

Meet Gardner Gnome!

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Gardner Gnome's Play Activities

Gardner Gnome Projects for children are fun learning activities with a purpose. Children can make a pop-up story book with matching word-to-picture vocabulary or make a colorful stand-up garden from cardboard. The purpose of the play garden and book is to help prepare children for a real gardening experience.

Instructions:

To make a pop-up book print out and color figures. Cut figures out and fold at base to make them stand. Each figure has an ID name/number. Paste the base of the figure onto the story page at the place where its matching number is found. Figures will pop out when you turn to their pages.

Punch holes and put pages into a loose-leaf binder. Binders that have inside pockets can carry the matching word-to-picture vocabulary.

To make vocabulary words print out pages 3 and 4 on index paper. Cover words on both sides with clear contact paper and cut them out. If you don't use index paper glue the words onto posterboard or cardboard. Have children match the vocabulary words to items found in the pictures in the pop-up book.

To make a stand-up garden print out and color. Cut out around figures and paste them onto index paper or cardboard. Finish cutting out detail. Fold at base and the figures will stand.

Children may choose a real garden project.

- * Children work projects from home or school.
- * Projects financially benefit schools and classrooms.
- * Children donate 10% to missions and orphanages around the world.

VOCABULARY WORDS

basket sign table pumpkin

potato flowerpot leaf tulips

daffodils daisies geraniums

watering can transplants boot

hat belt beard mustache

nose eye ear face hand

garden plot furrow seeds

seed packet lettuce beets

carrots

onions

radishes

wheelbarrow

spade

shovel

hoe

rake

fence

grass

pitchfork

straw

ornament

candy cane

Christmas tree

star

candle

heart

stocking

snowman

bell

bird

drum

trumpet

presents

ribbon

jar

bread

tomato

sprouts

flats

Gardner Gnome Projects Can Help Many Children!

Hello Children,

My name is Gardner Gnome. I am here to tell you how we can have lots of fun together in your garden and make money for your classrooms and poor children around the world. My projects are all fun fundraisers!

I can teach you how to grow wonderful flowers next spring and summer vegetables that are nice to look at and fun to eat--or how to grow potted evergreens and indoor edible plants and sprouts in the wintertime.

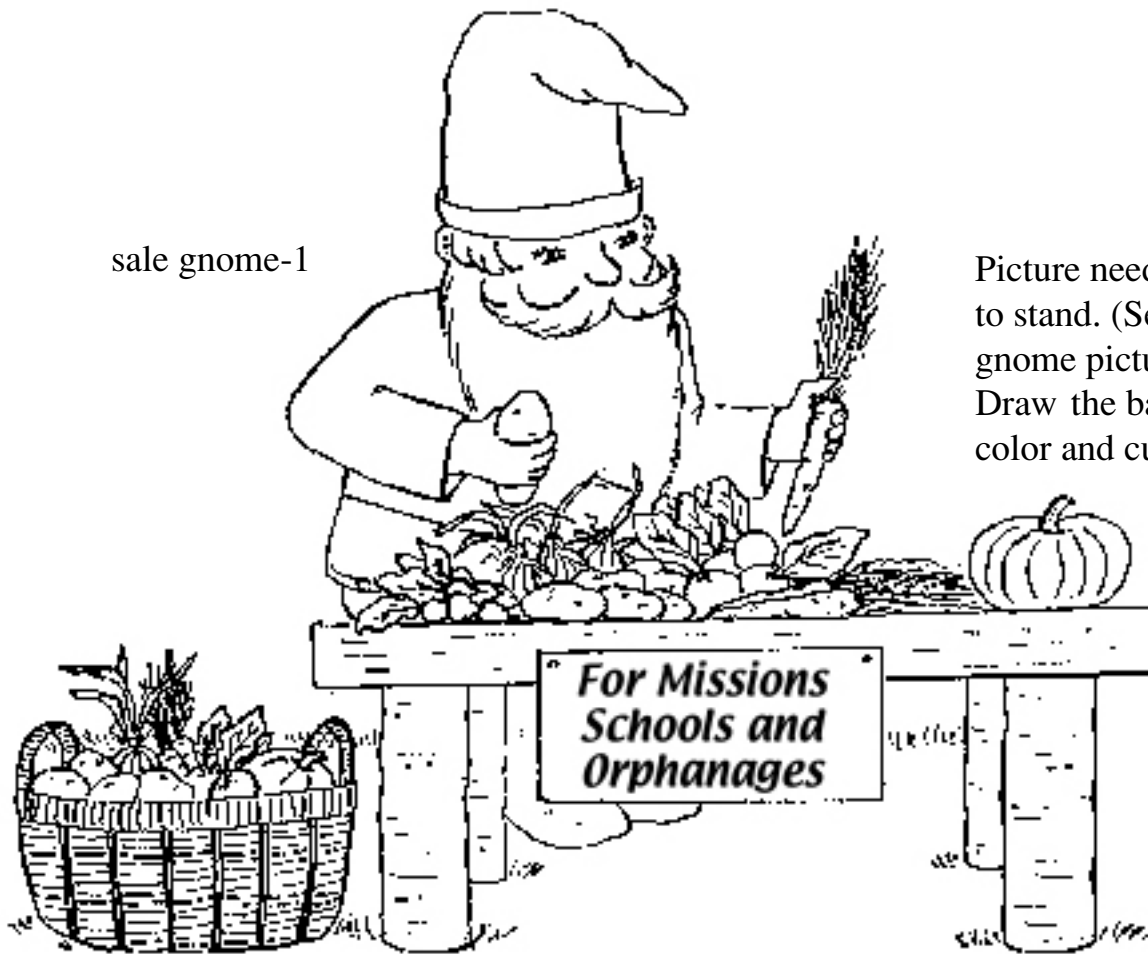
You can send me an e-mail at ipara@ycsi.net and tell me about how your gardens are growing and how your projects are going. I will give you wonderful ideas to turn you into super gardeners.

Lots of Luck!

Gardner Gnome

For pop-up book color, cut out and paste on story page.

sale gnome-1



Picture needs a base to stand. (See sprout gnome picture-pg. 28) Draw the base. Then color and cut out.

Gardner Gnome is selling his garden produce. He wants to help children. The following pages show how he grew his garden.

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Spring Flower Fair

Hello Children,

After months of snow and mud, we're all looking for Spring and a little color. It's a perfect time to start another garden project that I can help you with--growing flowers in your own beautiful, hand-decorated pot.

All you need is a plastic container or milk carton, your favorite art materials, some dirt and flower seeds. You could use aluminum foil to wrap around the container and a piece of ribbon or you could use a store bought pot and paint your favorite picture or pattern on the pot.

Make a few holes in the bottom of your container for drainage. Then, fill your pot with dirt and plant some seeds, like pansies or marigold flowers. Water them and keep them moist (not too wet) until they sprout. Then water only as needed, when the soil doesn't feel moist. Wait a few weeks for the flowers to bloom and you can sell your beautiful flowering pot to your family, friends or neighbors. You could even ask your teacher if it could be a school project where kids could have a Spring Fair and invite parents and the whole neighborhood. Besides flowers for a spring garden fair, you could also grow starters, like tomato plants, for the summer garden. These would probably sell like hotcakes!

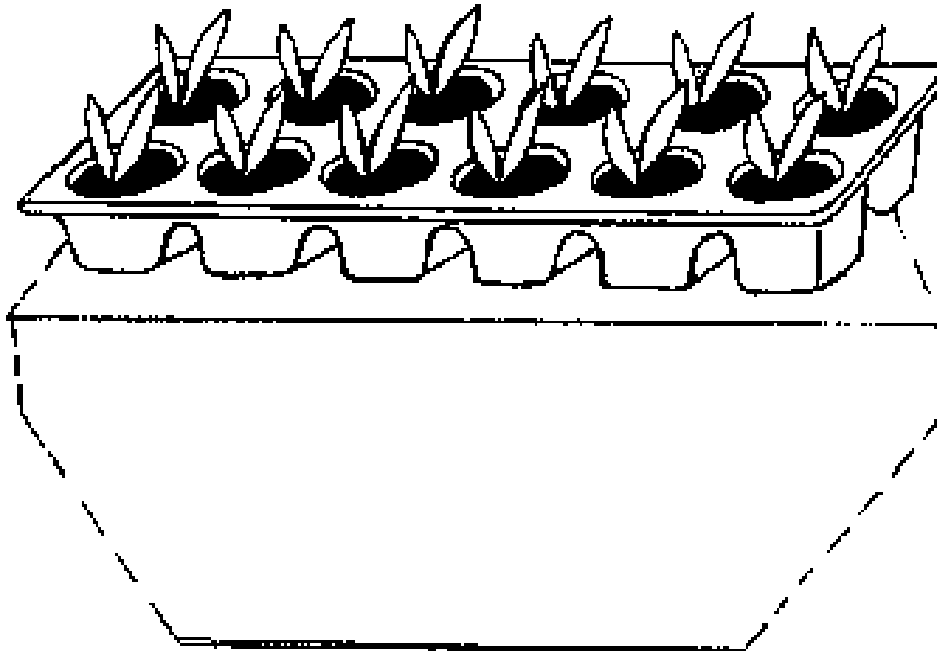
Another idea for spring flowers is for you and your classmates to chose a place in your neighborhood where you want to see flowers planted, such as a park or some other place you would like to make beautiful. You could get sponsors for your flowers to give you a donation. Then go to the park with your class and plant the flowers.

If you make lots of pots and grow lots of flowers and garden transplants, you will end up with extra money that you can give to children who need a lot more than you do. I'll be right there helping you!

Your Friend,

Gardner Gnome

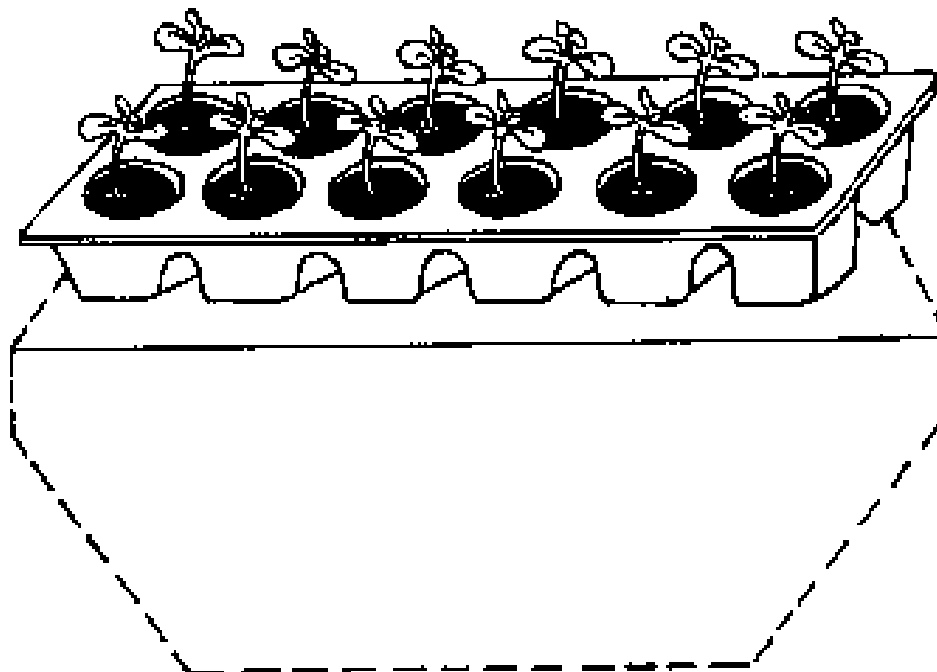
Gardner Gnome planted seeds in trays.



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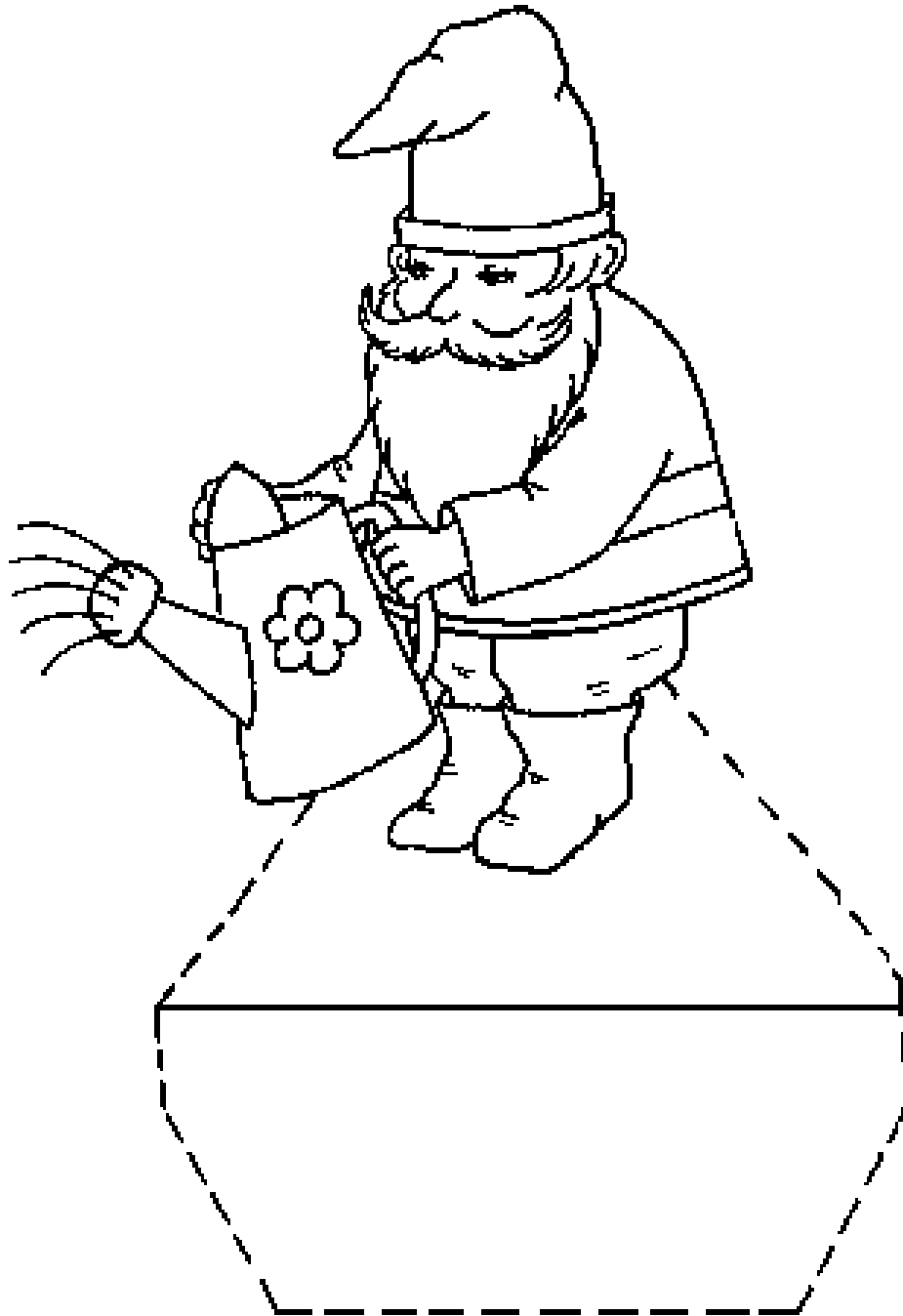
Color and cut out trays.

For pop-up book color, cut out and paste on story page.



tray-2b

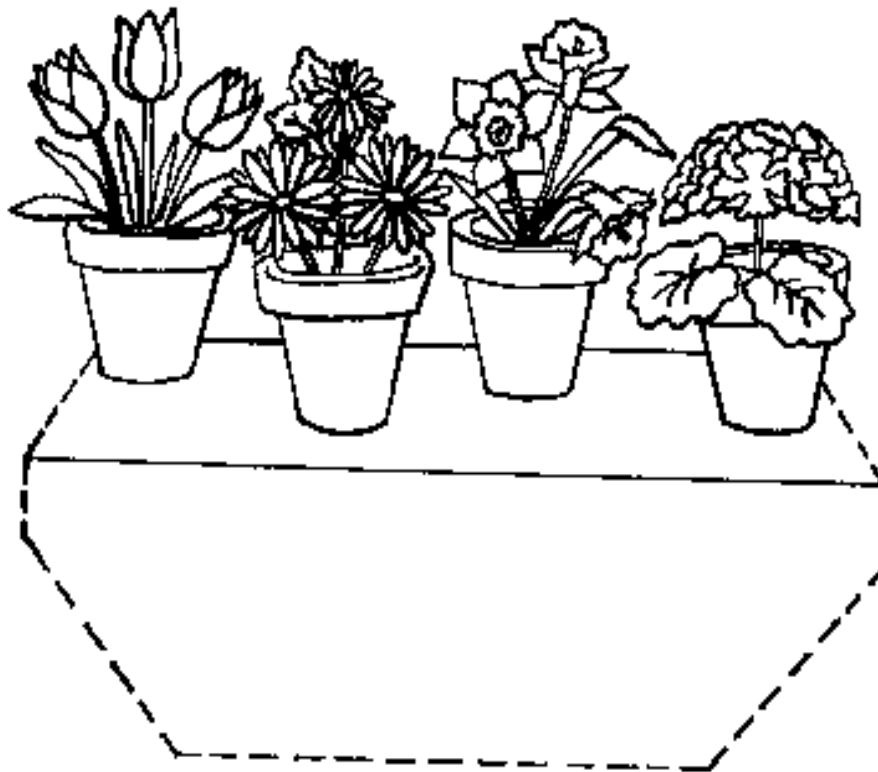
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water gnome-2c

Gardner Gnome loves to water the flowers.
Color and cut out Gardner gnome.

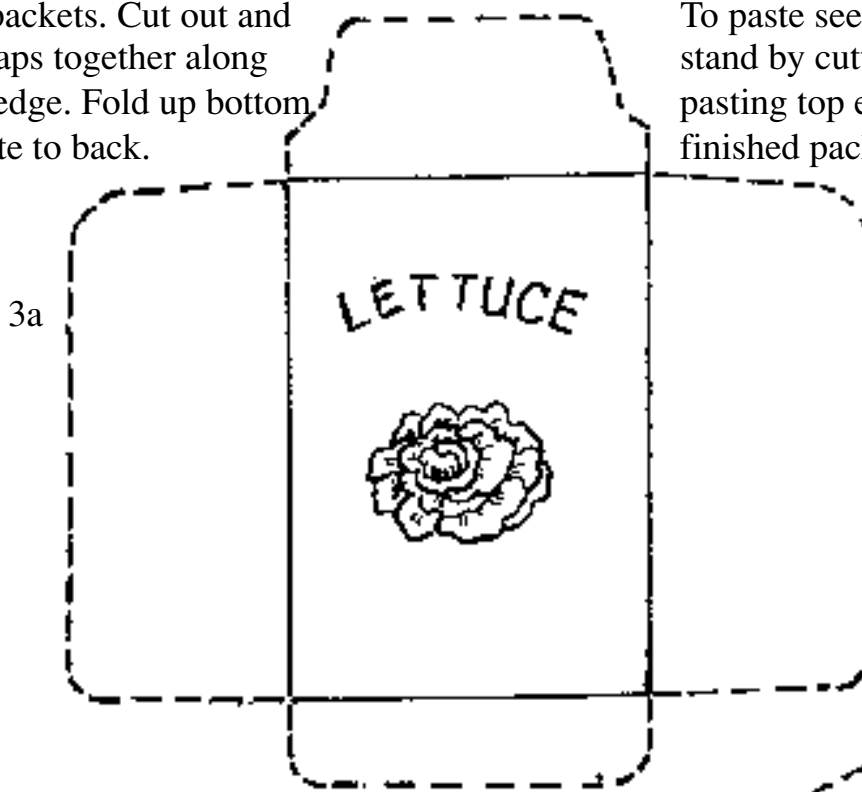
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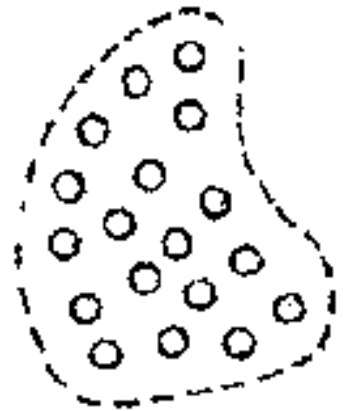
flowers-2d

Here are Gardner Gnome's potted spring flowers.
Color them and cut them out.

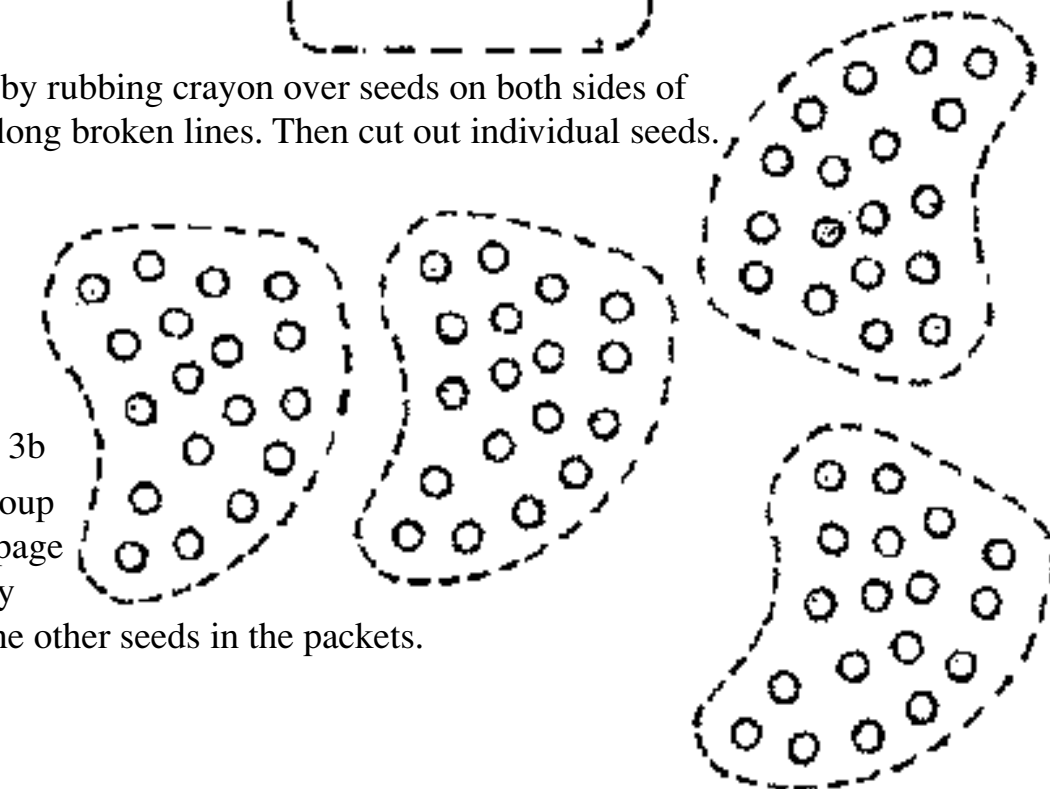
Color seed packets. Cut out and paste side flaps together along the vertical edge. Fold up bottom flap and paste to back.



To paste seed packets in book make a stand by cutting out a rectangle and pasting top edge along bottom flap of finished packet. Fold and paste base of stand to page.



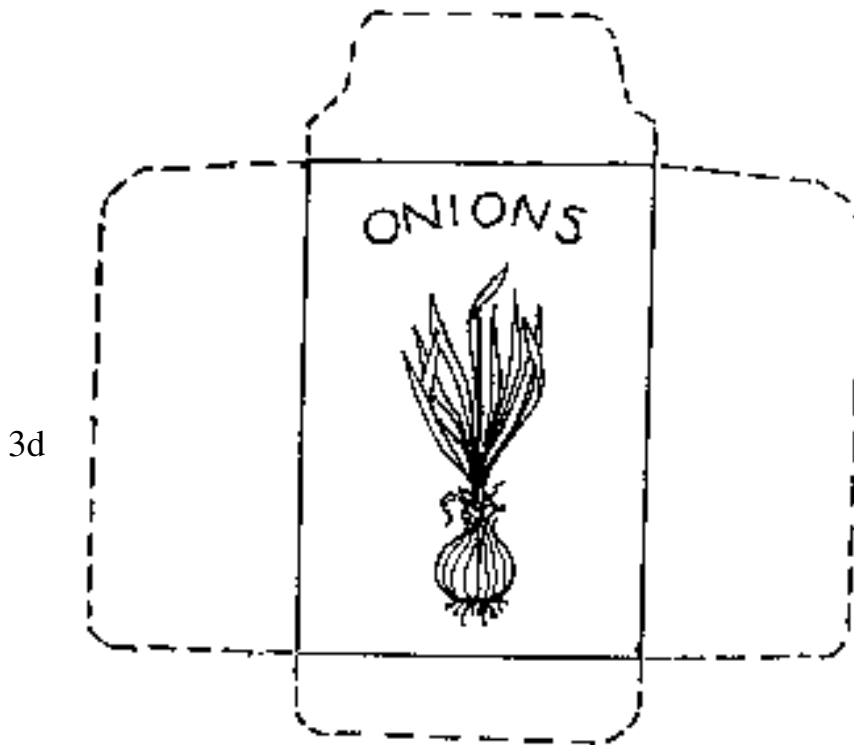
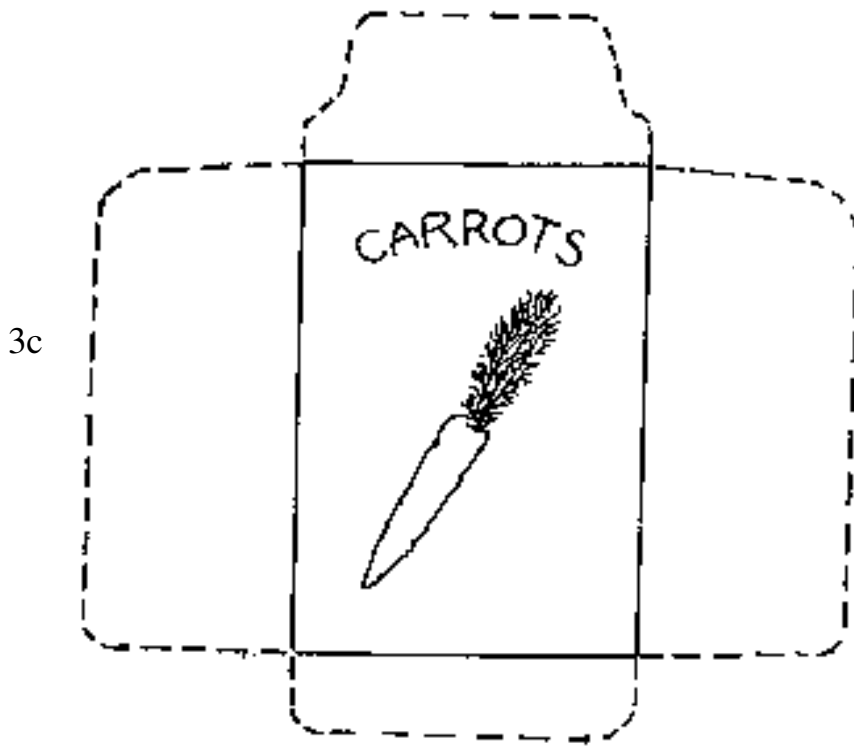
Color seeds by rubbing crayon over seeds on both sides of paper. Cut along broken lines. Then cut out individual seeds.



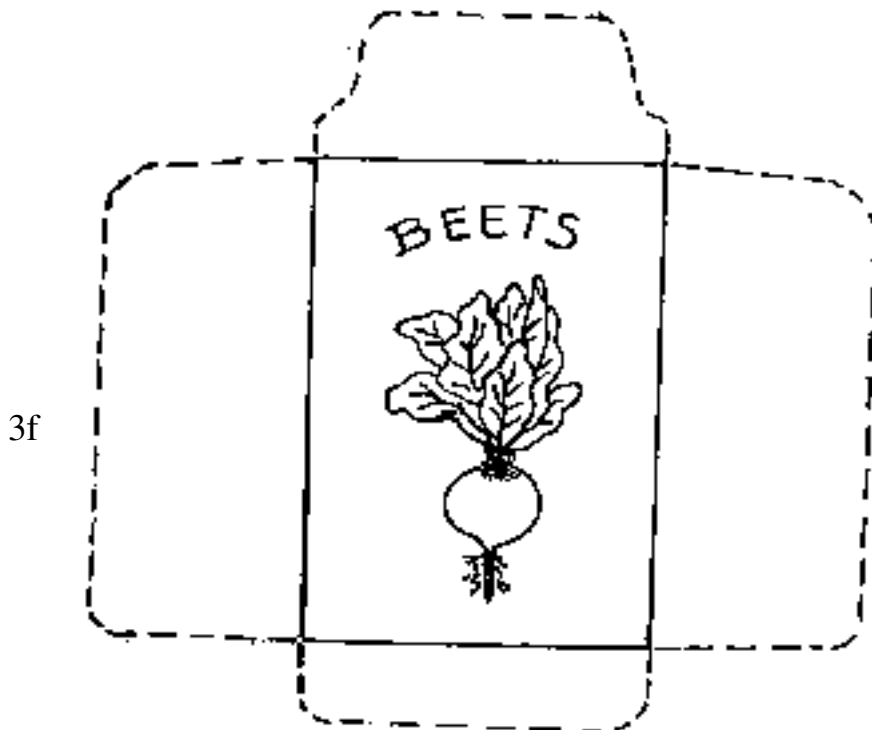
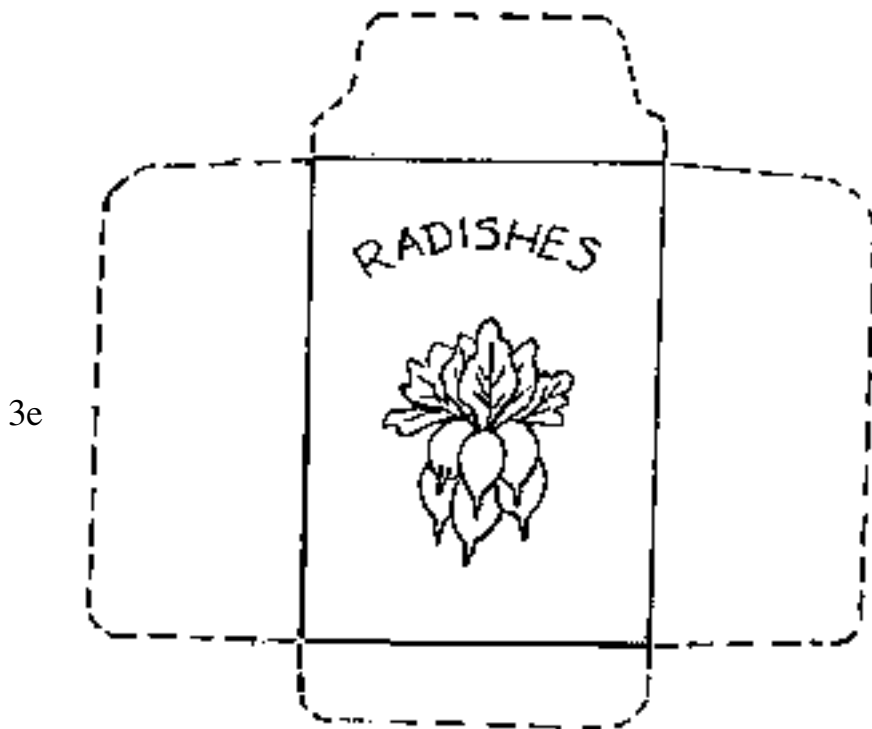
Paste one group of seeds on page three of story pages. Put the other seeds in the packets.

For pop-up book paste packets and seeds on story page.

Gardner Gnome will plant these seeds in his garden. You can help him by making the packets and cutting out the seeds.



Each kind of seed has its own packet.



The packets have a picture of the vegetable that will grow from the seed.

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Summer Garden

Dear Children,

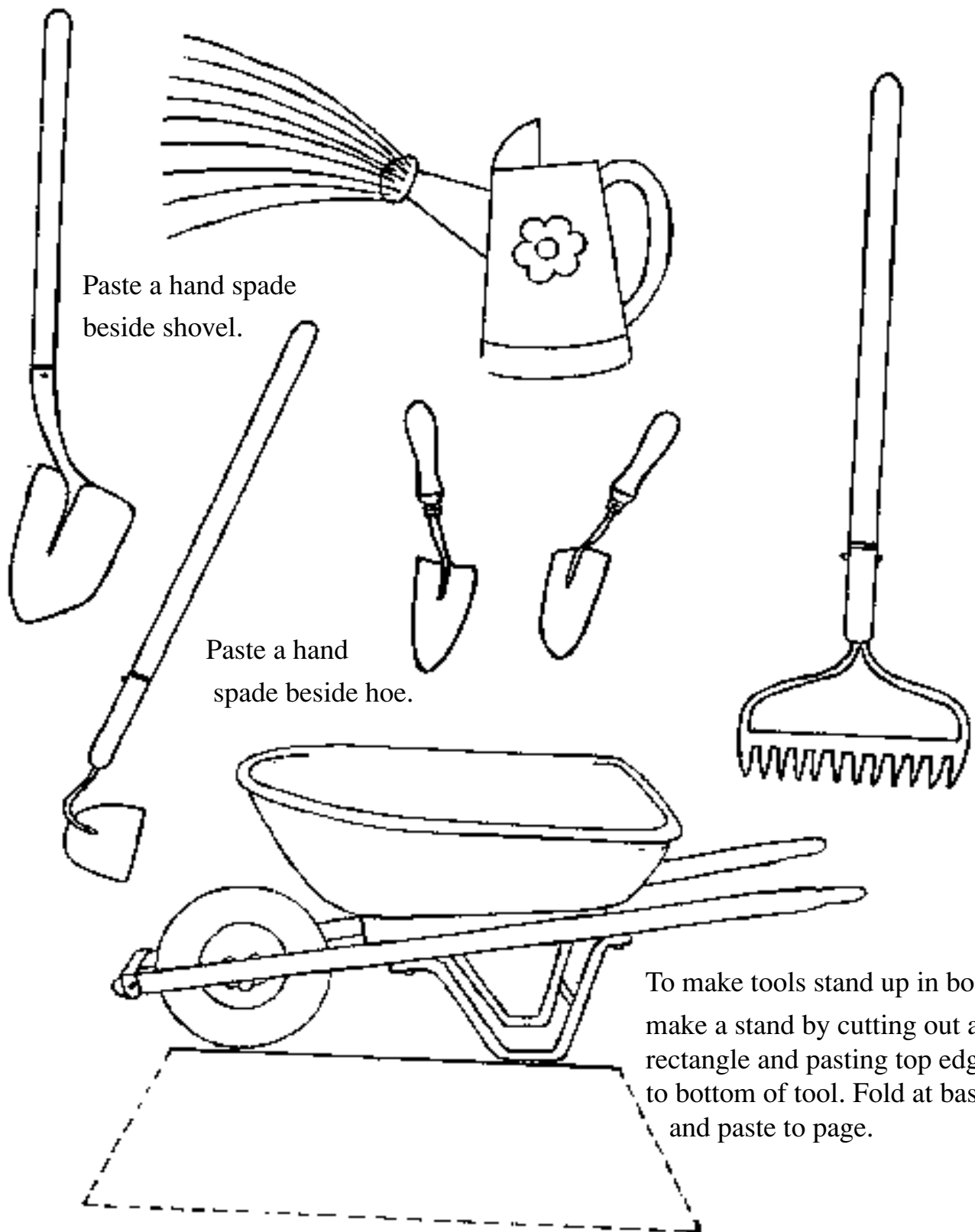
I can't let summer go by without writing to you. Summer is my favorite time of the year, being a gardener! I see gardens everywhere full of wonderful organic fruits and vegetables. I'm hoping you'll want to start a garden too, maybe with a little help from your teachers, family and friends and a lot of help from me.

I always get a head start. Start planning in the winter what you'll plant in the spring. Then by harvest time you will be able to sell beautiful garden produce to your family, neighbors and friends. Or maybe you can even have a neighborhood auction or farmer's market. And it will be even more fun if you get together with classmates or neighbors and have a community garden!

Then you'll be able, once again, to help children in need. And that's something to feel really good about.

Your Friend,

Gardener Gnome



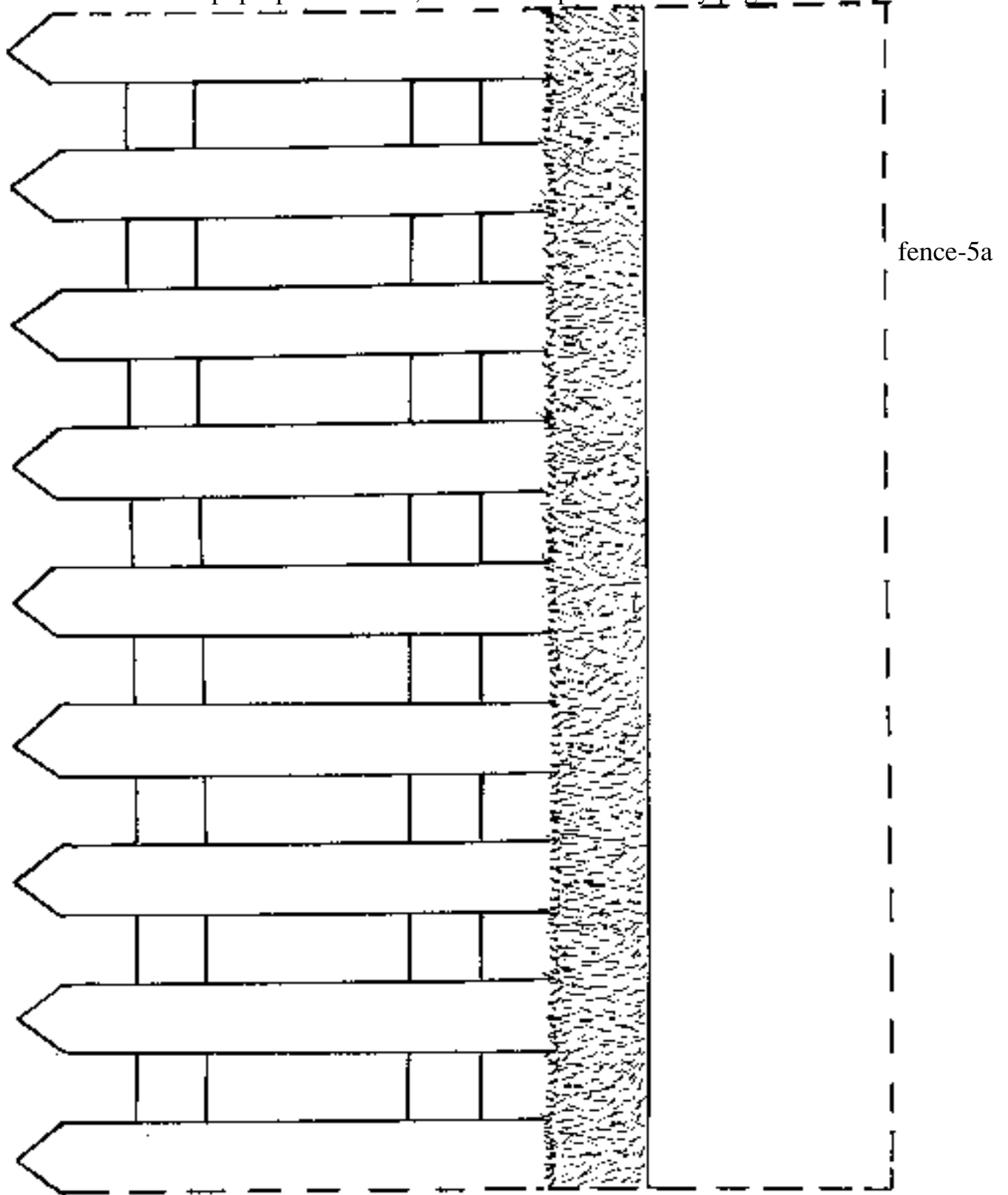
Paste a hand spade
beside shovel.

Paste a hand
spade beside hoe.

To make tools stand up in book
make a stand by cutting out a
rectangle and pasting top edge
to bottom of tool. Fold at base
and paste to page.

Gardner Gnome uses all these tools in his garden.
Do you know their names?

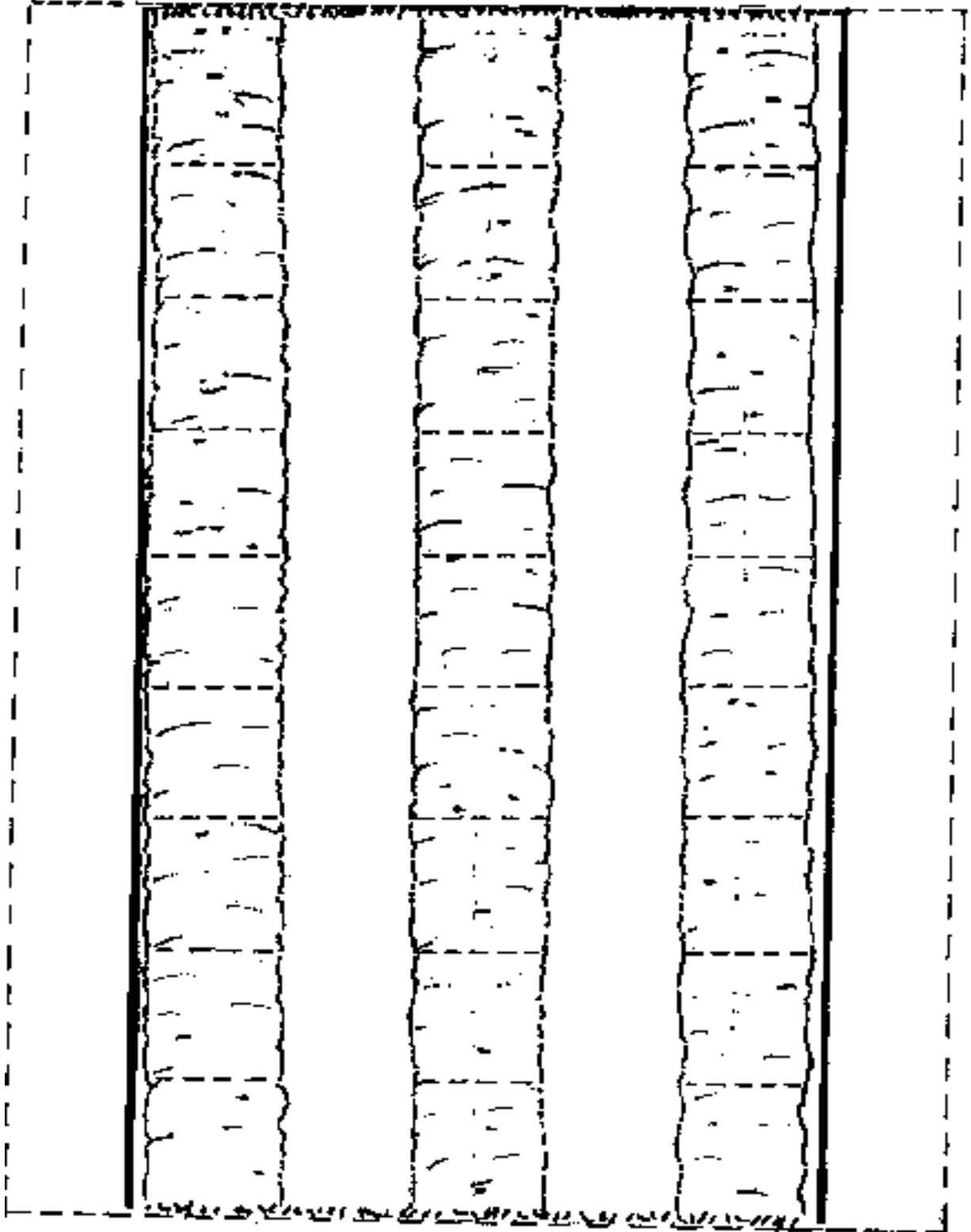
For pop-up book color, cut out and paste on story page.



Gardner Gnome has a picket fence around his garden.
Color the fence and cut it out.

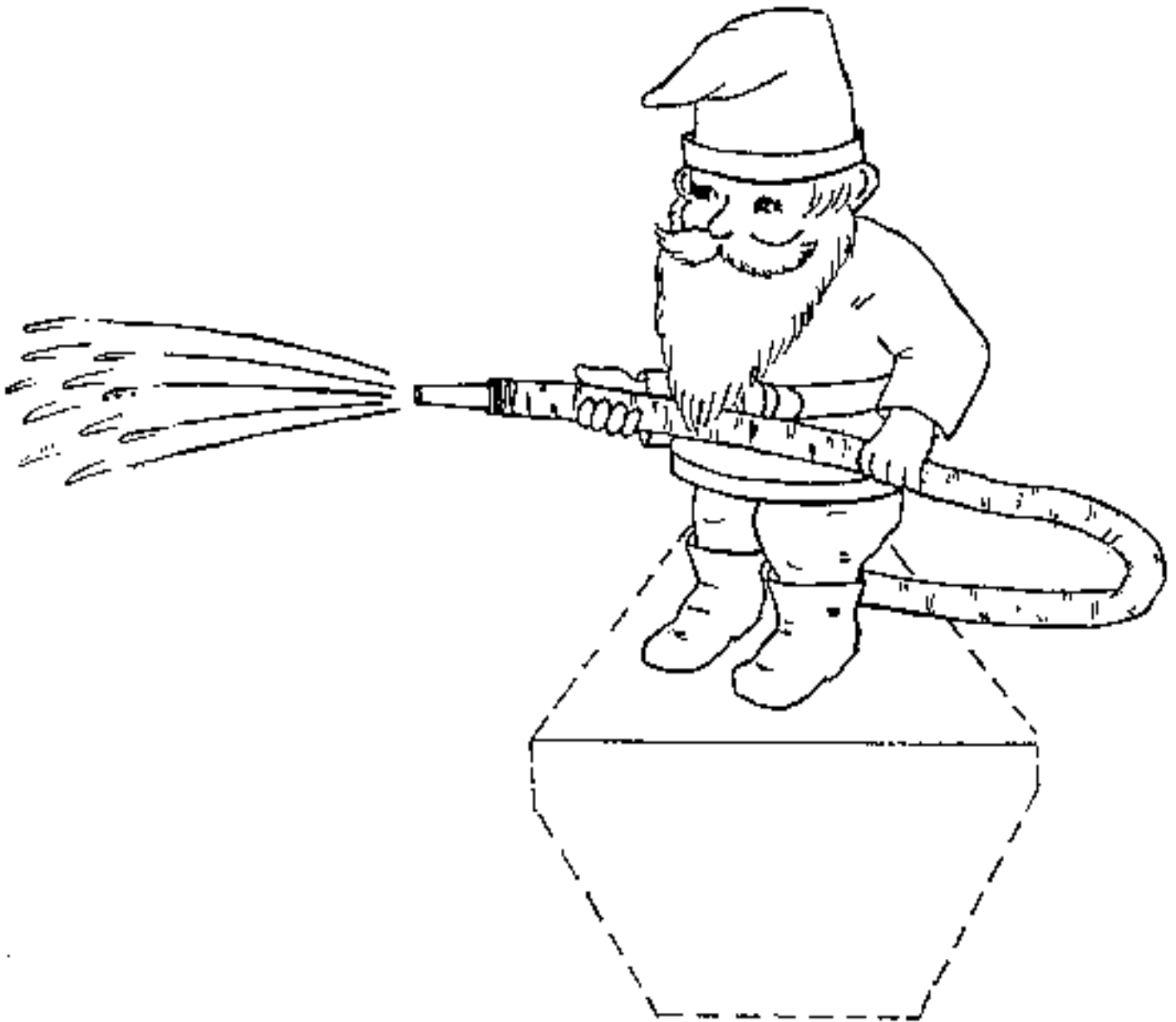
Make slits along broken lines in the furrows to insert vegetables. For pop-up book color, cut out and paste on story page.

plot-5b



Gardner Gnome has prepared the ground to grow vegetables in this garden plot. Color plot and cut it out.

For pop-up book color, cut out and paste on story page.



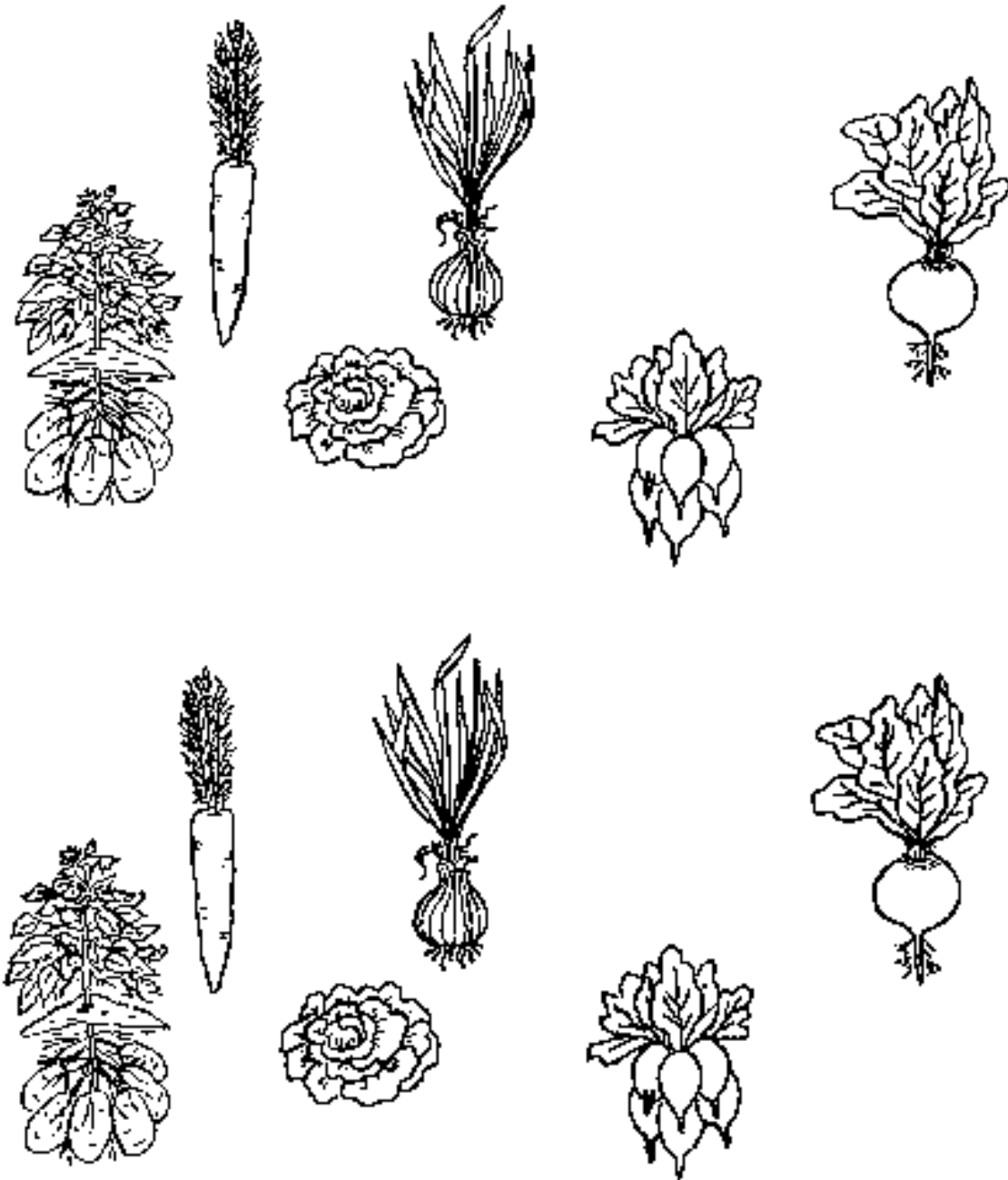
hose gnome- 5c

Gardner Gnome uses a gardening hose to water the plants growing in his garden. Color Gardner Gnome and cut out.

Color and cut out these vegetables and put them in the slits in the garden plot furrows.



These are the vegetables growing in Gardner Gnome's garden. Do you recognize them?



Potatoes, carrots, lettuce, onions, radishes and beets will grow in the garden.

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Fall Pumpkins

Hello Children,

My name is Gardner Gnome. I am here to tell you how we can have lots of fun together in your garden and make money for your classrooms and poor children around the world! When school starts the leaves are turning yellow. It is the pumpkin time of the year. How do you like the big, fat pumpkin I grew, just for you?

I bet you'll also see lots of pumpkins in stores in your neighborhoods. And so I have a great idea. You could be my pumpkin partner and help children who don't have enough to eat. You know, there are children everywhere who need help because they don't have food. Here's how we can make some money together and send it to them.

The first thing you can do to help me is to talk to your friends and family and teachers and tell how you would like to have an auction and sell special pumpkins to help children. Then get together with your friends and decorate your pumpkins. You can paint them or paste a face on them--like raisins for eyes, carrot for nose and straw for hair. That's the fun part!

If you prefer, you could sell your pumpkins to your friends and neighbors or have a pumpkin fair at school! You may want to ask local businesses to sponsor your pumpkin project by buying a pumpkin for the window display in the storefront. You could even start a tradition in your town where folks create a harvest display of pumpkins to help the children. Everybody buys a pumpkin to add to the display!

Tell them you'll send some or all of the money to children who need it. Then you can donate the money to any organization that helps the children. You may also want to raise some money for a special classroom project. In that case donate 10% to help the children.

Let me know how it goes and how many pumpkins you sold! I can't wait to get your letter.

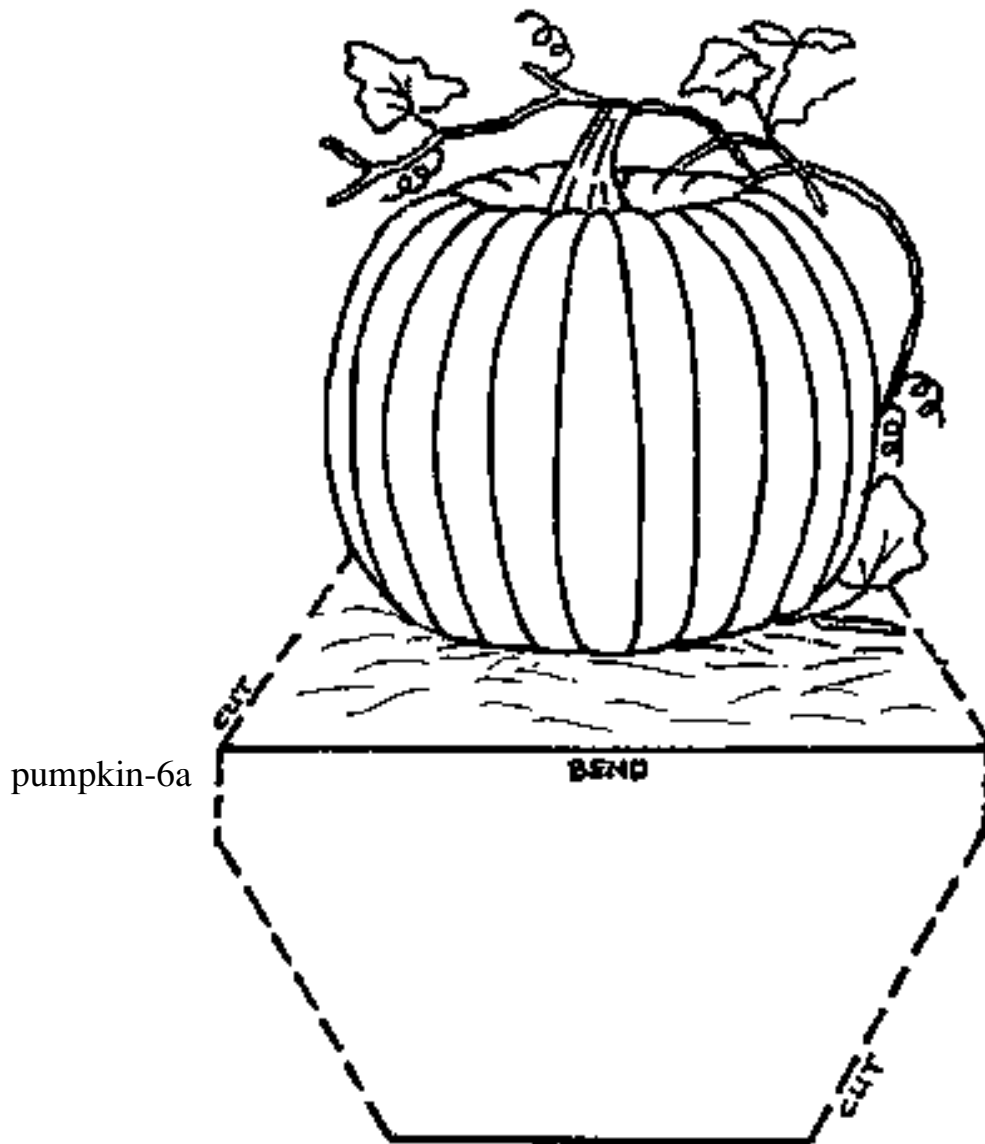
Good Luck!

Gardner Gnome

Color and cut
out face and
paste on
pumpkin.



For pop-up book paste pumpkin on story page.



Help Gardner Gnome put a face on his pumpkin.

For pop-up book paste pitchfork gnome on story page.



pitchfork gnome-6b

Gardner Gnome uses a pitchfork to toss straw.
Color and cut out Gardner Gnome and pumpkin.

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Winter Tree

Hello Children,

Remember me, Gardner Gnome, your favorite gardening friend? I have another exciting idea to share with you!

The Holidays are a time for giving and receiving. It's a great time to do wonderful things for other people. Especially needy children who don't have enough food, clothes, books and toys. Wouldn't it be great to find a way to help them, that wouldn't cost a lot of money and would be a lot of fun? I have an idea.

Gardner Gnome's Conservation Project

You could get together with your parents, teachers and classmates to grow evergreen seedlings at home that can be replanted in a conservation project where trees are needed. Many state nurseries sell evergreen seedlings at low cost. Then when Christmas comes you could get a sponsor to donate money, as a fundraiser, for your very own special tree.

Besides taking care of the tree at home during the winter, all you need to do is make a card for your sponsor that includes your name, the type of evergreen you are growing, information about the kind of conservation project your tree will be used for and where it will be planted. And best of all, a drawing or picture of your seedling!

Remember to give 10%

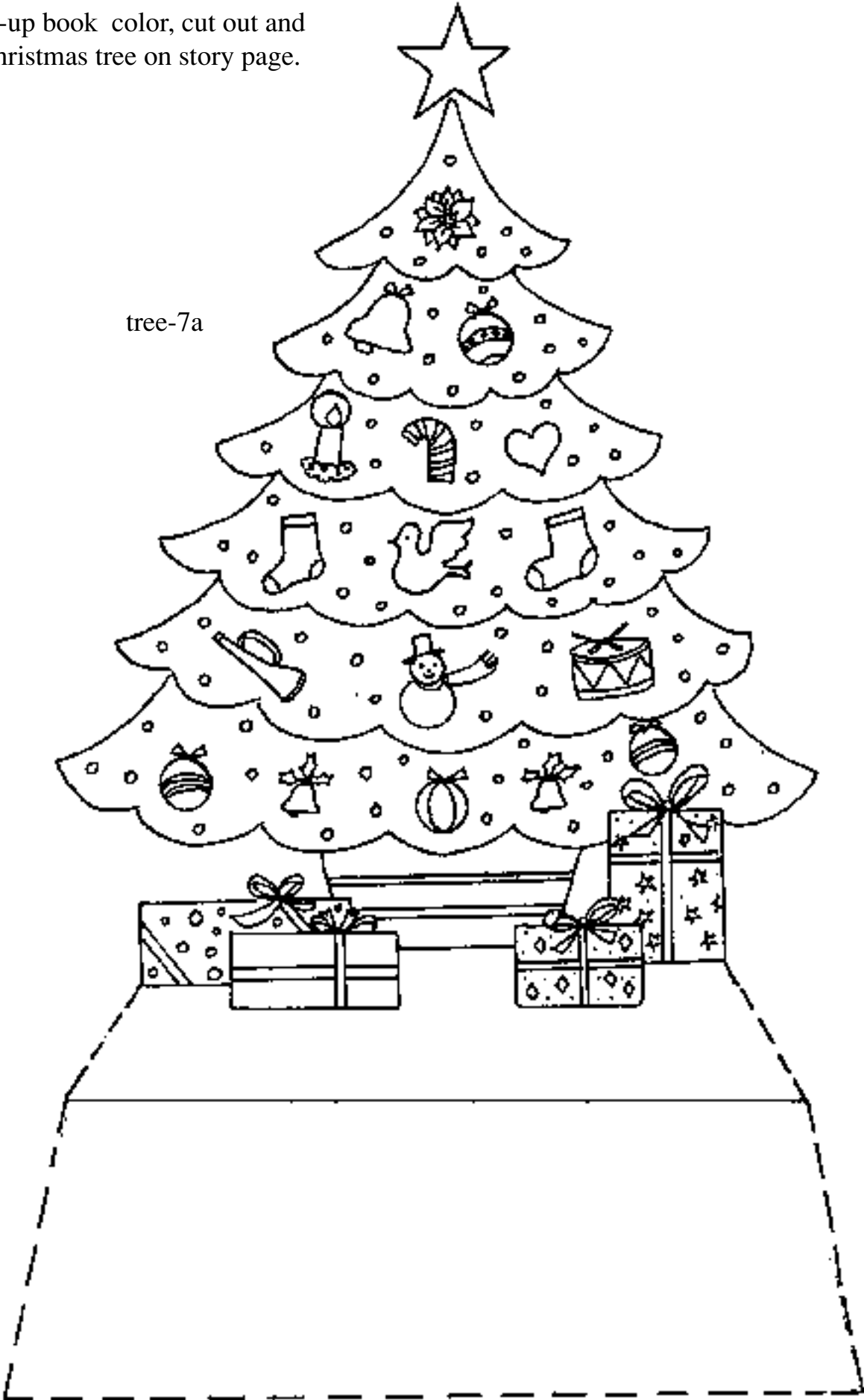
Then you could donate 10 percent of the money your sponsor gives you to needy children around the world. All the rest of the money can go for a classroom project. When it's time to plant the trees, your class could go on a special conservation field trip. You can be sure that I'll help make your tree grow!

Your Friend,

Gardner Gnome

For pop-up book color, cut out and paste Christmas tree on story page.

tree-7a



For pop-up book color, cut out and paste tree gnome on story page.



tree gnome-7b.

Gardner Gnome is decorating his Christmas tree. The children will help him. Color and cut out Gardner Gnome and tree.

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Sprout and Grow

Hello Children,

Here's another way to raise some money that you can use to help other children. Have you ever eaten sprouts, those green and white things that look like hair coming out of a sandwich? Lots of people love sprouts. They're very good for you and they taste great too!

Homemade sprouts taste even better, though most people don't have time to do it. Here's what you can do. Find a neighbor that wants you to grow sprouts for her and sell your sprouts to that neighbor. If you want to grow a lot of sprouts find as many customers as you can.

Here's How

Put 1/4 cup of alfalfa seeds in a gallon jar or one tablespoon in a quart jar.. Fill it with water. Cover the opening of the jar with cheesecloth and secure it with a rubber band. Let the seeds soak overnight or for 8 hours in a dark cupboard. Then drain the seeds through the cheesecloth. Rinse them off and drain again. Seeds should be rinsed and drained twice daily.

For two days return seeds to the dark cupboard. Always place the jar upside down and tilted on its side so that the seeds can continue draining and get air. On the third day take the seeds out of the cupboard and place them on a windowsill or where they can get sunlight. The light will turn them green. On the fourth day the sprouts will be ready to eat.

Sunflower Seeds

Try growing Sunflower seeds in a flat. They need less care and make terrific sprouts. Soak the seeds overnight for 12 hours. Plant them 1/4 inch deep in a little soil. Keep the soil moist but not soaking wet. You can put the flat in a large, open plastic bag like a mini greenhouse. When they get big enough to eat, rinse them well. Pretty soon you will be so good at growing sprouts you'll have lots to sell to friends and neighbors!

Your Friend,

Gardner Gnome

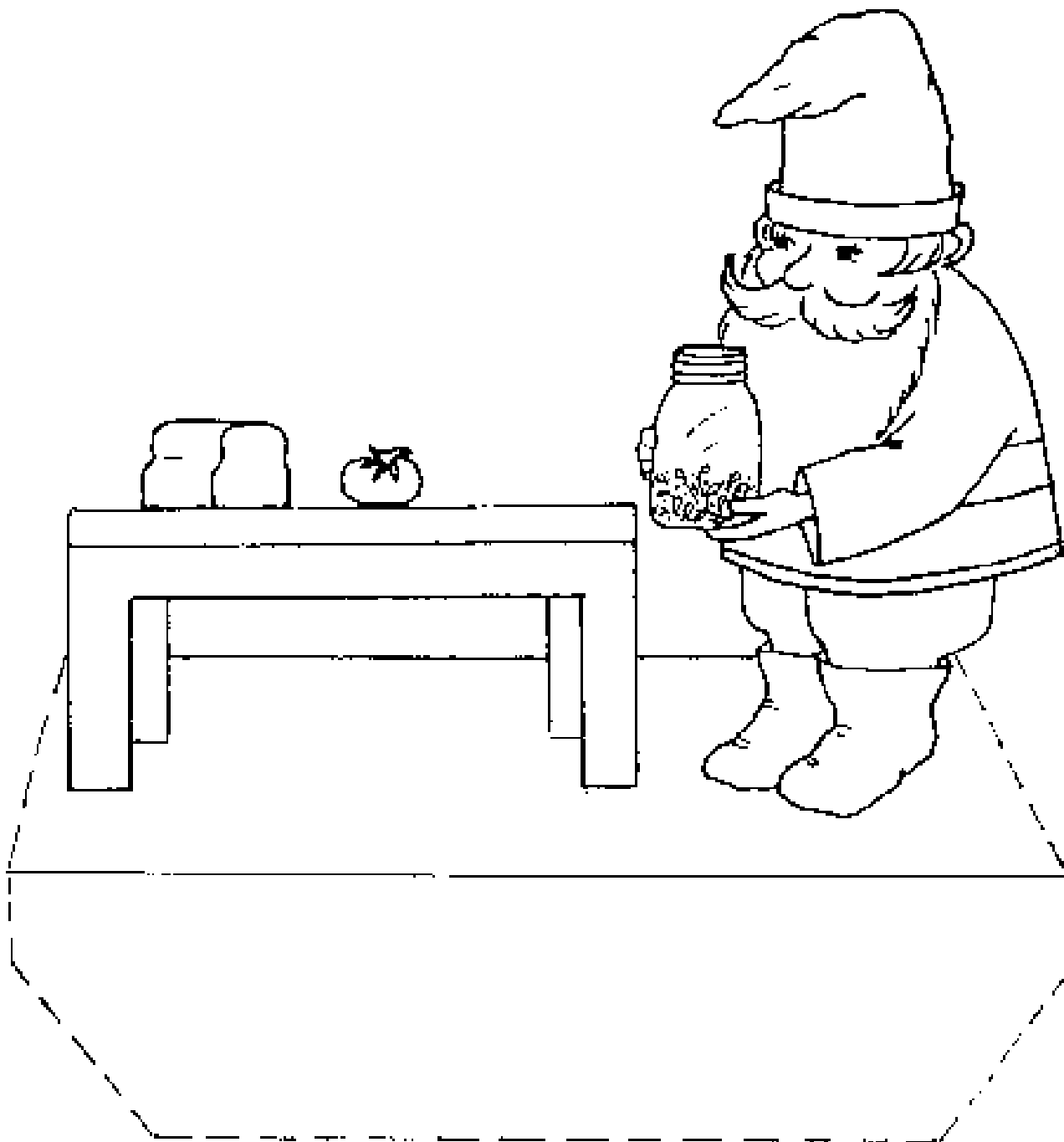
For pop-up book color, cut out and paste alfalfa sprout gnome on story page.



alfalfa sprout gnome-8

Gardner Gnome is growing sprouts in a jar. These are alfalfa. Color and cut out.

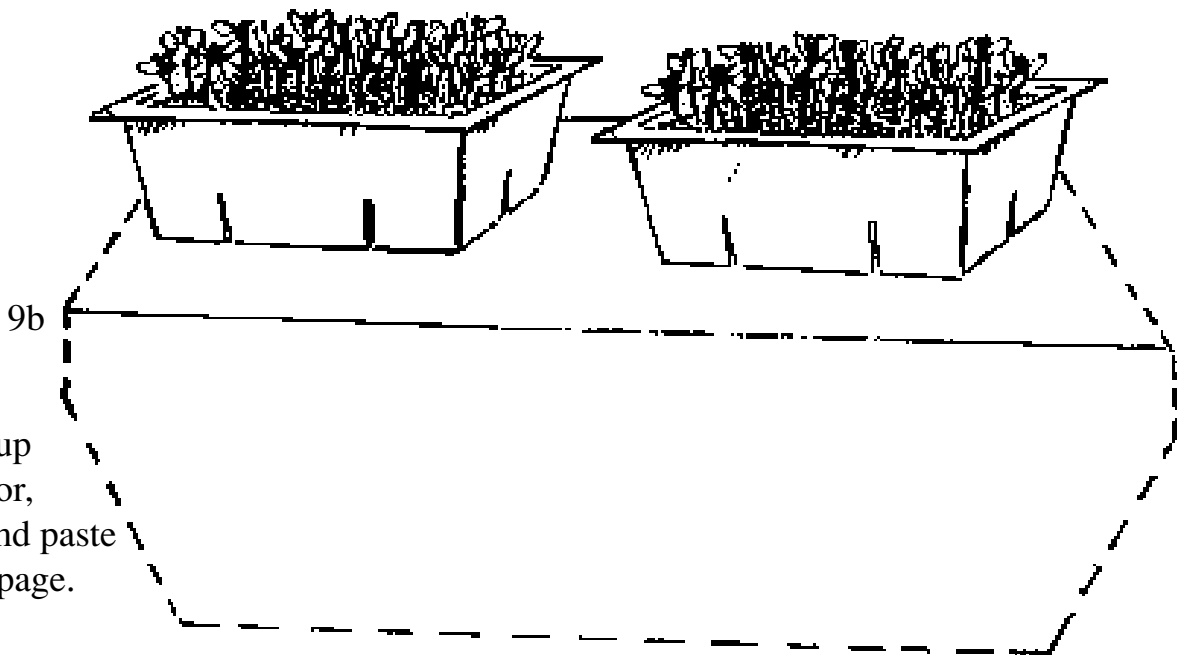
For pop-up book color, cut out and paste mung bean sprout gnome on story page.



mung bean sprout gnome-9a

These are mung bean sprouts. Sprouts don't take long to grow. Color and cut out.

Look at these ready-to-eat tubs of sunflower sprouts!

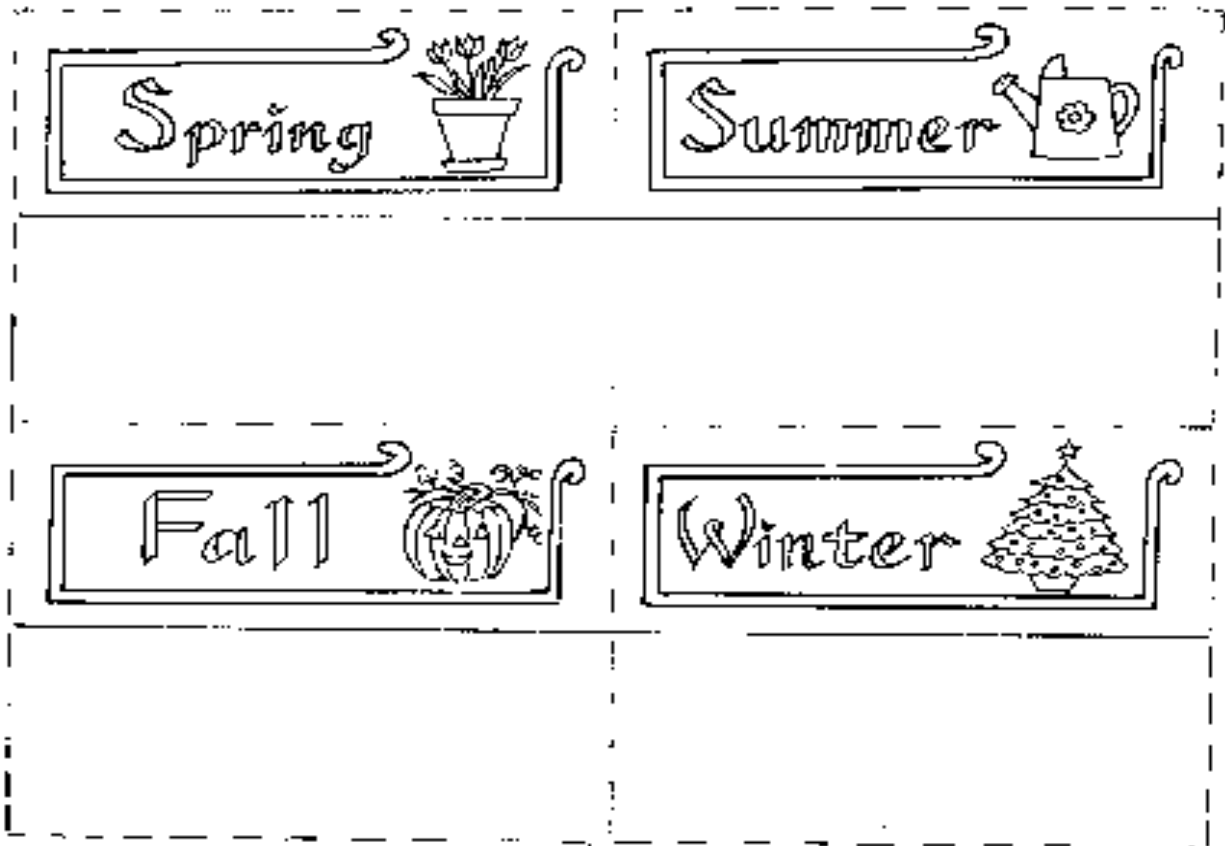


For pop-up book color, cut out and paste on story page.

sign for page 2

Paste on story pages.

sign for page 5



sign for page 6

sign for page 7

These signs will add a nice touch to Gardner Gnome's display. Color and cut out.

STORY PAGES
for
GARDNER GNOME'S POP-UP BOOK

Use the first page of this print out as a cover page. Use the following nine pages to paste the cutouts and make a pop-up book that shows Gardner Gnome and his garden projects for the whole year.

Paste sale gnome-1 here

Gardner Gnome is selling his garden produce. He wants to help children by donating the proceeds. Turn the pages to see how he grew his garden.

Paste tray-2a here.

Paste tray-2b here first.

Gardner Gnome planted seeds in trays. See how they have grown! Now they are ready to transplant in the garden.

Paste water gnome-2c here.

Paste Spring sign here.

Sometimes Gardner Gnome waters with a watering can.

Paste flowers-2d here.

Here are gardner Gnome's best potted spring flowers. He will take them to a flower show.

Paste # 3a here.

Paste 3b here.

Paste # 3c here.

Paste # 3d here.

Paste # 3e here.

Paste # 3f here.

Gardner Gnome will plant these seeds in his garden. Each seed packet has a picture of the vegetable that will grow from the seed.

Paste wateringcan

Paste hoe & spade

Paste wheelbarrow

Paste rake

Paste shovel & spade

Gardner gnome uses all these tools in his garden.
Do you know their names?

Gardner Gnome used his garden tools to prepare the ground before he planted seeds. Gardner Gnome has a picket fence around his garden.

Paste fence-5a here

Paste top side of garden plot-5b base only.

Paste Summer sign here.

Paste hose gnome-5c here.

Gardner Gnome uses a garden hose to water his plants. Do you see potatoes, carrots, beets, lettuce, radishes and onions growing in the garden?

Place pumpkin-6a here.

Place pumpkin gnome-6b here.

Place Fall sign here.

This is Gardner Gnome's prize pumpkin. It smiles at all the children on their way home from school.

Paste tree-7a here.

Paste tree gnome-7b first.

Paste Winter sign here.

Gardner Gnome is decorating his live Christmas tree. He planted this tree in a pot when it was a seedling. Soon the children will come to open the presents.

To grow alfalfa sprouts Put 1 tablespoon alfalfa seeds in a quart jar. Cover the top of the jar with a piece of cheese cloth or nylon stocking held in place with a rubber band. Cover the seeds with plenty of water and put them in a cupboard or dark place for 8 -12 hours. Then drain and rinse. Keep them in a dark place for 2 more days. Rinse and drain sprouts twice a day. Then put them on a window sill or in a sunny place to turn green. Continue to rinse. Alfalfa sprouts take 3 to 5 days to mature. Eat and enjoy!

Paste alfalfa sprout gnome-8 here.

Gardner Gnome is growing alfalfa sprouts in a jar. He rinses them every day and gives them sun light. Sprouts add a fresh green touch to meals, especially in winter.

To grow mung bean sprouts Put 1 tablespoon of dried mung beans in a jar. Cover the top of the jar with a piece of cheese cloth or nylon stocking held in place with a rubber band. Cover the seeds with plenty of water and put them in a cupboard or dark place for 12 hours. Then drain and rinse. Keep them in a dark place for 2 more days. Rinse and drain sprouts twice a day. Then put them on a window sill or in a sunny place. Continue to rinse. Alfalfa sprouts take 5 to 7 days to mature. Eat and enjoy!

Paste mung bean sprout gnome-9a here.

These are mung bean sprouts. Sprouts don't take long to grow.

Paste tubs-9b here.

Look at these ready-to-eat tubs of sunflower sprouts. Go ahead and try some! Bye for now.

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