



# Helping Your Pre-K Child Thrive

## This Week's Lesson: Miss Maple's Seeds

### What You'll Need

- A phone with internet (if you do not have this, skip to 'Alternative Instructions')

### What to Do

- Read or watch "Miss Maple's Seeds" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUDK2DKl8jg>)
- As you read or watch, count the seeds as you go. How many seeds does Mrs. Maple have?
- After the story, explain to your child that what Mrs. Maple has is a collection--that is, a group of items that have something in common. Mrs. Maple had a collection of seeds. Other people collect things like rocks, old toys, or shoes.
- Work with your child to make their very own collection of 5 items. Have them decide what they want the collection to be, then have your child count the items they've collected.
- When you've finished, ask how the items in the collection are the same. Ask how they are different.

### Alternative Instructions

(if you don't have a phone to watch the story, or a copy of the book on-hand)

- Sit down with your child and tell them about collections--that is, a group of items that have something in common. Gardeners collect seeds. Other people collect rocks, old toys, or shoes.
- Work with your child to make their very own collection of 5 items. Have them decide what they want the collection to be, then have your child count the items as they're collected.
- When you've finished, ask how the items in the collection are the same. Ask how they are different.

### Keep It Going

- Whenever you notice multiples of the same objects, ask your child what is similar about the object, and what is different. Would the objects make a good collection? Why or why not?