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S P R I N G
M O V E M E N T
C I R C L E

FROM WOVEN WONDER



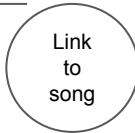
Start by calling the students over with a verse.

“Let’s make a circle, make a circle like the sun. Let’s make a circle that includes everyone.”

Then have the students join hands and begin with the first song.

Spring Is Coming

(song)



Have the students walk in one direction and then change directions the end of each verse

**Spring is coming, spring is coming,
birdies build your nests.
Weave together straw and feather,
doing each your best.**

**Spring is coming spring is coming,
flowers are waking too.
Daisies, lilies, daffodillies,
all are coming through.**

**Spring is coming, Spring is coming,
all around is fair.
Shiver, quiver, on the river
joy is everywhere!**
(drop hands for next song)

Tiny Seed

(spoken)

I can be as tiny as a tiny, tiny seed,
(curl in a ball on the floor)
Or I can be as tall as a tall, tall tree.
(rise to tip toes and stretch arms straight up/ could also be done with one foot on the floor, but switch sides on the next round)
I can be as wide as the wide, wide world,
(plant feet wide apart on the ground and stretch arms open wide)
Or I can just be me!
(jump feet together and point to self)

Sprout our Roots

(“Flowers Growing” by Jean Warren) sung to melody of “Here we go round the mulberry bush”

This is the way we sprout our roots, (reach one limb at a time out, slowly)

**Sprout our roots, sprout our roots.
This is the way we sprout our roots,
When springtime is here.**

This is the way we stretch and grow. [etc]
(reach each arm up to the sky)

This is the way we open our buds. [etc] (curl and unfurl)

This is the way we bend in the breeze. [etc]
(sway back and forth with upper body)

This is the way we smile at the sun. [etc] -)
(lean face up to the sun and smile)

Little Sheep

(spoken)

**White sheep and black sheep,
Graze on a hill,** (crawl in a circle)
**When the wind stops
You all stand still.** (freeze)
**When the wind blows
You walk away slow;** (crawl slowly)
**White sheep and black sheep,
Where do you go?** (jump up)

**Through the meadow let us walk,
and see what wonders spring has brought.**
(walk in a circle)
**Skipping, skipping, let us go,
as the breeze blows to and fro.**
(skip in a circle)
But watch your step and look where you go!
(freeze and look at a tiny seed)
Here is a creature tiny and slow.
(bend down to see the tiny seed)

Hand out colored scarves and have children sit in a circle. If you don't have scarves these verses can just be done with hand motions

Milkweed Cradle

(spoken)

"In a milkweed cradle, all close and warm,

Little seeds are hiding safe from harm.

(cup hands together around a scarf)

Open wide the cradle now, hold it high.

(slowly pull the scarf out with one hand and hold it high)

Come along wind, help them fly!

(throw the scarf into the air)

Homes

(spoken)

This is a house for a robin

(make a nest with hands)

This is a hive for a bee

(two fists together to make a hive)

This is a hole for a bunny

(thumbs and pointers on both hands to make hole)

And this is a house for me!

(Arms and hands form roof overhead)



Five Little Flowers

(spoken)

This one can be done as a game where each child gets a chance to play a part. You can use colored scarves for the different flowers and sun OR you can create felt pieces. This can also just be done with each child saying the colors alone and popping up and down for each flower.

**Five little flowers growing in a row,
The first one said, "I'm purple you know."**

The second one said, "I'm pink as pink can be."

The third one said, "I'm blue like the sea."

The fourth one said, "I'm a very red fellow."

The fifth one said, "My color is yellow."

Then out came the sun, big and bright,

And five flowers smiled in delight.

In the Springtime

(spoken)

In the springtime, little bunnies go hop hop
(use two fingers to indicate hopping)

In the sunshine, little birdies go chirp chirp
(sun arms, then birdie fingers)

Daisies talk to daffodils
(make hands talk to each other)

Little children run up hills
(run fingers up child's body to head)

And roll down
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