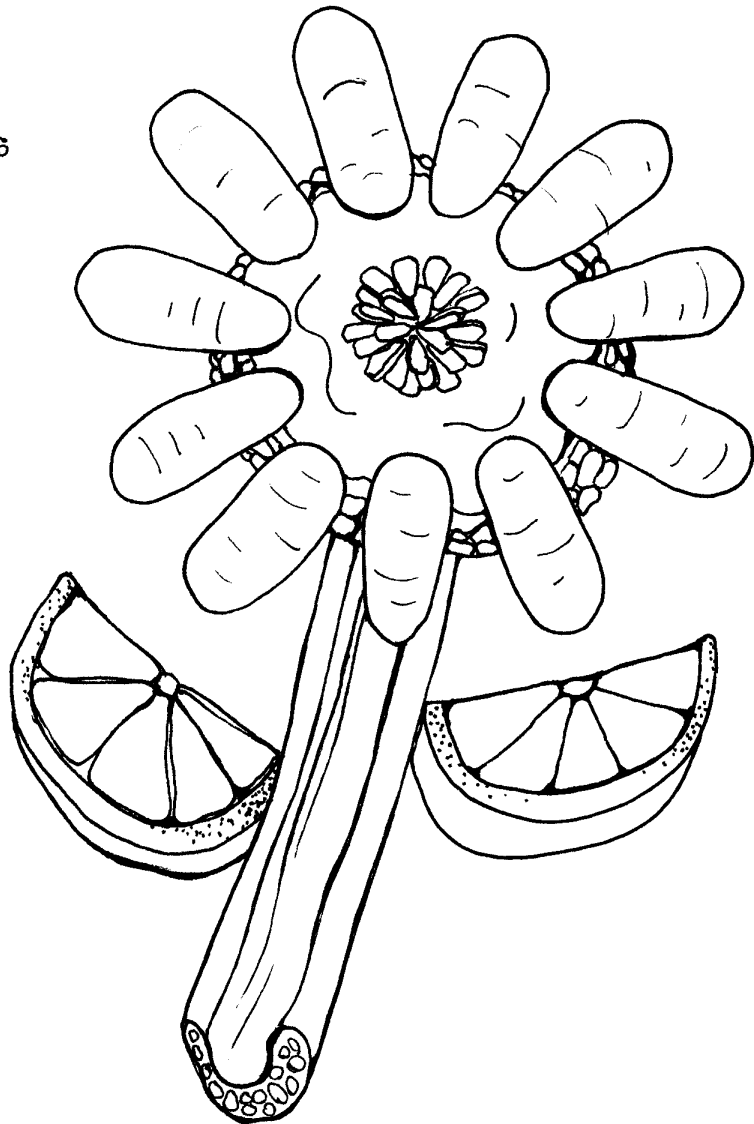
1/2 teaspoon sesame seeds

(or sunflower seeds)

2 orange slices

Peanut butter

Assemble as shown.





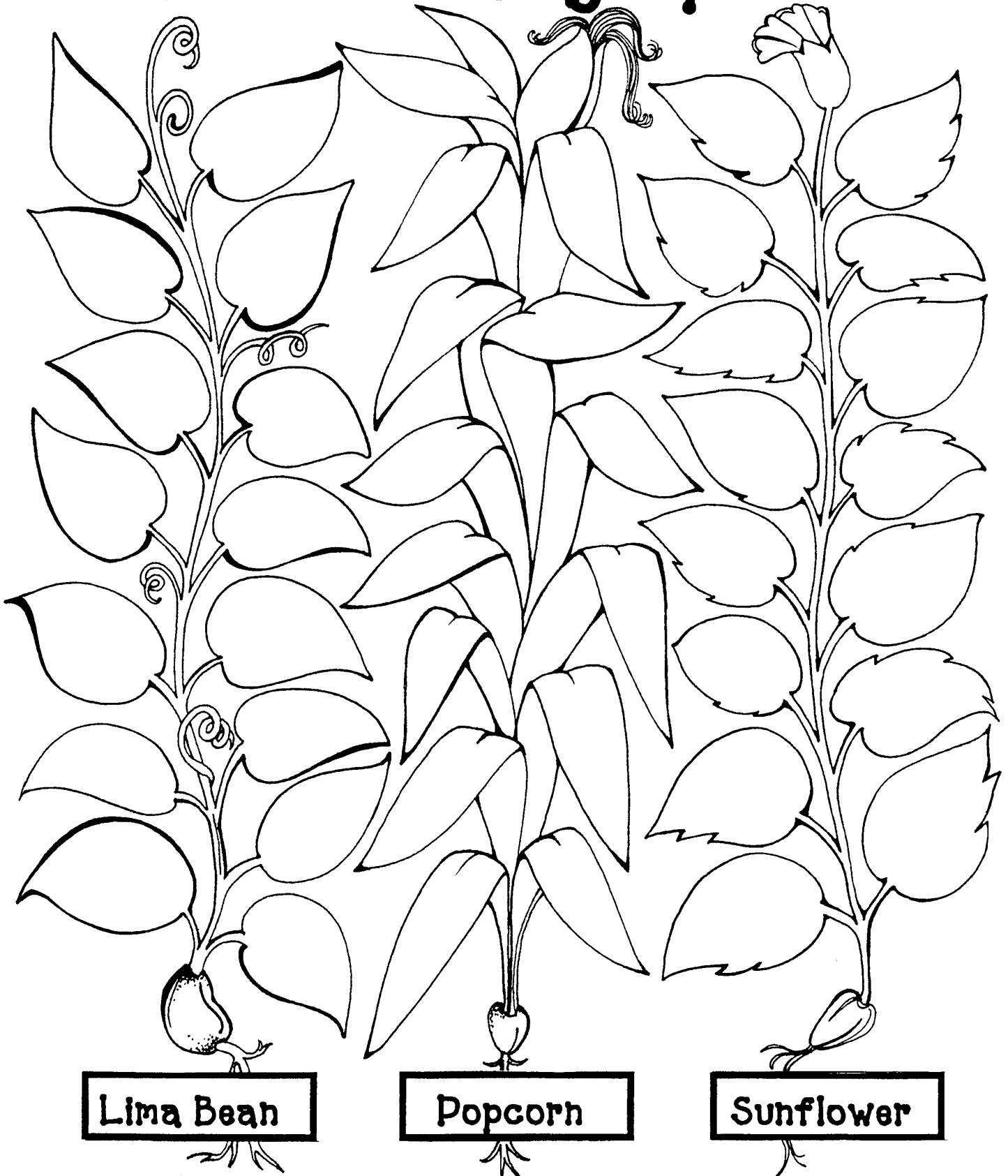
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Popcorn

Sunflower

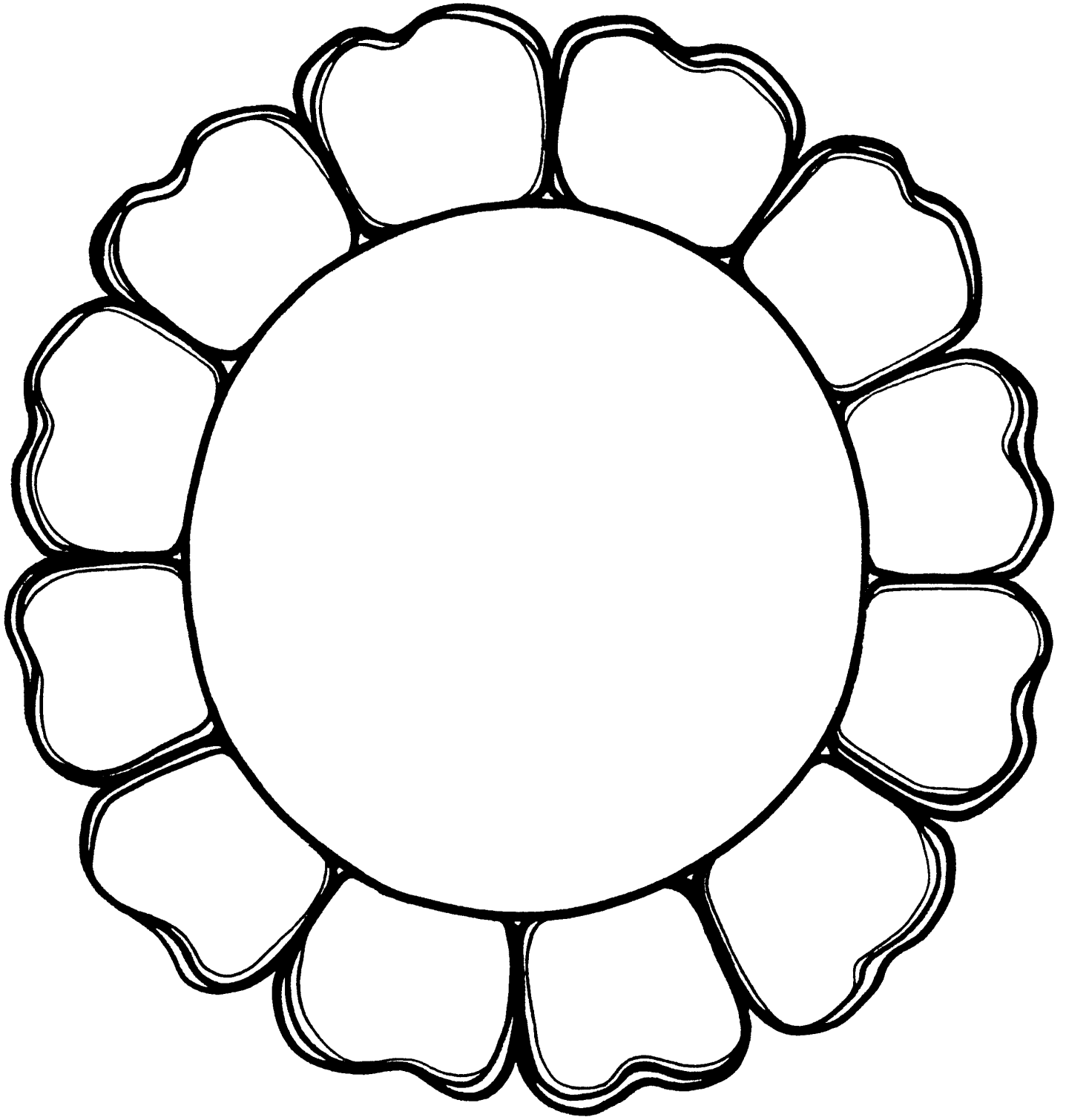
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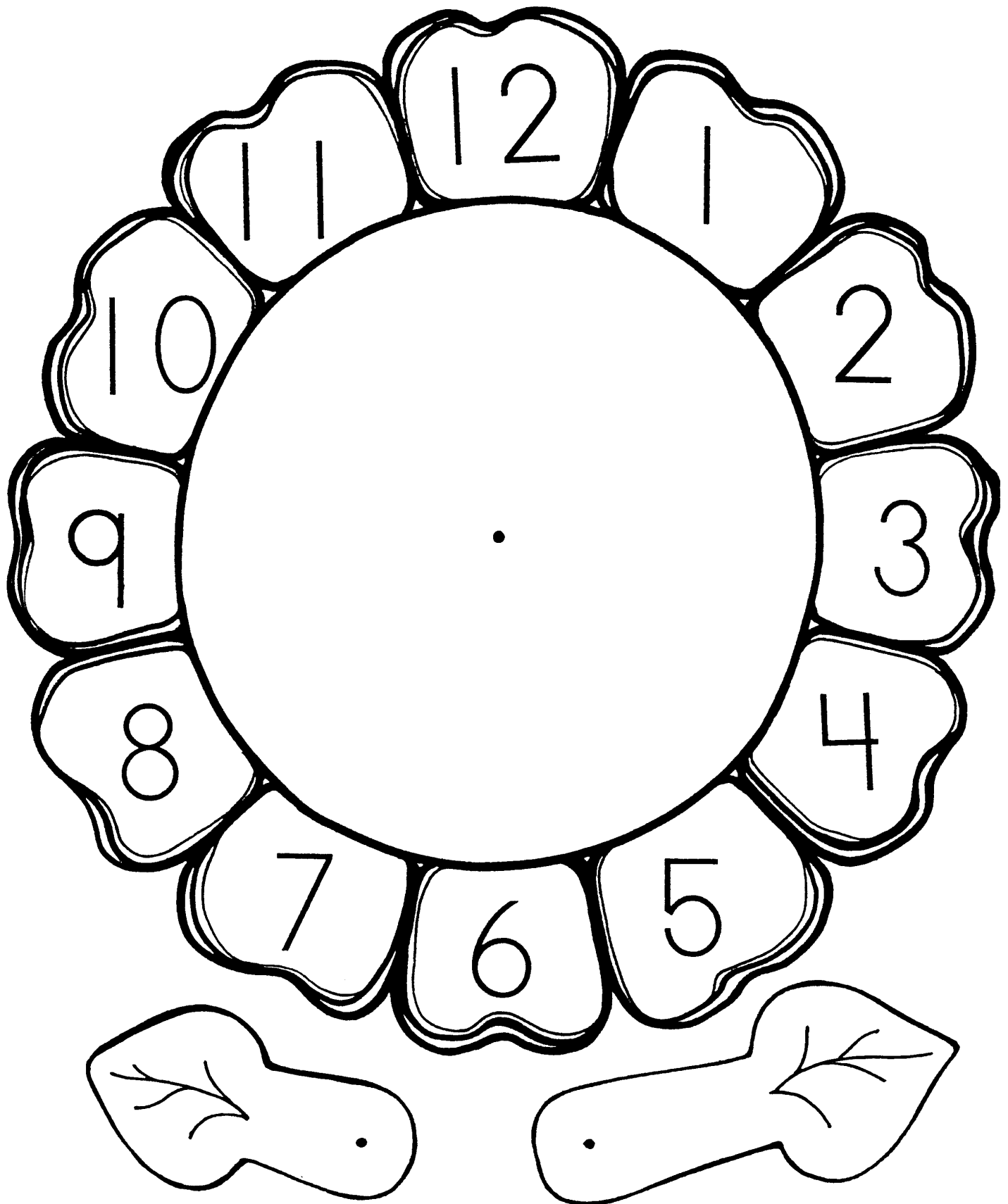


Lima Bean

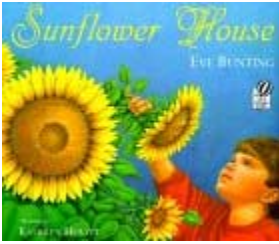
Popcorn

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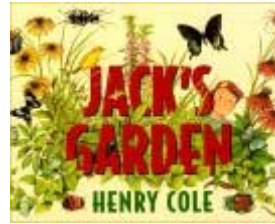




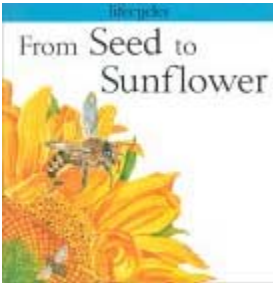
Recommended Books:



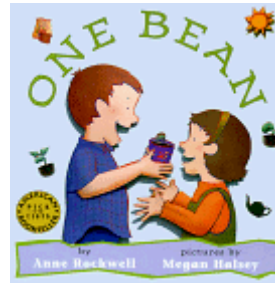
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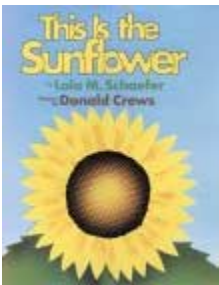
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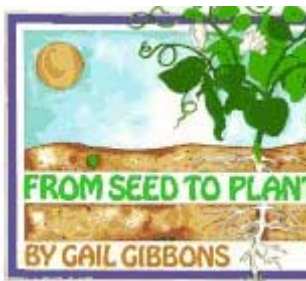
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