In honor of Earth Day (April 22nd), here is a “nature” craft.

**Materials:**
- Small stones/pebbles
- green marker
- 1 piece white cardstock
- tacky glue

**Directions:**
1. Go on a nature hike and pick up at least 14 small stones. For the flower project shown, a couple of round stones and 12 oval or oblong stones work best.
2. Wash stones and allow to dry.
3. Arrange stones on cardstock.
4. Glue stones on cardstock. (You will need a lot of glue because there is some weight to the stones)
5. Allow glue to dry.
6. Draw green lines for the stem of the flower.

**Material substitution:**
- School glue may be used but you will need to use a lot and it will need to dry overnight (Note: if you use Crazy glue, it dries instantly so you need to make sure you have the stones exactly where you want them).
- Cardboard could be used instead of cardstock or cardstock may be glued to cardboard to make the craft studier.
- Stones may be painted if you prefer

For more ideas see:
https://www.bing.com/images/search?q=pebble+art&qpvt=pebble+art&FORM=IGRE

For ideas on using twigs see:

While on your nature hike, talk about what you see.
Name the parts of the tree (trunk, bark, root, leaves, branch, etc.)
Use a variety of words for the same thing
- Rock (stone, pebble, gravel)
- Twig (stick, branch, stem, shoot, sapling)

During the hike and as you do the art project, use a variety of sentence patterns
Adjective-Noun
Big rock. Little stick.
Verb-Noun
Pick up the rock
Interrogative (questions)
Where is the glue?
Subject-Verb-Object
We need rocks
Subject –Verb-Preposition
The glue is in the cupboard.