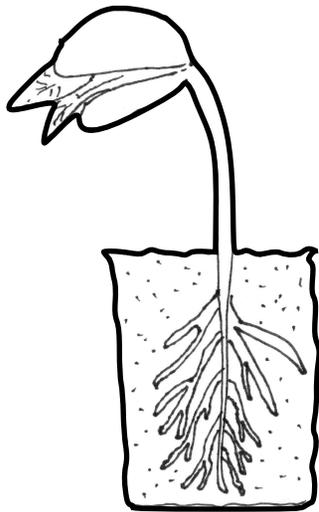


PROJECT

Plant bean seeds and think about what makes you rooted and grounded. After planting, the seeds need to be watered. (It might be best to plant a few to make sure at least one comes up. Contender Bush Beans are a good choice.)

They will put down roots first and you will not be able to tell that anything is happening. Kind of like our prayers.

If it is the right time of year and you have some space, plant a garden outside. Care for it and eventually reap the harvest! All of the following lessons will go with your gardening experience.



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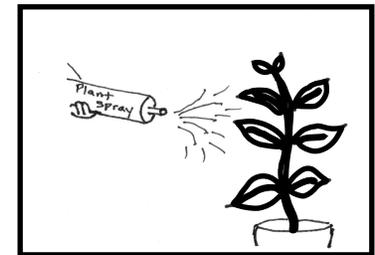


Garden of the Kingdom

Overview

As Kingdom Kids developed, over and over the Lord brought themes relating to the garden of our hearts and cultivating prayer life to our minds. Many times in the scriptures, Jesus used illustrations from the life of plants to explain spiritual lessons.

- **Matthew 13:3-23 explains the parable of the sower.** Seed fell upon different areas, but only the seeds that fell on the good ground took root and produced fruit. His Word is seed in us. His spirit is also planted as a seed in the garden of our hearts that grows as we cultivate, water and care for our relationship with Him or the "plant of His spirit."
- **John 15:5 "I am the vine, ye are the branches:** He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."
- **Repeatedly, the Lord has put spiritual lessons on our hearts** in Kingdom Kids that correlate with the garden of our hearts and cultivating our prayer lives.



I Who am I? Who is He? I am Rooted and Grounded in love.

P Praise - waters the soil and softens the seed of His Spirit in us.

R Repentance and Forgiveness remove the weeds, bugs and rocks.
FRUIT is the result of a healthy spiritual plant

A Asking / supplication is using the fruit / prayer / faith in action

Y Yielding / Thy will be done... We are a fruitful orchard when praying together in His Spirit!

These Prayer Points are tools to help deepen our prayer life, but because prayer is a relationship with the Almighty God, tools are not enough. They simply provide a way to get started in learning to pray. As our prayers deepen, we progress on this journey in the Kingdom of God.



Prayer

Keep praying together and giving time for private prayer. These times of prayer should be enjoyable. Encourage the children and lead by example with simple straightforward prayers. Just talk to God like a very loving friend.

Keep Track of Prayers and Answers

- **You could encourage / help children** write their prayers and answers in a journal or a Treasure Book for prayers, scriptures and testimonies.
- **You could have a jar on the kitchen table** with cards of people and things you are praying about and answers.
- **At K Kids at church, we made a Prayer Wall** - a big sheet of poster paper that looked like a brick wall and we wrote prayers in each brick.
- **You could do something like this. We all love to be reminded of the answered prayers!**

