

GRACIE'S garden



ACTIVITY BOOK



photo by Traci Huffman

GOD TURNS SMALL SEEDS INTO MARVELOUS THINGS FOR US TO ENJOY!

Hi there, I'm Lara. I'm the author of *Gracie's Garden* and I also happen to be the mom of the real-life Gracie! I love to garden, but I haven't always been a good gardener. I've actually killed a lot of plants in my life! But, getting out in the garden with my family has taught me the best lessons about life. You see, seeds don't grow into beautiful flowers in an hour. It takes lots of time! Here's what I've learned: Little by little, God turns small seeds into marvelous things for us to enjoy. And, by the way, waiting is worth it—you can have a whole lot of fun while you wait!

I hope you have lots of fun in these pages dreaming up your own unique garden. It's going to be fun to watch God grow good things in your garden and inside of YOU!

Author of *Gracies Garden* and mom to the
real-life Gracie



MEET THE CHARACTERS

Use your imagination to tell us more about what the characters in *Gracie's Garden* are like!



Name: _____

Age: _____

Favorite garden snack: _____

Describe him in three words: _____



Name: _____

Age: _____

Favorite garden snack: _____

Describe her in three words: _____

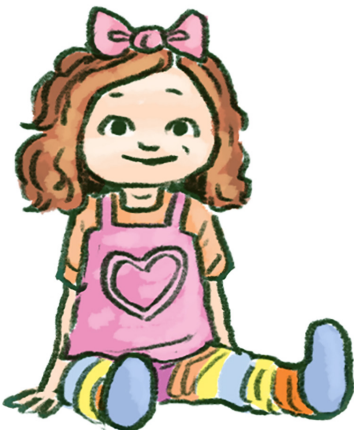


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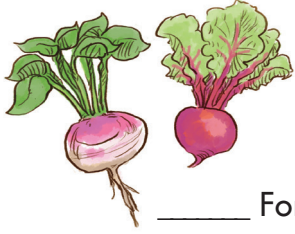
Describe her in three words: _____

YOUR UNIQUE GARDEN

Let's start where all good things begin: right at the heart!

Answer the following questions to help you dream up your very own garden.

1. Why do you want to grow a garden?



_____ For food

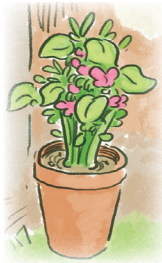


_____ For beauty

2. Where will you grow your garden?



_____ In the ground



_____ In a container



_____ Inside



_____ Outside

3. How much time do you want to spend caring for your garden?



_____ A lot-
like every day!



_____ Maybe
once a week

4. _____ Sun or _____ Shade?



5. What colors do you like?



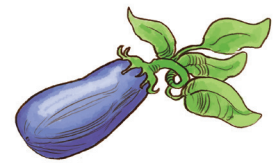
_____ Red/pink



_____ Orange/yellow



_____ Green



_____ Blue/purple

MY GARDEN PLAN

Once you've dreamt up what you want to plant in your garden, ask an adult to help you plan what would work best in or around your home!



PLANT NAME	WHEN TO PLANT	NOTES

GARDENING CHECKLIST

Now that your plan is in place, here is your gardening checklist. Remember: be patient and have fun!

<input type="radio"/>	Planting date _____
<input type="radio"/>	Gather your seeds and soil
<input type="radio"/>	Dig a hole
<input type="radio"/>	Drop your seed
<input type="radio"/>	Cover and water your seed
<input type="radio"/>	Pray and wait! (And remember to water and tend along the way)



GARDEN DRAWING

Draw how you envision your garden looking like once it is fully grown!



MATCHING GAME

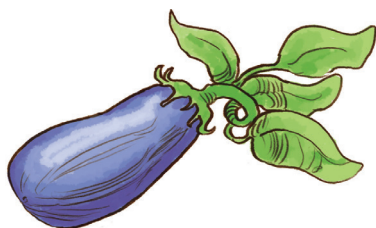
Draw a line to each joke's correct answer.

What did the big flower say to the little flower?



Leeks

What is a chicken's favorite vegetable?



"Hi, bud!"

What bean never grows in a garden?



Honey combs

What do bees use to style their hair?



A jellybean

What vegetable did Noah not want in the ark?

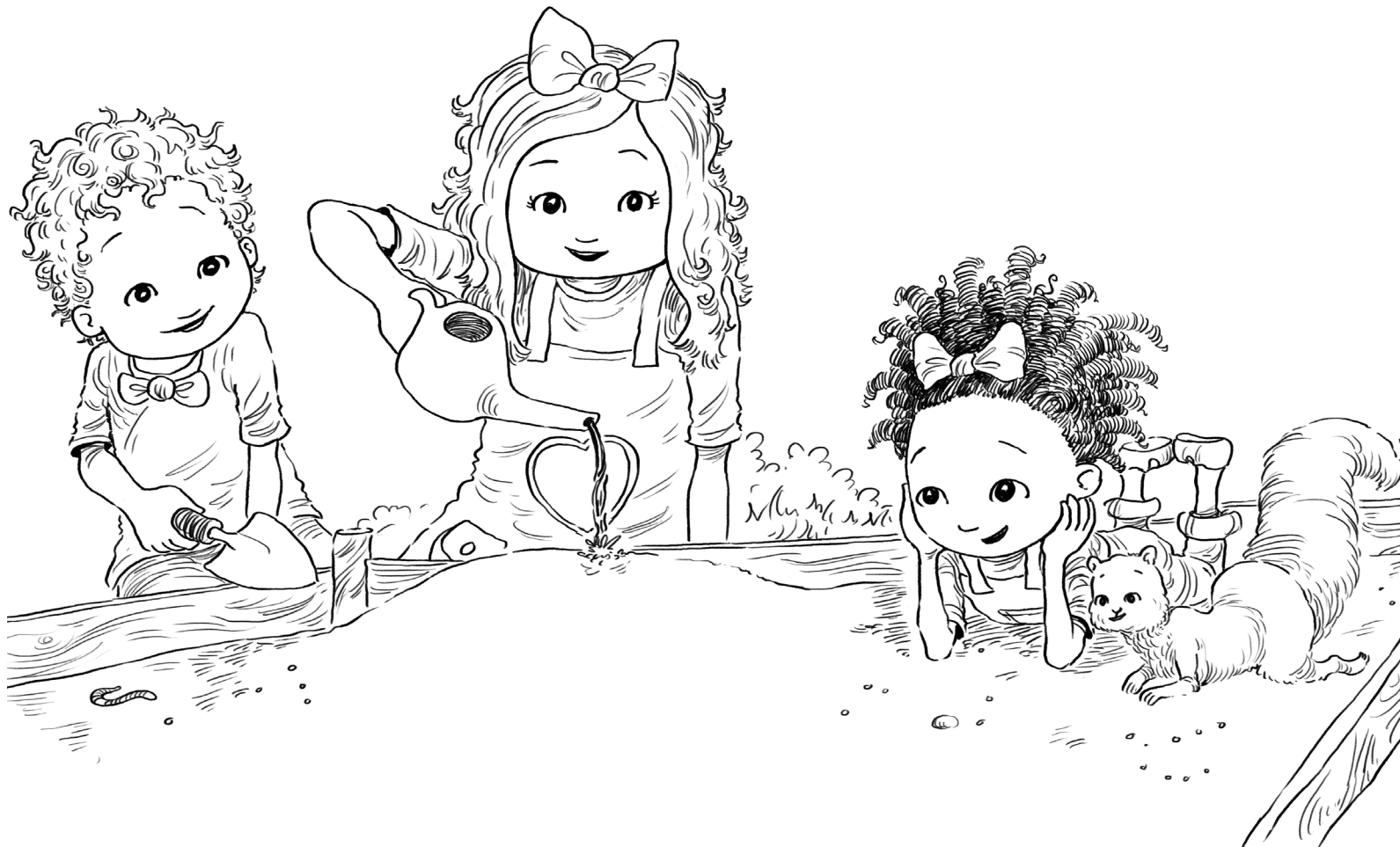


Eggplant

**"This teeny tiny speck
is a seed!" - Gracie**



**"We have to be patient.
It means to wait and
see." - Gracie**



**"A garden is full of flowers
and friends and sometimes
buried treasure!" - Gracie**



**"Miracles
are yummy!"
- Joshua**

