

Joyful Heart Learning in May
2 Year Olds

	Theme: Flowers & Gardens Bible Memory: Ephesians 4:2b Be patient, bearing with one another in love.	W3, D1	Theme Story: <u>Planting a Rainbow</u> by Lois Ehlert And <u>Growing Colors</u> by Theme Related Activity: ‘Color Vegetable Garden’ –Sing the song and pick certain colors of vegetables from the paper garden.	Math: Sort seeds and glue them into different ovals. Art: Make Coffee Filter Flowers	Songs/Movement: ‘Planting’ - <i>Good time to stress the new memory verse as well!</i>	• Visit a garden shop and discuss all of the planting tools, plants, etc.
		W3, D2	Theme Story: <u>The Carrot Seed</u> by Ruth Krauss Theme Related Activity: Sequence the growth of a flower and/or vegetable and talk about what it needs in order to grow.	Math: Seed Count – Roll a die and then count out that many seeds. Art: ‘Bow’ Flower Prints	Songs/Movement: ‘We Are Seeds’ <i>Say as pretend to be seeds, turn on lights, sprinkle water</i>	• Visit a florist shop • Make AB flower petal patterns using cut, shaped paper.
		W4, D1	Theme Story: <u>Sunflower House</u> by Eve Bunting Theme Related Activity: Plant sunflowers!	Math: -Sort flower petals by color. -Create AB patterns with the petals. Art: Blob Flowers	Songs/Movement: ‘Planting Time’	
		W4, D2	Theme Story: <u>The Sunflower Parable</u> by Liz Curtis Higgs Theme Related Activity: Flower Bouquet Race – Have different colors of artificial flowers on one side of the yard. Place 2 flower pots at the other side. This is where the race starts. Call out a certain color of flower and have the children race to the flowers, ‘pick’ it and race back to place it in their flower pot. Do multiple times until the pots are full!	Math: Count a certain number of artificial flowers into flower pots or vases (<i>Write numerals and stick to the vases.</i>) Art: Paper Plate Sunflowers- Paint the edge of a paper plate yellow. Use brown paint mixed with glue for center. Attach sunflower seeds to the middle. Add a green stem and leaves.	Songs/Movement: ‘I’m a Little Sunflower’	
Additional Theme Related Stories: <u>Max Loves Sunflowers</u> by Ken Wilson-Max, <u>Jack’s Garden</u> by Henry Cole, <u>Fran’s Flower</u> by Lisa Bruce, <u>In The Garden</u> by Gallimard-Jeunesse, <u>This is the Sunflower</u> by Lola Schaefer, <u>Grow Grow Grow</u> by Barbara Riley,						