

Ignite STEAM Lessons in the Summer with Hatch Early Learning

Enjoy this fun activity and foster continuous learning during the summer months. Designed to encourage curiosity and hands-on experimentation, these lessons are offered for families and caregivers to facilitate with children at home.



LIVING THINGS

Goal: To help your child understand living and nonliving things

Materials: A bag or other container to collect natural items

Overview: Understanding the natural world helps children develop skills for scientific thinking.

A nature walk is a great way to help children explore and understand living and nonliving things.

Directions:

1. Tell your child that you are going on a nature walk. Ask your child what sorts of objects they think you will see on your walk.
2. As you are walking, ask your child to look for objects they want to collect. Encourage your child to find some things that are living (e.g., leaves, flowers, grass) and some things that are nonliving (e.g., rocks, signs).
3. As your child collects objects, talk about which things are living and which are nonliving. You can explain that living things grow and change and need water, food, and air to survive. Nonliving things do not grow or change and do not need water, food, and air to survive.