

# I Like the Sun

## A RIF GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

**Themes:** Light, STEM, Weather

**Book Brief:** What do you like about the sun? This book invites young readers to share in the warmth of the shining sun and explore how it helps humans and the earth.

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## TIME TO READ!



**Before:** Read the title of the story and look at the cover. Ask your child what they think will happen in the story.

**During:** As you read, ask “What do the children on this page like to do in the sun?”

**After, ask questions:**

- What do you like to do in the sun?
- How does the sun help us?
- What is your favorite picture in the book? Why?

## INTENTIONAL TALK

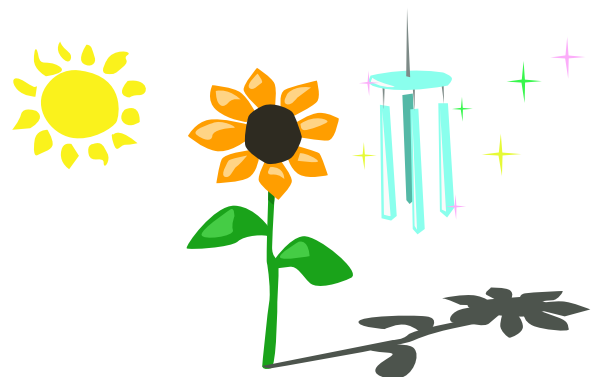
**Print Awareness** is a critical skill for learning to read. Print awareness includes learning that letters make up words in print, and written words represent spoken words. The word “sun” is repeated many times in the story. After you have

read the book a few times, look at the first page and point out the word “sun.” Point to each letter individually and identify its name. Then, walk through the text in the book and see if your child can find the word “sun” again.

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### Sunshine Scavenger Hunt

With your child, talk about ideas for what you can see in the sun. Go on a little hunt for things that look even more beautiful in sunlight—flowers, leaves, shadows cast by trees. Bring a notebook and jot down what you find and how the sun changes the way they look. Remember to apply sunscreen, wear a wide-brimmed hat, sunglasses, and bring plenty of water to stay hydrated. Talk to your child about why sun safety is important.



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



### OTHER BOOKS BY SARAH NELSON

- [Firefly Galaxy \(2024\)](#)
- [A Park Connects Us \(2022\)](#)
- [I Like The Snow \(2021\)](#)