



VICTORY GARDENS

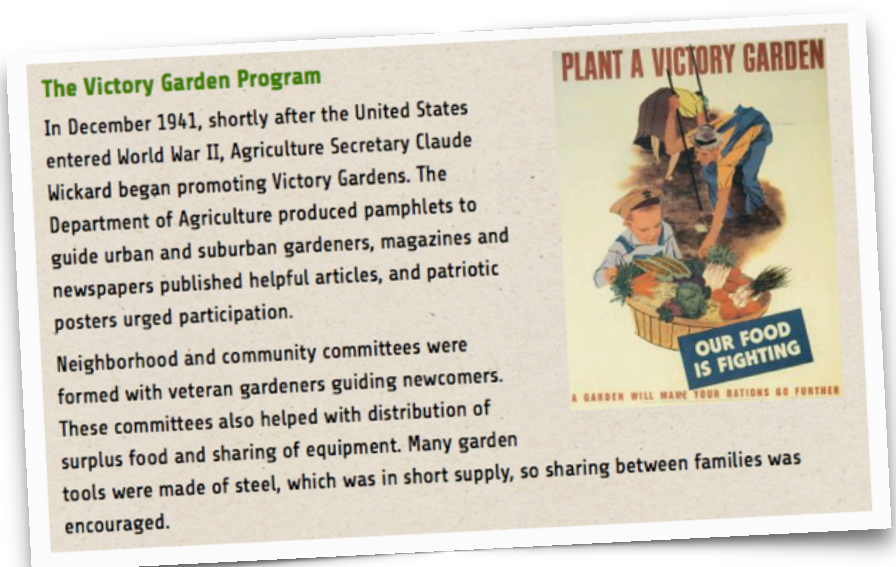
Lesson and Activity Suggestions for Kindergarten - 2nd grade

What a Plant Needs to Grow

Victory Gardens were fruit and vegetable gardens that Americans planted during a time when our soldiers were fighting in a big battle called World War II. During that time, food was in short supply, and Americans were asked to edible plants to make sure that families had healthy foods. Children planted Victory Gardens at their schools, adults planted Victory Gardens at their place of work, and no matter where they lived, in the city or in the country, families planted Victory Gardens together. When the fruits and vegetables were harvested, families, neighbors, and coworkers shared their harvest. Food could be eaten fresh or canned for later use in the winter. Everyone worked together, and everyone shared.

Your family has been given supplies to plant, tend, and grow fresh fruits and vegetables for your family to harvest, eat, and share, just like a Victory Garden! You will be learning about plants, how they grow, how to take care of them, and what to do with the harvest. Happy gardening!

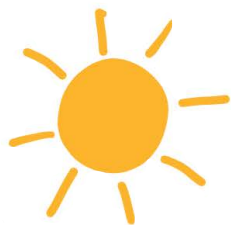
A parent or older sibling can read this portion to the child to expose them to more challenging vocabulary and concepts — or just to learn more yourself.



There are four things that a plant must have if it is going to grow into a healthy fruit or vegetable. Do you know what they are?



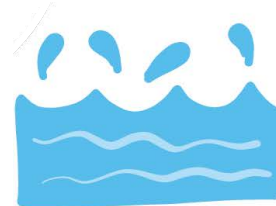
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Sun



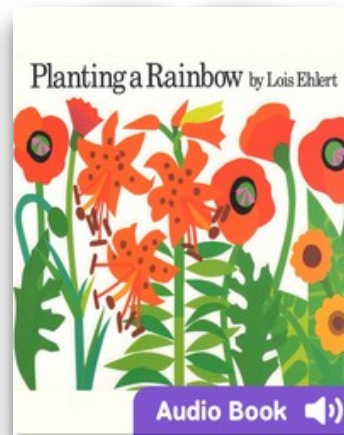
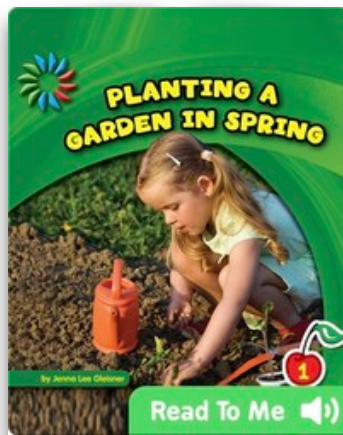
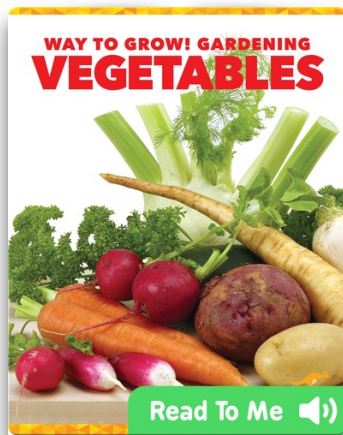
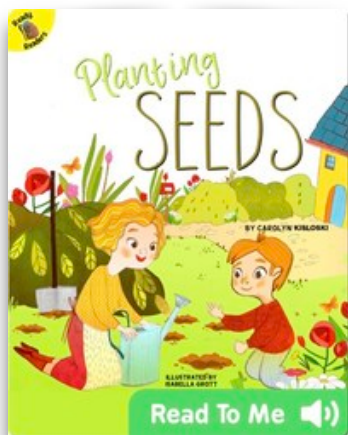
Soil



Water

Here are some books that can be found in the Epic! app on your school iPad. Using the search bar, find the titles below to continue learning more about plants and gardening.

After reading and listening to the books, use the following worksheets to show what you've learned! Pages 3-5 may be best for the level of your Kindergartener and pages 6-9 may be best for the level of your 1st or 2nd graders.



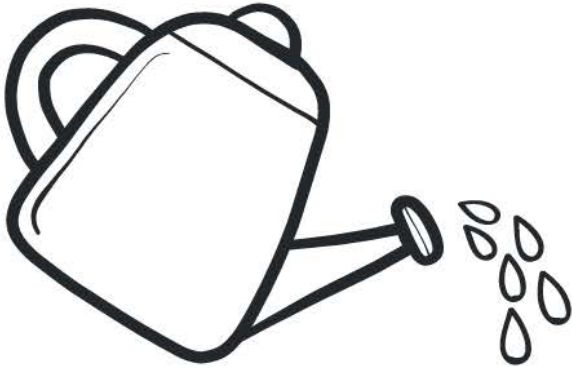
What do plants need?

Color the picture. Plants need water, soil, air and sunlight to grow.

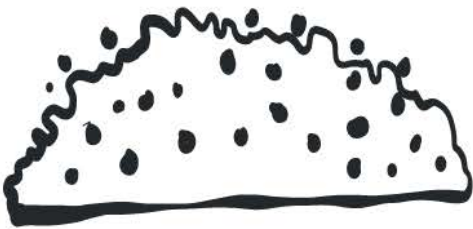


What do plants need to grow?

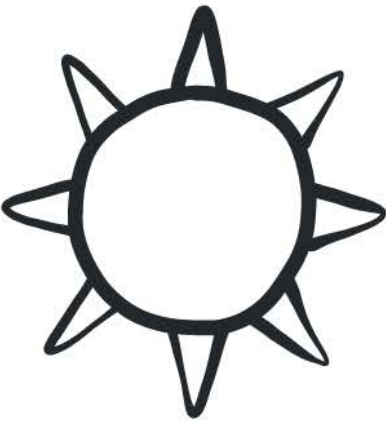
Color the pictures. Match each picture with the correct word



sun



air



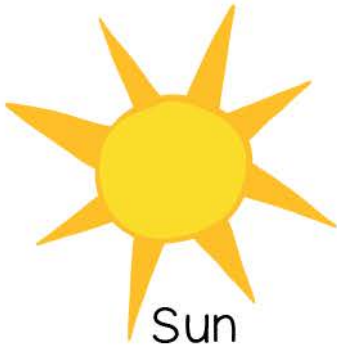
soil



water

What do plants need?

Circle 4 things that plants need to grow



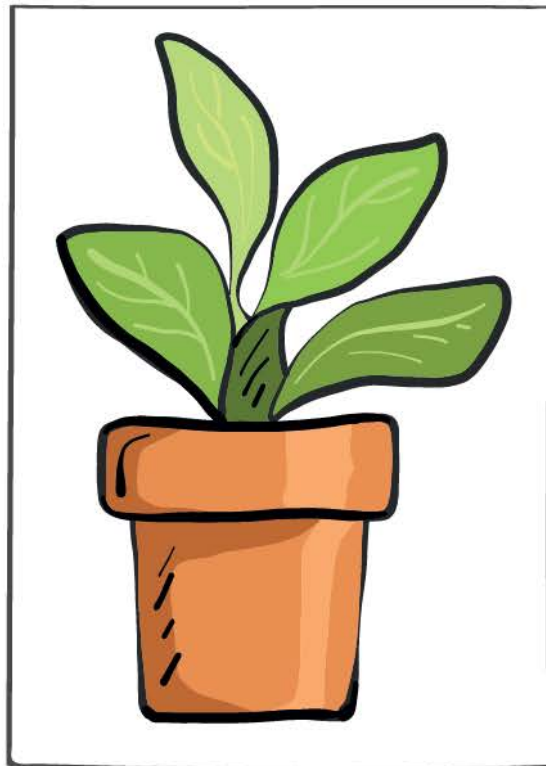
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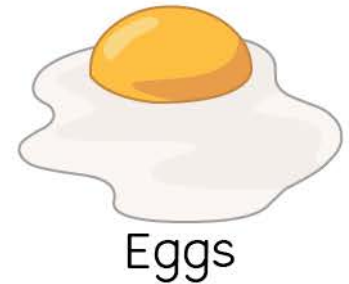
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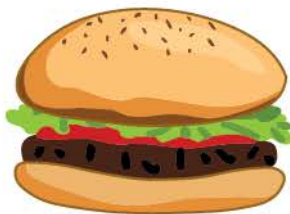
Air



Water



Eggs



Sandwich



Juice



Soil with nutrients

What do plants need?

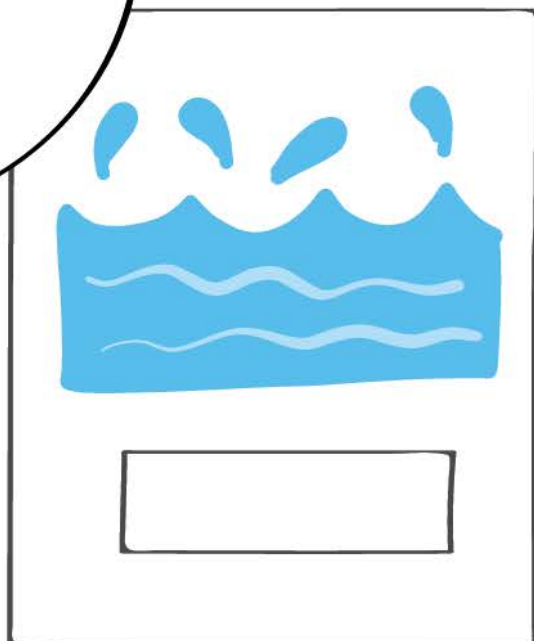
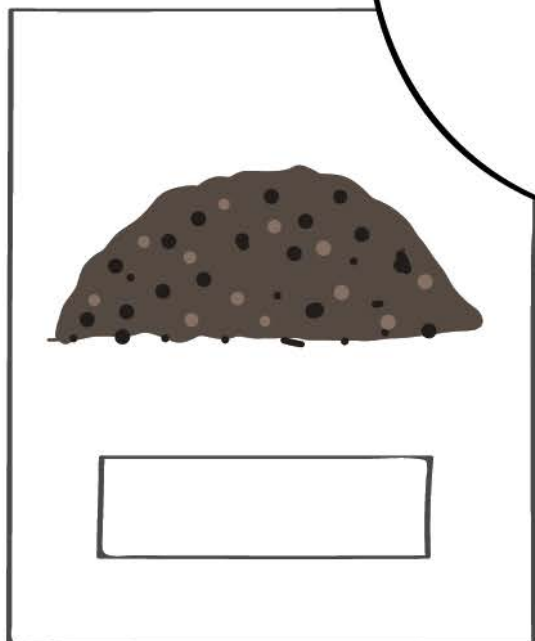
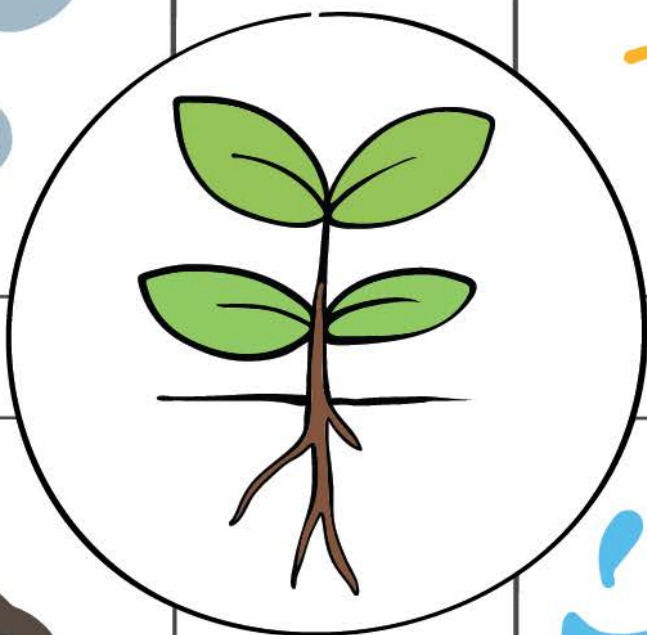
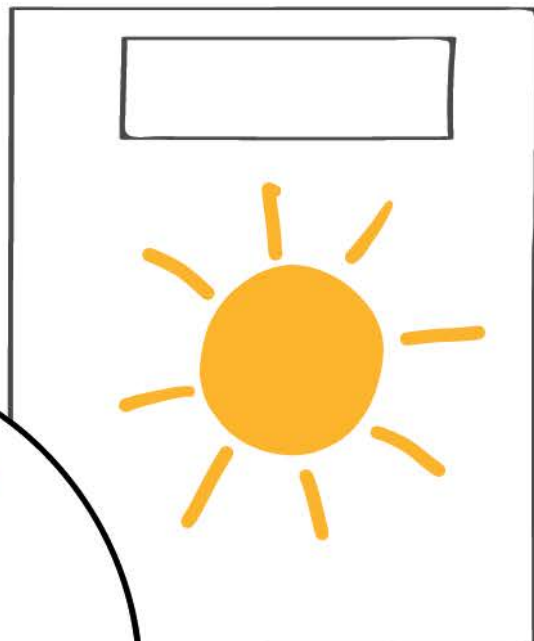
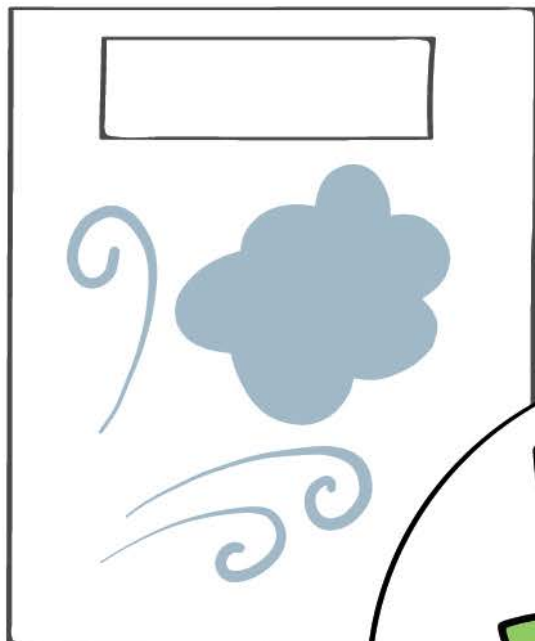
Color the picture. Complete the picture with the needs below

water

air

soil

sun



What do plants need?

Draw 4 things that plants need to grow. Color them

Sun

Air



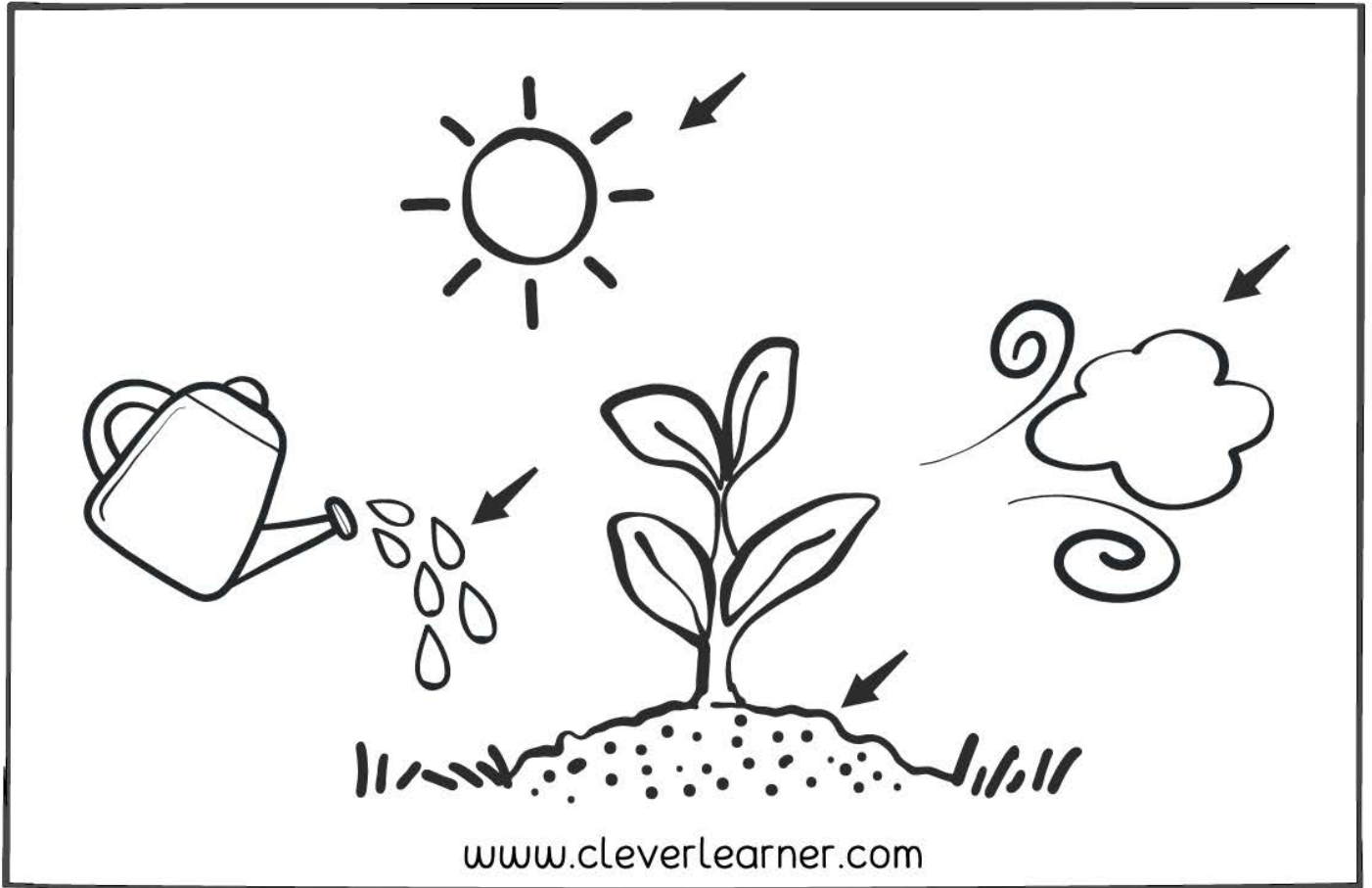
Water

Soil

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Plant Needs

Plants need four things hidden in the puzzle below. Find the words and circle them.



a l e a i h d j s e g g
x o g i o h c s o l m v
d v b r s u n l i g h t
g e o h c x y s l v i l
q w a t e r l m i l k g

Color the pictures. Cut them out. Paste them in the correct group.

Plant Needs

Plant Parts

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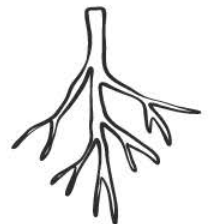
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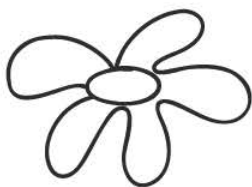
Seeds



Soil



Roots



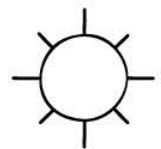
Flower



Air



Leaves



Sunlight

Interested in sharing more World War II history with your child?

The following books are available on the Epic! app for continued learning. These books are great for reading aloud to your child and sparking new conversations around relevant World War II topics.

Use this time to ask if your child understands what you're reading to them. Do they need larger words broken down into kid-speak? Which parts are they finding interesting? Are there any similarities between life then and now? Do they have any questions about what you're reading to them?

