Continue activities following the story – How do You Know that Spring has Come?



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Illustrations
הוֹצָאָה: מודן
Age Group: **Daycare (2-3)**

הַעֲשָׁרָה

Datia Ben Dor
was born in Alexandria, Egypt, in 1944, and immigrated to Israel at 12 months. At the beginning of her professional career, Ben Dor engaged in music education, writing scripts and songs for many Israeli children's television shows, such as Parpar Nechmad ("Lovely Butterfly"), and Rehov Sumsum (the Israeli version of Sesame Street). Her children's poems and numerous books are well-known and loved, among them Ani Tamid Nishar Ani ("I Always Stay Me"), Digdugim ("Tickles"), Otiyot Mefatpetot ("Chatting Letters"), and Kakha Zeh Belvrit ("That's How it is in Hebrew"). Datia Ben Dor has received much recognition for her contribution to children's literature, such as the ACUM award, and Bialik Prize for Lifelong Achievement in Children's Literature.

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Proposed Family Activities:

- Can your child find Passover symbols in the illustrations? Perhaps you could ask

them to point out the four cups, matzah, Passover Haggadah and wine. You may also want to look for clues that spring has arrived – short-sleeved shirts and shorts, flower bloom, and clear skies.

- Do you know the tune to this song? How about singing it together, dancing round and round?

- Springtime beckons us to go outside and enjoy nature. Where do you like to be when you are outdoors? Perhaps you could take this book along with you, take a stroll near your house, and look for signs of spring together.

- You may want to make "spring binoculars" and look through it all around. Decorate two toilet paper rolls with stickers and crayons, and attach them to one another on their long side. What can you see through your binoculars?

- Ma Nishtana? What has changed in your home in preparation for Passover? Young children can also take part in preparing for the holiday, and particularly Seder Night. Perhaps you could invite them to help you set the festive table, sing Passover songs, ask the Four Questions, and look for the Afikoman, of course!

- Datia Ben Dor has written many well-loved poems and stories for toddlers and preschoolers. You may want to look for them at home or in the library, and read them together.