

Act of Worship

NEW LIFE - Key Stage 1

Gathering
together

Focal point: Easter candle
pictures of lambs, chicks, etc.
daffodils, buds [any signs of Spring]

Leader:

Today we are going to think about the new life of Spring.

What signs are there that Spring is here?

[Gather responses from the children]

Leader:

God our Father, in springtime you wake up the whole world to new life. We see life in flowers and trees, in birds and in animals. May this new life help us to know you better. We ask this through Jesus, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Word
of God

Leader:

This reading is from the Song of Songs. *[Song 2:11,12,13]* During the winter most of the flowers stop growing, but in the Spring they rise up again.

*When winter is finished,
and the rain has stopped falling,
then the plants begin to grow.
The birds sing
and the leaves appear on the trees
and at last you can smell the perfume of the flowers.
This is the time to sing for joy!*

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



**Response
to the
Word**

Leader:

Think quietly about what you like best about Spring and how it makes you feel *[pause for a moment]*

Now let us pray a 'thank you' litany:

Response: Thank you God.

Thank you *God*, for this lovely time of year;
for flowers full of life and colour.

Thank you God,.

Thank you *God*, for new life everywhere around;
for growing seeds, full of life and movement.

Thank you God.

Thank you *God*, for birds full of life,
bursting out of shells, hungry, growing then flying.

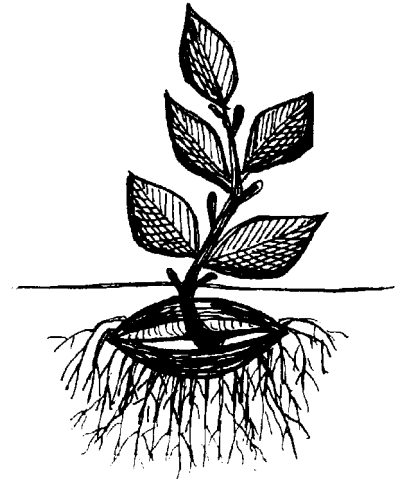
Thank you God.

Thank you *God*, for babies full of life,
loving their mothers, and able to enjoy play.

Thank you God.

Thank you *God*, for Jesus, full of life,
sharing his new life with us.

Thank you God.



**Going
forth**

Leader:

Let us try to stop and admire the next thing that reminds us of Spring.
Tell whoever you are with what you see.

Now let us end our prayer together by singing 'This is the day' *[or any song about Spring / new life / Easter]*

