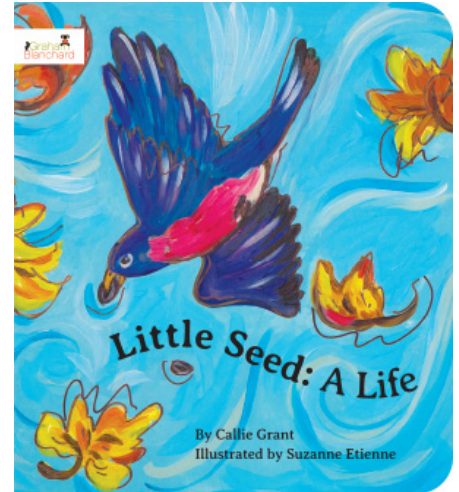


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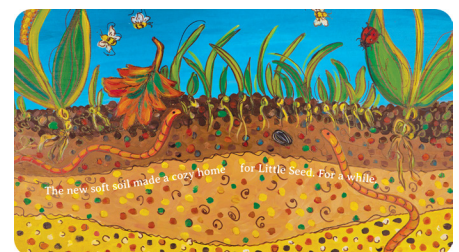
Little Seed: A Life

The rhythm of the seasons is brilliantly revealed through the gentle verse and glorious images. This Praise book illuminates the life cycle of a simple seed, while demonstrating how all of God's creation interacts – the weather, terrain, birds, and animals. Each two-page spread portrays the abundance and diversity of the world all around us. The book invites parents and children to explore and revel in our amazing world.



Building on the Book:

- Take advantage of the rich detail on each page. Name all the objects and colors you see and then ask your child to point to each one. Long before they can talk, young children can identify many objects with sufficient repetition. This practice lays the groundwork for their vocabulary and cognitive development.
- Talk about sounds and sensations that the images evoke. Does it look like it is warm or cold? What sounds can you imagine hearing? Teach your child to notice and reflect on all there is to see, hear, and experience. Learning to appreciate nature is a gift that lasts a lifetime.
- Take a treasure hunt and see how many of the plants and animals portrayed in the book you can find outside. Talk and describe what you see – even to babies. You'll be surprised when before long you will hear your words come back to you from their burgeoning young minds!
- For older children, encourage them to collect as many different seeds as they can find – once they have outgrown the stage of putting everything in their mouths! Provide them with a special box to store their discoveries. Talk about the various shapes, colors, and sizes. Reinforce the diversity of God's creation.



We would love to hear about your experiences with this book!

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