



## **Nature Advent Calendar: Read 24 Picture Books about Nature**

Cut out each book + *activity*; place all 24 slips in a container; pick one each day. Enjoy!

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Actual Size by Steve Jenkins

+ *draw your hand or foot and transform it into a plant or animal*

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A Lion in Paris by Beatrice Alemagna

+ *look for a statue of an animal in your community*

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And Then It's Spring by Julie Fogliano (illus. Erin E. Stead)

+ *draw your dream garden*

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Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs by Judi Barrett (illus. Ronald Barrett)

+ *make a meal with the entire family*

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Flashlight by Lizi Boyd

+ *go on an evening/night walk*

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Flotsam by David Wiesner

+ *draw or paint an underwater adventure* (via [HMH Books](#))

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Green Eggs & Ham by Dr. Seuss

+ *eat a "new" fruit or vegetable*

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Ladybug Girl by David Soman and Jacky Davis

+ *invent and draw a nature superheroine/hero*

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Nightsong by Ari Berk (illus. Loren Long)

+ *sing/listen to "animal songs"*

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Outside Your Window by Nicola Davies (illus. Mark Hearld)

+ *observe life outside your window for 5 - 15 minutes*

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Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me by Eric Carle

+ *draw the shape of the moon on the day you read this book*

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Sam and Dave Dig a Hole by Mac Barnett (illus. Jon Klassen)  
*+ dig a hole*

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Some Bugs by Andrea DiTerlizzi (illus. Brendan Wenzel)  
*+ draw your favorite bug (or look for bugs outdoors on a 45 degree Fahrenheit day)*

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Stone Soup (any version)  
*+ do something nice for/say something nice to someone*

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Tap Tap Boom Boom by Elizabeth Bluemle (illus. G. Brian Karas)  
*+ make a rain stick ([PBS DIY video](#))*

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The Book with No Pictures by B.J. Novak  
*+ write all the nature words you know on a sheet of paper*

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The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss (illus. Crockett Johnson)  
*+ go on a vegetable scavenger hunt in your grocery store to find carrots & other root vegetables (how many can you find?)*

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The Clever Stick by John Lechner  
*+ find a stick and use it make or do something*

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The Lorax by Dr. Seuss  
*+ volunteer in your community*

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The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats  
*+ make footprints in the snow, sand, or mud (via [This Picture Book Life](#))*

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The Water Hole by Graeme Base  
*+ visit the nearest body of water*

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There Was a Tree by Rachel Isadora  
*+ take a tree walk (how many different trees can you find on your block?)*

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Up in the Garden, Down in the Dirt by Kate Messner (illus. Christopher Silas Neal)  
*+ explore a local garden (it could be your own!)*

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Where Does Kitty Go in the Rain by Harriet Ziefert  
*+ jump in rain (or muddy) puddles*

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