

ACTIVITY TIME

Garden on Red Gum Road

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Plant and Grow

You will need:

- Templates provided
- Crayons or coloured pencils
- Scissors
- Optional - cardboard

Key words: Community Garden, watering, collecting and picking.

What to do:

- Set up a time when your child is ready to participate.
- Talk about how vegetables can be different colours – carrots can be orange, yellow or purple!
- Invite your child to choose colours and decorate the different parts – the dirt, carrot and the leaves.
- Demonstrate how to use the scissors. Support by allowing the child to try for themselves but assist where they need. Cut around the carrots following the dotted line.
- Carefully cut an opening on the 2nd template
- Plant your carrots and have only the leafy tops sticking out of the ground. What can you notice?
- Talk about different sizes – order the carrots from smallest to largest.
- Language extensions: small, tiny and large, thin and wide, short and long.

Sing

Gardening song – CoComelon (Spotify)

Growing, growing, little plants
So exciting, I could dance!
Just like magic, watch them grow
I love to watch our garden grow!

Let's grab our shovels!
Spread some soil all around
So roots can grow deep in the ground
Grow and grow baby seeds
Grow up tall as can be!

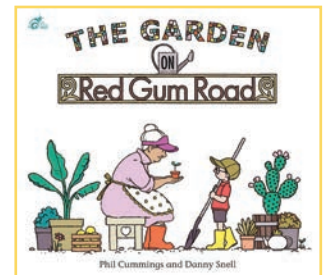
Make a hole in the ground
Plant your seeds and pat them down
Grow and grow baby seeds,
Grow up tall as can be!

Plants get thirsty just like you
Water gently, that will do!
Grow and grow baby seeds,
Grow up tall as can be!

Plants get hungry, yes they do
They use the sun to make their food!
Grow and grow baby seeds,
Grow up tall as can be!

Let's be patient, wait and see!
One day they'll sprout up happily!
Grow and grow baby seeds,
Grow up tall as can be!

Key Message: Children learn by being engaged and doing



Adult supervision is essential. Involve and talk with your child as much as possible.

