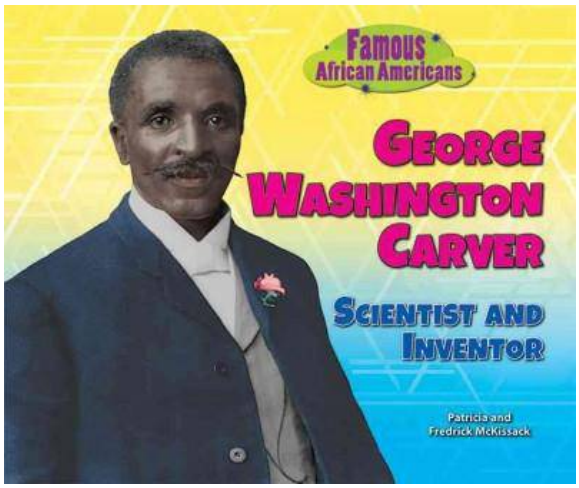
Activities to Celebrate Black History Month

George Washington Carver, Scientist and Inventor



TALK

Talk with your child about botanists, scientists who study plants like fruits and vegetables. Explain that George Washington Carver developed hundreds of new products from peanuts and other plants.

- What do farmers need to grow fruits and vegetables?
- What are some of your favorite fruits and vegetables?

READ

Ask your librarian for a book about George Washington Carver, the famous botanist. You can also read about him in a print or online encyclopedia. Read together about his life. If the book is too long for your child, read about what your child is interested in and talk about the pictures together.

GROW

You can **grow beans** in a plastic bag! Here is what you do:

- Soak five beans in water overnight.
- Put the beans in a zip-closure bag with a folded wet paper towel.
- Tape the bag to your window. In a few days, the beans should sprout.
- With a permanent marker, draw a line on the bag to record how tall the beans grow each day.

MAKE

You can **make peanut butter** at home! If you child is allergic to peanuts, you can try another nut, like almonds or pecans.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup of nuts. Make sure they are free of shells and skins.
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon honey (optional)
- 2 teaspoons vegetable oil (optional)

Instructions:

1. Grind the nuts in a food processor until they are the desired consistency.
2. Add honey and/or oil to taste.
3. Store it in an airtight jar or container.

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