

Delightful Dish Gardens

Objective: To explain the parts of a plant, and for the children to have a clear understanding of the parts of the plant. Participants can make a beautiful dish garden so they can learn about planting and then will be able to display them inside or outside their homes.

Supplies: Pots

Rocks

Potting Soil

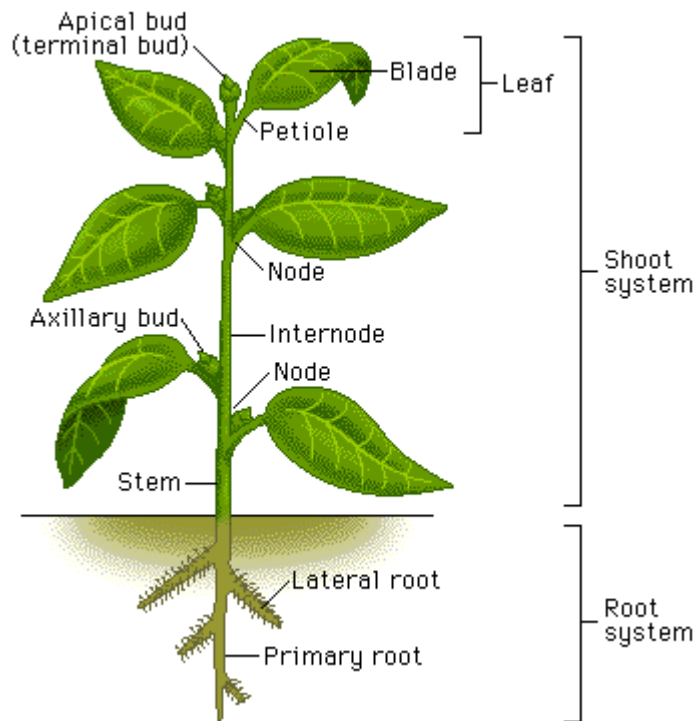
Moss

Plants of your choice, about three per child, but also depending on the size of the pots (try to have them donated)

Little Bees or Birds for decoration ->Example->

Discuss 15 Minutes

Hand out a copy to each child so they will all have a copy while you are going over the parts. Review parts of the plant.



Making a Dish Garden: 30 minutes

1. Get a pot
2. Put some stone at the bottom
3. Put the potting soil in the pot
4. Depending on the size of the pot, transfer the plants each child wants.
5. Fill in around the plants using more of the potting soil.
6. Next add some stone and moss around the plants
7. Then place a bird or bee in the pot
8. Add a little water to the dish garden

Remainder of time:

Explain to the children how to properly take care of their plants; for example, where they should keep their plants (**sun or shade**) and when they should water their plants (**how much water is too much and what is enough water**) and what to do if their plants should grow to be too big and how they should take their plant and transfer it to another pot or outside their home. This is especially important for the children to learn. It can be a tricky task keeping your plants alive, such as remembering to water the plants.

