

VBS Preschool/Early Childhood Modifications for **The Abundant Life Garden Project®**

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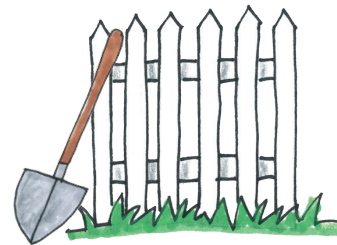
HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

The VBS lesson rotations as they are written, are geared towards elementary (2nd grade and up) aged children and older, but with some modifications we believe that several of the learning pods could be modified for an Early Childhood class, (ages 4-6). Here are our modification suggestions:

Rotation Areas:

Based on our experience these are the best rotation options for the younger ages:

- **Opening** (with everyone)
- **Stories from our Faith**
(modifications can be found in the *Stories from our Faith Booklet*)
- **Snack**
- **Recess**
- **Create/Learn** (individually or combined)
- **Free Play**
- **Coloring Time**
- **Closing** (with everyone)



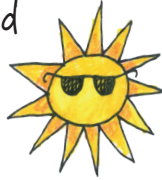
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Preschool/Early Childhood

Lesson Modifications



Additional Resources can be found in the *Printables Packet*

Water



- **Coloring Time:** Water Coloring Sheet
- **Snack:** Apple boats, Ocean Water, Goldfish Crackers
- **Stories from our Faith** (modified)
- **Create/Learn:** Water Filter Experiment
- **Home Sheet**

Soil



- **Coloring Time:** Water Coloring Sheet
- **Snack:** We recommend giving them crushed cookies and vanilla yogurt or pudding, and a single gummy worm and let them build their own dirt cake.
- **Stories from our Faith** (modified)
- **Learn:** Visit from Gardener or Farmer
- **Create:** Erosion Experiment
- **Home Sheet**

Seeds



- **Coloring Time:** Seeds Coloring Sheet
- **Snack:** Seed dippers as outlined in original curriculum work well with this group
- **Stories from our Faith** (modified)
- **Create:** Bird Feeder
- **Home Sheet**

Animals



- **Coloring Time:** Animal Coloring Sheet
- **Snack:** Allow them to build their own Safari treat out of the components.
- **Stories from our Faith** (modified)
- **Learn:** Butter Me Up
- **Create:** Gifts of Life Animal Collage (using animals from the *Gifts for Life* catalog)
- **Home Sheet**

Harvest



- **Coloring Time:** Harvest Coloring Sheet
- **Snack:** Ants on a log, or Build-your-own Fruit Cookie pizza. 1 sugar cookie, one scoop of icing, sliced fruit.
- **Stories from our Faith** (modified)
- **Create:** Fruit and Vegetable Stamping
- **Home Sheet**