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Introduction

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It is that time of year again! Time to smell the fresh rain and feel the warming temperatures and the blasts of March winds barreling through the neighborhood. Change is in the air, and it is an exciting change to kids of all ages. Now let's take all of their pent-up excitement and enthusiasm and put it to good use as they dive right into learning about this new season and all that it holds.

Across many parts of the world, this new season brings the smell of the freshly turned soil, the first blossoms on the fruit trees, and tadpoles in a local pond or creek. The discoveries of change and new growth are endless in this season, and this season was made to be enjoyed.

With the new Download N Go™ unit studies, you are about to begin a new kind of learning experience. Each study is one week in length, having five daily lessons with lapbook components for each day. The name, Download N Go™, comes from the concept that these studies are ready to use as soon as you have downloaded them. No preparation or waiting time or other expensive resources are required. A few inexpensive items are needed for the lapbook—a simple file folder, a glue stick, safety scissors, brass brads, and crayons or markers. That's it—simple, effective, and what a way to learn!

Now that you are beginning *Spring Surprises*, get ready for a wonderful learning adventure about this season and all that it holds. Your child will investigate how seasons change, what spring is all about, the life cycle of caterpillars, how seeds grow, and much more. Each day he will explore and investigate, creating and adding more learning components to his *Spring Surprises* lapbook—building a wonderful reminder of all that he is learning to be enjoyed for years to come.

The first signs of spring here in Tennessee are the swelling buds on trees, the tips of bulbs pushing up through the remnants of winter, the merry robins heading north again, and the appearance of earthworms after a long winter. What is spring like at your place? Use this study to familiarize everyone with all that spring holds and the changes that come with it. Some of you might be curious about the absence of the study of wind in this topic, but take heart . . . we are including that in the next unit in the seasons theme.

What reminds you that spring is on its way? Angel food cake and fresh strawberries is my reminder—my grandmother made the world's best angel food cake. When she baked this cake, I knew that spring had arrived! How do you know that spring is on its way?

I hope that you and your family enjoy *Spring Surprises*. I'm off to work on the next title in the Download N Go™ Series, and I think that you all will enjoy this one after *Spring Surprises*; it is called *Kite Capers*. Let the March winds blow—we are going to have fun!

Note to parents: Remember that Internet site content can change overnight. Please check the sites that you plan to use before your child visits them in the study.



Daily Objectives

Day 1: What Is Spring?

1. What are seasons?
2. What is spring, and when is it?
3. What changes happen in spring?
4. What kinds of outdoor activities take place in spring?

Day 2: Science Secrets of Spring

1. How does the weather change in spring?
2. Plants come back to life.
3. How does a seed work?
4. How should you dress to go outdoors in spring?

Day 3: People and Places of Spring

1. Who was Noah, and what was the rainbow all about?
2. How is a rainbow made?
3. What is a hemisphere, and where are the northern and southern hemispheres?
4. Who was George Washington Carver?

Day 4: Time for Tips and Treasures of Spring

1. What are the birds doing in this season?
2. What are the animals up to in spring?
3. The first signs of spring—can you find some?
4. Trees are important—learning the basics

Day 5: Goodies and Surprises of Spring

1. What other creatures are busy in spring?
2. What delicious fruit ripens in spring?
3. What is Spring Training all about?
4. Investigate one artist's spring paintings—Monet.

Day 1: What is Spring?

Finally, spring is on the way, and it is time to learn more about this special season! Let's begin today by watching these videos that take us right into the midst of seasons:

Video: [Spring \(Vivaldi's The Four Seasons\)](#)

Video: [Four Seasons of an Oak Tree in Fifteen Seconds](#)

Before we jump right into studying the season of spring, we need to make sure that we know what a season is. Do you know what a season is? *Write your definition of a season below.*

Season





How many seasons do we have here on earth? *Color the correct answer below.*

1

7

4

10

Write the name of each season below on the correct line.

