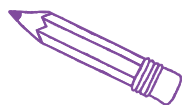


# ACTIVITY TIME

## Featured Stories Program

books  
for  
preschoolers



Mae moves house and is saddened at the loss of her garden. One day she finds a leafy forest, but it's closed. However, a little plant is growing through the pavement, she takes it home and with her friends a new garden is created.

**Activity: Make your own garden like Mae and her friends.**

### You will need:

- A plastic bottle
- Soil
- Small plants or artificial plants
- Pebbles, bark, leaves etc
- Scissors
- Masking tape.

### Instructions:

1. Cut the top off the bottle and tape the cut edges so your child can safely reach inside
2. Keep the top part of the bottle
3. For drainage add pebbles in the bottom of the bottle
4. Add a 1/3 of soil on top of the pebbles
5. Make a hole in the soil for the plant/s
6. Gently place the plant in the hole and surround it with the soil
7. Add more pebbles, bits of bark and leaves
8. Water your plant/s, tape on the top half of the bottle, and leave the cap off for air
9. Find a suitable spot in your home for your new garden.

After reading *Florette*, you might like to:

Talk with your child about plants, flowers, trees and vegetables and how they need sunshine and water to grow. What are the differences eg shape, size, colour and texture?

Visit your local nature reserve, park or Botanic Garden. Adelaide has an impressive conservatory which is a huge terrarium!

For more details visit <http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/botanicgardens/visit/adelaide-botanic-garden/gardens>

### Songs

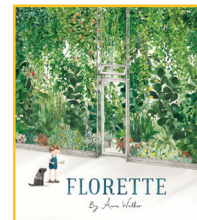
*Mary, Mary, quite contrary, The Farmer Plants the Seeds* – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cRhG0dqWllo> and *Sing a Song of Flowers* – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gAcDUEgMgmY>

### Key message

Children learn being engaged and doing.

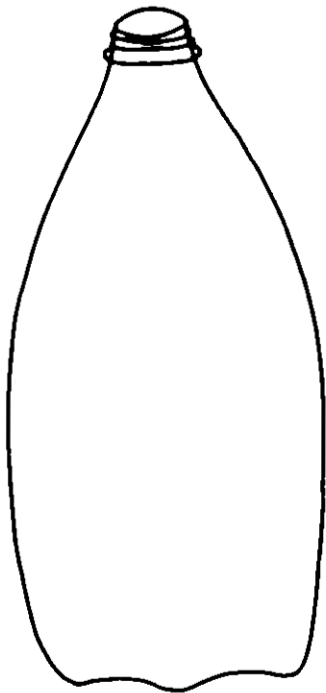
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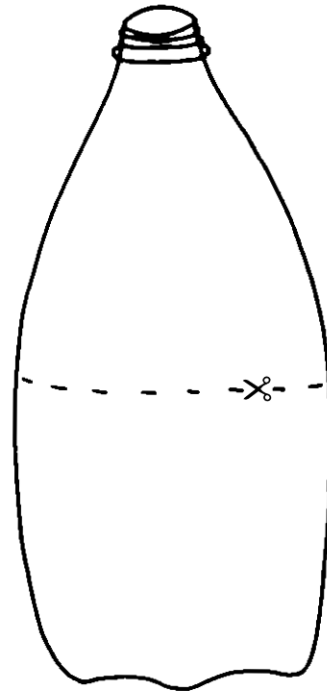


**Adult supervision is essential. Involve and talk with your child as much as possible.**

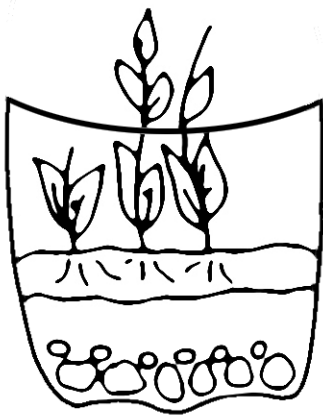




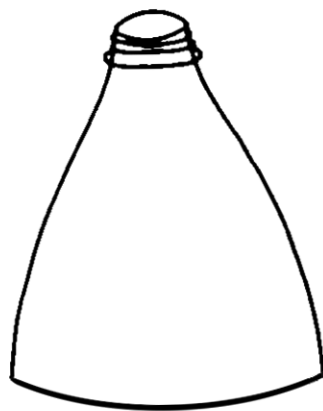
1. Wash out a PET bottle



2. Have an adult cut PET bottle in half.  
Put sticky tape over each cut edge.



3. Add rocks to the bottom.  
Add dirt.  
Plant your chosen plants.



4. Tape PET bottle back together.