

Remove the Weeds

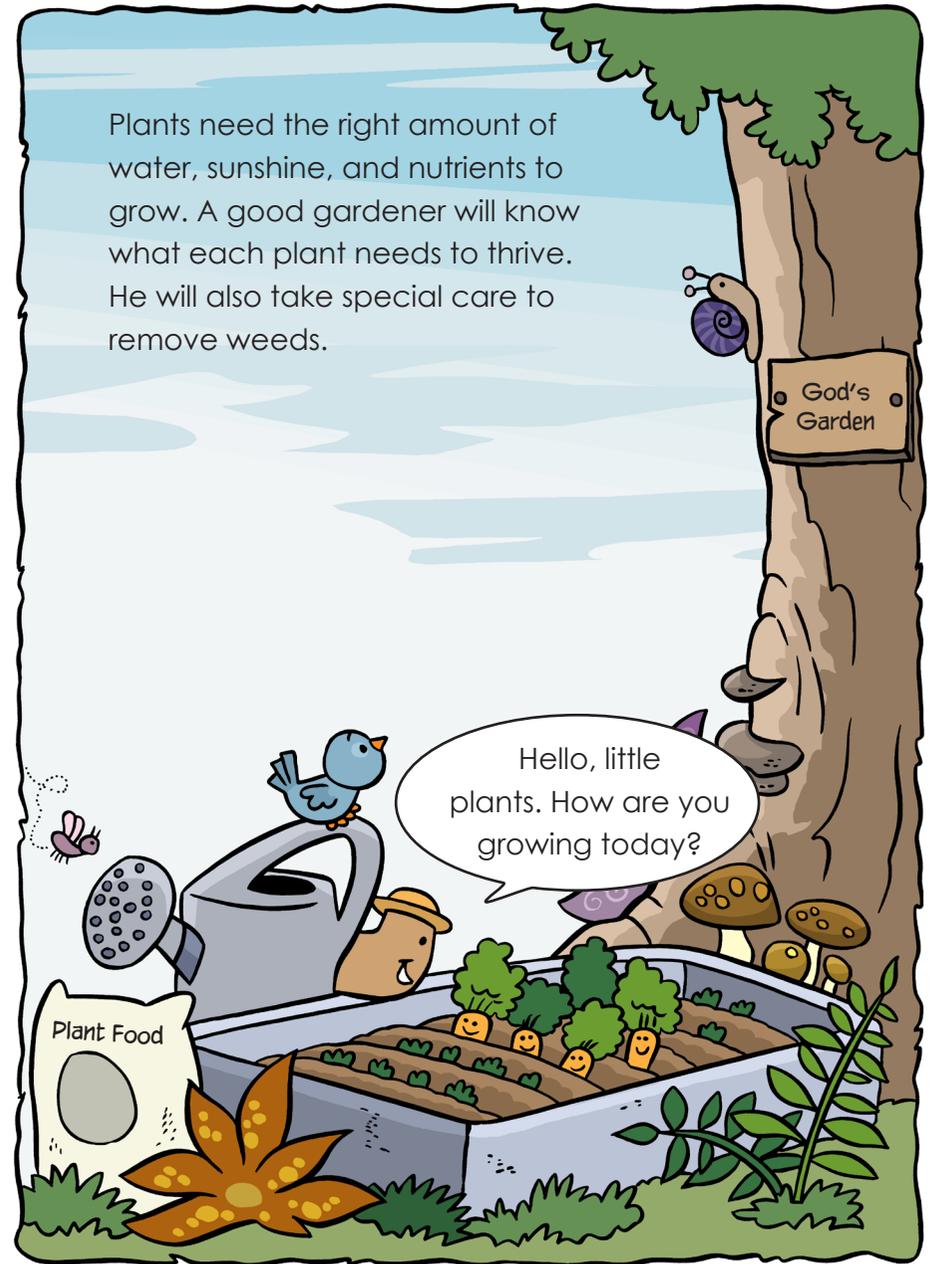
For the plants in a garden to grow properly and healthily, weeds need to be removed from around the plants.

Out you go, weed!



Plants need the right amount of water, sunshine, and nutrients to grow. A good gardener will know what each plant needs to thrive. He will also take special care to remove weeds.

Hello, little plants. How are you growing today?



Weeds can hurt the plants because they draw the nutrients and water from the soil, preventing the plants from getting proper nourishment.

Just like weeds can grow in a garden, weeds of selfishness, dishonesty, and unkindness can grow in your heart.



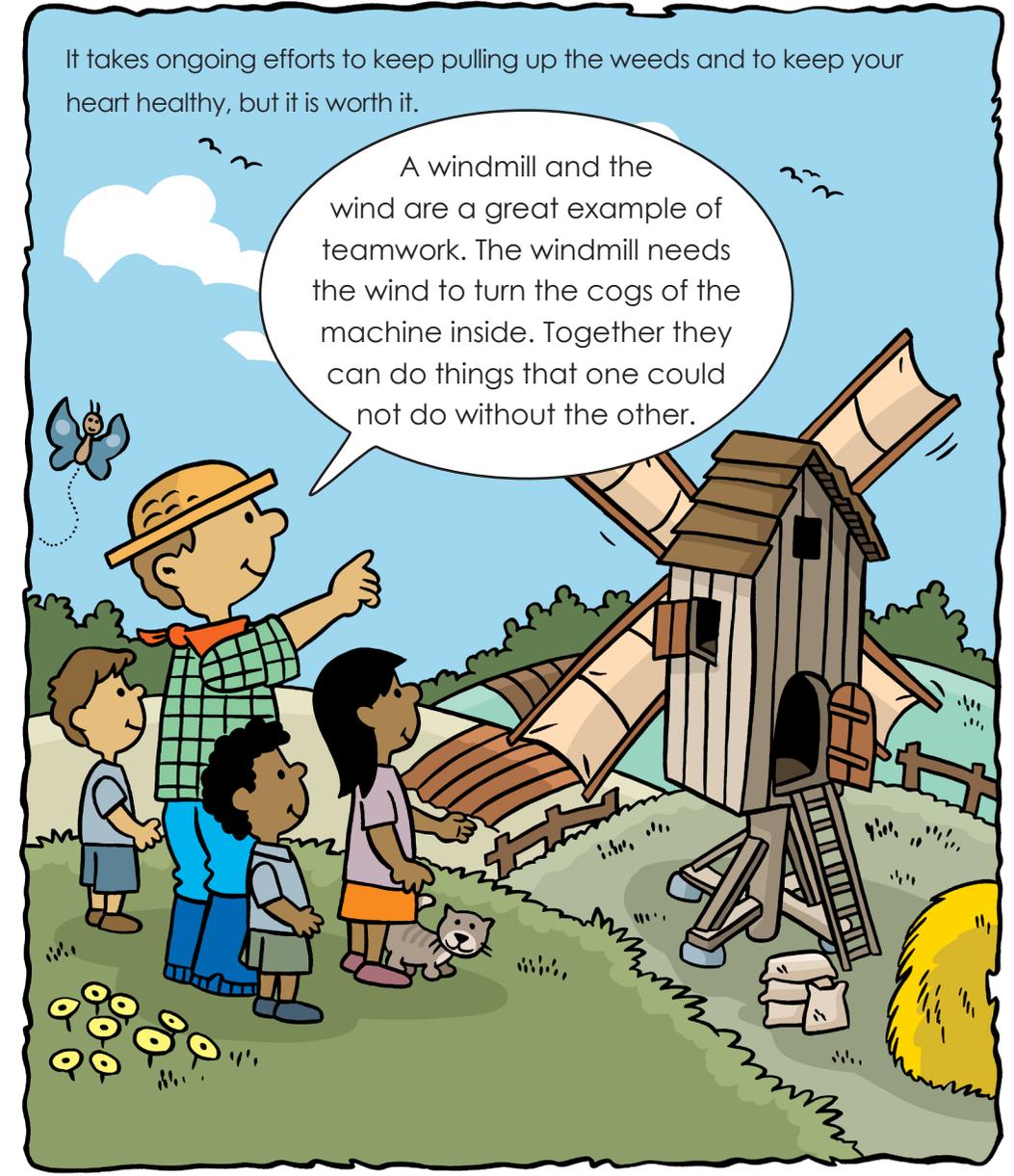
Just like a gardener takes care of the plants, you have parents and teachers who are helping you to learn to do what is right. Jesus is also there to help you make good choices that are motivated by kindness and care. He helps to remove the weeds of discontent and selfishness from your heart.



Your parents and teachers want you to build good, positive habits, so it is important to listen to and follow their instructions. This is one of the best ways that you can prevent the weeds from growing in your heart.



When you listen to your parents and teachers, you have the chance to learn important life lessons that can help you to keep the garden of your heart clear from the weeds that could hurt your or others' lives.





Your heart is like a garden that needs diligent tending. Every day you have the chance to learn something new that can help you do better at tending your garden.

Reading and studying God's Word is one way to learn how to properly care for your garden. Jesus is the master gardener who knows just what is needed to keep the garden of your heart flourishing.



"Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing"¹— just like me.

¹ Genesis 1:24 KJV

Even if it seems you still have a lot to learn in order to keep your garden thriving and free from weeds, you don't have to learn it all in one day. Every day you can learn a little something that can keep the weeds away and the plants of your garden—your kind actions, your good habits, your positive words—healthy and beautiful.

