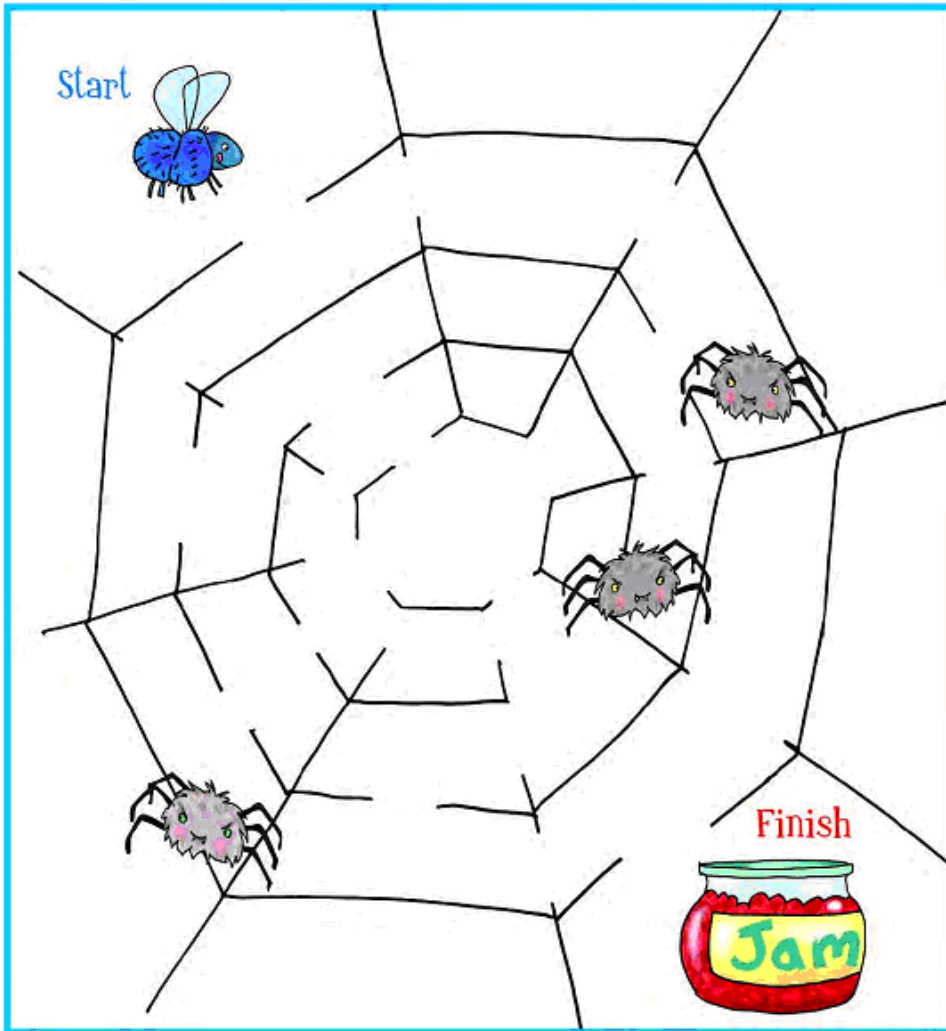


# COMPLETE THE PUZZLE



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## GARDENING PROJECT WORKSHEET 2010



The purpose of this worksheet is to create a bonding experience for parents and children while learning something new.

<b>Name:</b>		
<b>Class:</b>	<b>Age:</b>	<b>DOB:</b>
<b>Period Ending</b>		
<b>Teacher</b>		
<b>Plant Submitted</b>		
<b>Flower Submitted</b>		
<b>Soil</b>		
<b>Other Items (Optional)</b> Shovels, Water Can, Gloves, Spade, Spading fork. Hat		

### MAJOR GARDEN CENTERS

Orchard Supply Hardware 3100 Foothill Blvd La Crescenta, CA 818-541-7075  
 Home Depot Sylmar 12960 Foothill Blvd. Sylmar, CA. 91342. (818) 365-7662  
 Do-It-Center 6300 Foothill Blvd. Tujunga, Ca. 91042 Phone (818) 352-4466  
 Lowes 2000 W Empire Ave Burbank, CA 91504 (818) 557-2300  
 Target 1800 W Empire Ave, Burbank, 91504 - (818) 238-0132  
 Sheridan Gardens 817 N Hollywood Way Burbank, CA 91505

### LIST OF APPROVED VEGETABLES

Here are the list-approved vegetables. These are what will grow easily, so we have chosen them to plant with the kids.

**Zucchini/Squash, Tomatoes, Radish, Beet, Lettuce,  
 Green Beans, Bell Peppers, Broccoli.**

### PARENTS NOTE:

For added protection, please apply sunscreen to your child before you bring them to school, as they may be exposed to the sun some of the time

Visit our gardening page on our web site at  
<http://www.sunlandpreschool.com/ourgarden.html>

## STEP 1 – BRIEF YOUR CHILD

The night before or the day before talk to your child about how you will visit a garden center. Explain how you are going to buy a plant for the school project. Ask children about how plants grow, what they need to grow. Get them excited.

*Name 5 things plants do for us*

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4	
5	



## STEP 2 – TAKE THE GRAND TOUR

Before you buy anything walk around the gardening center, preferably visit a number of them. There are some exquisite garden centers in the area with very interesting points of interest.

Point out different things in the garden center. Let your child explore the whole place. Maybe you can get the garden store manager to explain everything about the garden center.

Sometimes if you visit a family owned garden center, the owners can take more time to explain. Or you could visit a big garden center (Like Home Depot, OSH, Do-It-Center), where you will not get much help, but prices and the variety of products and accessories are larger. Kids can look at gardening tools and explore many different types of plants and flowers.

## STEP 3 – SELECT A PLANT

Explain and show your child all the different plants that we have pre-selected. Ask them to choose which plant they would like to take to the school from the list we have given on the front page. We have requested you bring plants as opposed to seeds because kids can see them. Seeds take too long to grow and young children can lose interest.



## STEP 4 – SELECT A FLOWER

In this activity, you can select any kind of plant. Make sure it does not have thorns (like roses) or potentially poisonous for children. Something colorful usually does the trick.

## STEP 5 – SELECT POTTING SOIL

This is also important. You can usually find a small bag of fertilizer or potting soil which would be easy to carry. There is steer manure available at Home Depot for 88c per bag.

## STEP 6 – ACCESSORIES (OPTIONAL)

If you want your child to enjoy the full gardening experience then consider buying some shovels, maybe some gloves, a hat to protect them from the sun and a water can to water their plant. Look in Big lots or 99c stores for some real good deals

## STEP 7 – MAKE A NAME STICK

The best thing is to walk to your local paint shop and get a free paint stir stick. Then together with your child write their name on it. We will sink this piece of wood with your Child's name into the ground, next to their plant, so make sure the name is written only on the top part of the name stick.

## STEP 8 – CRAFT PROJECTS (OPTIONAL)

Want to make it even more interesting for the kids? Consider building a scarecrow to chase away the pests. You can even buy one. Or maybe you can make garden decorations. Get some stones and paint them to give our garden some character. Perhaps a Windmill? Use your imagination.

## STEP 9 – BRING EVERYTHING TO SCHOOL

Once you have bought everything, place everything in a bag. Mark all plant and flower pots with your Child's name, because once they are in the garden remembering who's plant is who's becomes difficult.

Do not forget to bring this sheet back.

