

Fall-Fun Activity: Bible-Herb Garden

Many plants are mentioned in the Bible. It may be fun to see how many you can find.

One of the many plants mentioned in the Bible is mint. In Luke 11:42, Jesus mentioned that the Pharisees had given God a tenth of their mint and other garden herbs.

(NIV) - "Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone. "



Tithing, or giving God a tenth of what He has blessed us with, is important; but Jesus did go on to say that justice and the love of God is more important. Mint and other garden herbs were valuable enough that people gave a tithe of them to God, just as we tithe with our money today.

Bible Herb Garden

Items Needed:

- General: Newspapers, Potting Soil, and Water in Container
- Per Child: 1 Paper Towel, 1 Apron, 1 Coffee Filter, Small Plant Pot, and Mint Seeds

Instructions:

- Have the children put on aprons to protect their clothing.
- Put newspaper on the table to protect the table.
- Give each child a plant pot and a coffee filter.
- Have each child place the coffee filter into the pot to line the bottom and keep the dirt inside the pot.
- Have them put the soil on top of the coffee filter, filling up the pots about 3/5 of the way.
- Have them each poke a hole in the soil to put the seeds in. (The hole should be approximately four times larger than the size of the seeds, but read the package directions for specific instructions.)
- Have the children water the plants enough to moisten the soil.
- Tape a paper towel over the top of each pot so they can carry it without spilling the soil, and tell them to take it off when they get the plant home.

Alternative:

- This can be a class project and the children can help care for the mint each week.

Using Your Mint:

- When the plant grows, a sprig of mint can be snipped off, washed thoroughly, and placed in a cup of water for a tasty, refreshing drink.