

Laundry Scoop Wheelbarrows

These make a great seed starter or fill with packets of seeds for a Father's Day or Mother's Day gift for Dad, Mum, Nanna or Grandpa, or any gardening enthusiast.

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Materials:

- ♦ laundry detergent scoop
- ♦ two large buttons, or wooden or cardboard discs for wheels (or use coloured, plastic, flat cream carton lids)
- ♦ glue
- ♦ craft knife
- ♦ acrylic craft paints
- ♦ flower and insect stickers
- ♦ seeds and potting soil, or packets of seeds

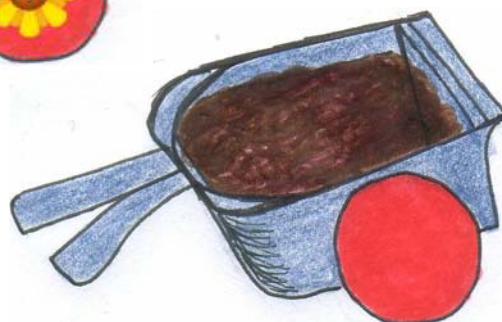
Preparation:

- ♦ Cut the handle of the laundry scoop down the middle to make the handles of the wheelbarrow. Bend apart.
- ♦ If you prefer, or to save time, you can do step 1 beforehand too (paint the scoops and let them dry).



Directions:

- ♦ Paint a basecoat over the entire scoop and handle (optional).
- ♦ When dry, glue wheels into place.
- ♦ Kids can now decorate the wheelbarrow and wheels with paint and stickers.
- ♦ Fill with seed packets or soil and seeds.



Lectionary links:

For Seeds & Weeds or New Life themes, grow some **grass and a small flower** in the wheelbarrow.

- ♦ Fill with potting soil or seed-raising mixture.
- ♦ Cover the soil with grass seed, sprinkle about 6mm of soil over the seed, and water it with a spray bottle.
- ♦ Insert one or two small flower seeds e.g. alyssum, viola or small marigold, in the soil amongst the grass seeds.
- ♦ Children can take their barrow home and place it on a window sill where it will get some sunlight, and they need to mist the seeds every day.

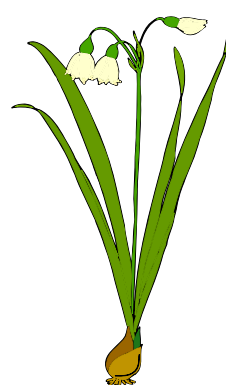


In about 10 days they will have a good sprouting of grass and the flower should have sprouted amongst the grass too.

Ask the children to bring the barrow back to show you when the flower is blooming. Remind them that God's kingdom can grow amongst other things that are happening around them.

For Mustard Seed theme, plant a tiny alyssum seed and get children to see how big it will grow if they look after it.

For Lilies of the Field, plant 1-2 small bulbs (snow drops, ranunculus, anemones).



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