



Vegetable Spotlight



ZINNIAS

VEGETABLE SUMMARY

SYG Variety: Benary Giants

Growing Seasons: Summer

Maintenance: To encourage your zinnias to continue growing and produce more flowers, regularly cut flowers for bouquets as they mature and deadhead old dried up flowers to keep your plants looking fresh!

Harvest: Continually harvest your zinnias throughout the summer growing season. Watch this quick [How to Harvest Zinnias](#) video to learn more.



SEEDS



SEEDLINGS



FULLY GROWN FLOWERS

Book Recommendations: *The Honey Bee* by Kristen Hall, Illustrated by Isabelle Arsenault

BE AND BEE AND DANCE (ZINNIAS)

MATERIALS:

- *The Honey Bee* by Kristen Hall

Optional - honey sticks, bee stickers, or veggies from the garden to use as prizes (enough for each student)

SUMMARY:

In the book, *The Honey Bee* by Kristen Hall, we learn that bees use dancing as a way to show other bees where they can find flowers. Can you pretend to be a honey bee and make up your own dance?

ACTIVITY:

1. After reading the book, *The Honey Bee by Kristen Hall*, review with students how honey bees use dancing to show other honey bees where to find flowers.
2. As a class, go out to your garden or another outside area where students have enough room to spread out and dance.
3. Before spreading out, explain to students that the class will be creating their own dance. Brainstorm different dance moves as a class. Let students volunteer to share their ideas and demonstrate their move for the class.
4. Instruct students to spread out so that they have enough room to move and dance.
5. Tell students that you'll be selecting students to be the 'leader' of the dance. Each student will get a chance to be the leader and when it's their turn to lead, they'll do a dance move, stop, point at the class, and let the class mimic their dance move. Demonstrate being the leader for the class. For example, put your arms in the air and wiggle them around. Then, point to the class to signal to them to put their arms in the air and wiggle them around.
6. After each student has a chance to be the leader, come back together as a class and celebrate your dancing with a honey stick, bee sticker, or veggie snack from your garden!

KELS AND MISSOURI EARLY LEARNING GOALS:

KANSAS:

ATL.p4.4: Carries out tasks, activities, projects or experiences from beginning to end.

CA.p4.3a: Creates movement based on imagery from pictures, books or other ideas.

Missouri:

I.5.a.: Sustains attention to a task or activity appropriate for his or her age.

I.5.b.: Pursues challenges.

VIII.A.1.a.: Shows visual interest and engagement in surroundings.

