

# Storytime 4-19-2021

## What is Earth Day?

Ever wondered how Earth Day started? This observance arose from an interest in gathering national support for environmental issues.

In 1970, San Francisco activist John McConnell and Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson separately asked Americans to join in a grassroots demonstration. McConnell chose the spring equinox (March 21, 1970) and Nelson chose April 22.

Millions of people participated, and today Earth Day continues to be widely celebrated with events on both dates.

The most common practice of celebration is to plant new trees for Earth Day.

*The "green things growing" whisper  
me  
Of many an earth-old mystery.*

*The thirsty earth soaks up the rain,  
And drinks, and gapes for drink again.  
The plants suck in the earth and are  
With constant drinking fresh and fair.  
-Abraham Cowley*

*While the bright radiant sun in centre  
glows,  
The earth in annual motion round it  
goes;  
At the same time on its own axis reels,  
And gives us change of seasons as it  
wheels*

*Summer, fall, winter, spring,  
The seasons rotate as each brings  
Its special beauty to this Earth of ours.  
Winter's snow and summer's flowers;  
Frozen rivers will flow come spring,  
There is a renewal of everything.  
-Edna Frohock*

*O Spring-time sweet!  
The whole Earth smiles, thy coming to  
greet.  
-Unknown*

On Earth Day, enjoy the tonic of fresh air, contact with the soil, and companionship with nature! Walk through the woods in search of emerging wildflowers and green moss. Go outside, no matter what the weather!

# APRIL 22, 2021

# Make a Bird Feeder for Earth Day

What you need:

- Clean milk carton
- String
- Paint or permanent markers
- Birdseed
- Box cutter, knife or scissors (adult to cut out carton)



Start with a clean carton.



Paint or use permanent markers.



Measure  $\frac{1}{2}$ " on both sides and top. Bottom is  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " to hold birdseed.



After you cut out one side use it as a pattern.



Cut one, two, three or all four sides!



Use permanent markers for added decoration and then add a string on top. Fill with birdseed

It won't take long for the birds to find your birdfeeder!

**HAVE FUN!**