



# Explore Our Universe!

## Family Storytime Week 2: Home Base

### Books

Thank you earth by April Pulley Sayre

Hey water by Antoinette Portis

Here we are by Oliver Jeffers

Imagine a world by Rob Gonsalves

Sometimes rain by Meg Fleming

Listen to our world by Bill Martin Jr and Michael Sampson

Love the earth by Jullian Lennon, Bart Davis, and Smiljana Coh

Penguins don't wear sweaters by Marikka Tamura and Daniel Rieley

Over and under the pond by Kate Messner

Water is water by Miranda Paul

The EARTH book by Todd Parr

Round like a ball by Lisa Campbell Ernst

### Action Songs and Rhymes

#### Rhyme

Way up high in the apple tree (hold hands above head to create a tree)

Two little apples smiled at me (show two fingers and smile)

I shook that tree as hard as I could (pretend to shake the tree)

Mmm Mmm Mmm those apples were good! (pretend to eat the apple and rub your belly)

**(repeat with other fruit that grow on trees)**

**SONG:**

**One Little Bird** (Tune: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lbp9XLmTUg8>)

There was one little bird in one little tree  
And they were all alone and didn't want to be  
So they flew far away, over the sea  
And brought back a friend to live in the tree

*Extra verses: There were two/three/four...*

There were five little birds in one little tree  
They weren't alone and they were so happy!

*This song can work with puppets/toys (if you have a variety of bird), with a pretend tree, or as a guessing game if you can make/play the bird calls after they bring a new friend to the tree*

**SONG**

**Tree Song** (Tune: Head and Shoulders, Knees and Toes)

Leaves, branches, trunk and roots  
Trunk and roots, trunk and roots  
Leaves, branches, trunk and roots  
We loves all the trees

*Actions: Leaves (wiggle fingers high in the air), branches (arms straight out), trunk (hands on hips), and roots (touch toes). From: <https://bit.ly/2Po4AJd>*

## SONG

***Listen to the Water*** (Tune: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KXaVJALdCMk>)

*Or CD More Tickles and Tunes by Kathy Reid Naiman*

Listen (*hand to ear*) to the water (*wiggling fingers in a downward motion*)

Rolling down the river (*roll hands*)

Listen (*hand to ear*) to the water (*wiggling fingers in a downward motion*)

Rolling down the river (*roll hands*)

We saw some ducks by the waterside, (*Quack! Quack!*)

Saw some ducks by the waterside, (*Quack! Quack!*)

We saw some ducks by the waterside (*Quack! Quack!*)

Oh, oh, by the waterside

Oh, oh, by the waterside

*Extra verse:* You can add as many extra local animals as you like. You could also substitute

hand motions with ASL for water and river

## SONG

***The Sun is Shining*** (Tune: Skip to My Lou)

Sun is shining, what should I do?

Sun is shining, what should I do?

Sun is shining, what should I do?

What should I do my darling?

Slather on sunscreen, that's what I'll do

Slather on sunscreen, that's what I'll do

Slather on sunscreen, that's what I'll do

That's what I'll do my darling

*Extra verses:* Rain is falling/Wear my rain jacket,

Wind is blowing/Pull up my hood, Snow is falling/

Put on my boots

## Crafts

### Torn Paper Earth

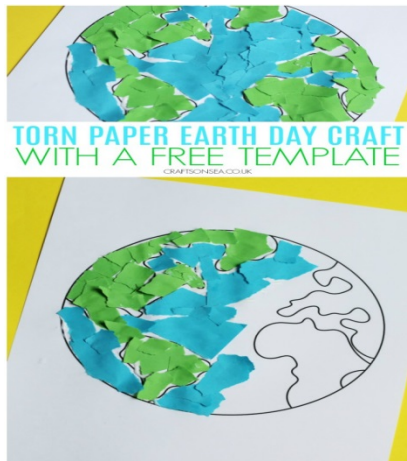
<https://www.craftsonsea.co.uk/torn-paper-earth-craft/>



This torn paper earth craft is a great craft to make for Earth Day – we always seem to have scraps

## Why Try Tearing Paper Crafts?

Tearing paper is a great crafting idea to try with kids as it can help promote their fine motor skills activity. The OT Toolbox is written by Colleen who is a trained Occupational Therapist and she has a great article about [torn paper art](#) which explains all the benefits of it as well as why fine motor skills are so important for kids.



## **Materials Needed for This Craft:**

Printed copy of our Earth template

Blue Paper

Green Paper

Glue

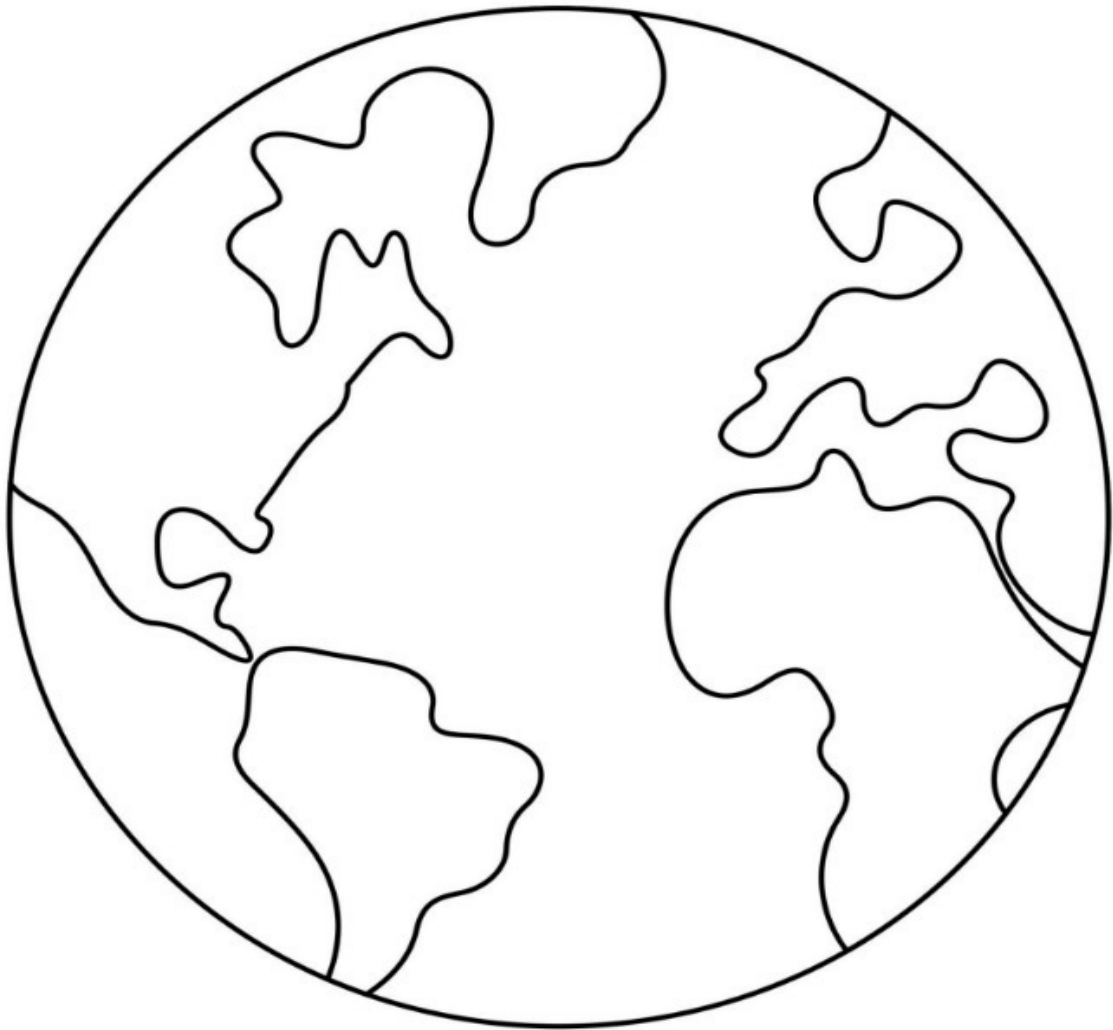
## **Torn Paper Earth Craft**

To make this craft the first thing you'll need is a copy of our [printable Earth template](#), it's free for personal or school / preschool use so go and grab as many copies as you'd like, we've also got some more ideas there of how you could use it.

The next thing to do is cover your Earth with glue. I did a quick experiment with this and PVA / school glue held the paper a lot better than the traditional glue stick style ones. Next tear up your paper, if you don't have any green or blue paper you could do this instead as a paper collage earth looking for those colours in old comics or magazines.

Tear the paper up and then stick the green pieces onto the land areas and the blue pieces onto the sea. Older children will obviously be a bit more accurate with this than younger ones but the most important thing here is to have fun!

# FREE EARTH TEMPLATE



# Spring Cupcake Liner Flowers Craft

May 15, 2017 by [Katie Pinch](#)

<https://preschoolinspirations.com/spring-cupcake-liner-flowers-craft/>

This simple **cupcake liner flowers** craft is great for preschoolers and kindergartners to make. All they need are a few craft supplies and they can make it on their own. These flowers would be perfect as gifts or decorations for around the house.



One of our favorite craft supplies is cupcake liners because they come in so many colors, designs, and sizes. The nice thing is their circular shape lends itself to a lot of crafts, and they save you from having to spend hours cutting out circles. The pleated sides of the cupcake liners also add nice texture to any craft like today's cupcake liner flowers craft – such lovely petals!

## Supplies:

- 3 Cupcake liners
- 3 Craft sticks or a 3 strips of green construction paper
- Green paint
- Paint brush
- Glue
- Green paper
- Blue paper
- Scissors
- Pencil or pen



## How to make cupcake liner flowers with kids

If you are making a card, fold the blue paper in half and then follow along with the rest of the directions.

Start by having your child draw 6 leaves on the green paper. Once they are done have them cut them out.

Next have them paint their craft sticks green or use already painted craft sticks for a quick and easy shortcut.





Have the child glue their leaves and cupcake liners to the craft stick and the craft is done. So easy! Now you can enjoy beautiful spring flowers while spending time inside with your favorite little crafter!

