



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!

Actual Size by Steve Jenkins

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

A Lion in Paris by Beatrice Alemagna

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

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

+ *draw your dream garden*

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

+ *make a meal with the entire family*

Flashlight by Lizi Boyd

+ *go on an evening/night walk*

Flotsam by David Wiesner

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

Green Eggs & Ham by Dr. Seuss

+ *eat a "new" fruit or vegetable*

Ladybug Girl by David Soman and Jacky Davis

+ *invent and draw a nature superheroine/hero*

Nightsong by Ari Berk (illus. Loren Long)

+ *sing/listen to "animal songs"*

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

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

Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me by Eric Carle

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

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

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

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

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

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

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?)

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

The Lorax by Dr. Seuss
+ volunteer in your community

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

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

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

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

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