

# Miss Lady Bird's Wildflowers

## A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

**Themes:** Nature, Conservation, Women in History

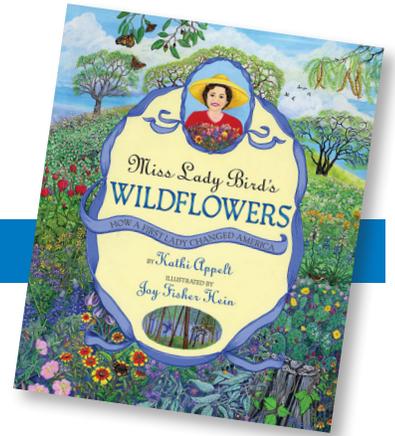
**Grade Level:** 3rd to 5th grade

**Book Brief:** This book tells the story of Lady Bird Johnson, First Lady of the United States and a passionate believer in the

importance of protecting America's natural beauty.

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**Illustrator:** Joy Fisher Hein



## TIME TO READ!

**Before reading:** Who was Lady Bird Johnson? Have the children ever heard of her husband, President Lyndon Baines Johnson? Explain that Mrs. Johnson is the reason so many highways are lined with beautiful wildflowers. (*This book deals with the deaths of Lady Bird's mother and husband; be prepared for any questions.*)

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### PAPER PETALS (AGES 7-12)

Materials: tissue paper, yarn, tape, scissors

Stack several sheets of tissue paper; fold the stack like a fan/accordion. Cut folded paper fan in half through the middle. Each half will make one flower. Take one half (still folded) and trim both ends into a rounded point. Tie yarn around the center of the folded paper. Gently separate each layer of paper until you have a circular shape. Tape ends together at the top and bottom so flower will stay open.

### THE NAME GAME (AGES 5-12)

Have each child write a nickname only their family calls them. Read the nicknames out and let the group guess who wrote each one. After their nickname is called, let each child explain the story behind it.

### COMMUNITY GARDEN (AGES 5-12)

Materials: seeds, water, gardening tools

Plant a community flower garden outside (or in pots, if space is limited). Care for the seeds according to package instructions. Track the flowers' growth. Which kind grows the fastest? Which has the most blossoms?



### TECHNOLOGY LINK

Visit the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center website to learn more about different kinds of wildflowers: [www.wildflower.org](http://www.wildflower.org). (Also available in Spanish.)

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

*The Underneath* (2010), *Keeper* (2012), *Oh My Baby, Little One* (2006).

### TECHNOLOGY LINK FOR KIDS

[www.rif.org/kids](http://www.rif.org/kids)



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