

God's Garden



Oh boy, time to plant a garden!

Let's see what I'll need...

❖ Something to grow the plants in. How about some nice **rocks** — the bigger the better because rocks are pretty cool.

❖ Seeds to plant. Here are some terrific **weed** seeds — they should make a garden in no time.



❖ The right growing conditions. Well, there's this nice **dark** corner of the yard...



❖ Now what to do about water. It would be a shame for these nifty plants to get wet, so maybe I could just cover them with a big **umbrella**.

❖ Finally, what about some food? I'm sure the garden would love **potato chips** — I know I sure do!

This is going to be some *fantabulous* garden. Maybe my garden plot will even win a **prize**! It's sure to be unique — and an inspiration to all other gardeners. And I did it **all by myself**!

A few weeks later...



What went wrong? I did everything right, didn't I? Maybe **Jesus** knows. He's God, so He knows everything.

What's that you say, Lord?
I can't hear You too well.
Could you speak a bit **louder**, please?

I needed to use **soil**, not rocks?
Good seeds, not weeds?

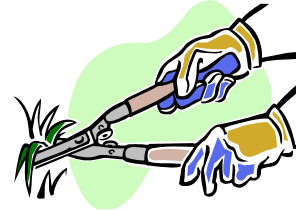


Sunshine, not darkness? **Water and minerals**?

Oh, why didn't I ask **You** sooner! I thought I had everything right. I thought I'd have a perfect garden. So now what?

I know...

How about if **You** take over the garden, Lord?
Would **You** prepare the good soil? Choose the good seed? Give the sunshine, water, and food?



My garden will be **Yours** — because You always knew what it was meant to be.



Now, *that's* a garden!
You and me, Lord Jesus...
What a team!

*"Let us acknowledge the Lord...
As surely as the sun rises, He will appear;
He will come to us like the winter rains,
like the spring rains that water the earth."
- Hosea 6:3*