

The Carrot Seed

by Ruth Krauss

A classic children's story over 60 years in the making about a boy, his dedication to a simple seed and the reward he receives because of his faith.



Read

Before:

Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *Have you ever seen a carrot seed? Can you describe it?* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an "I wonder" statement based on the cover illustration.

- I wonder if a real carrot will grow from that seed?

During:

Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions, and predict what will happen next in the story. Children gain confidence and a sense of achievement through being able to correctly predict how a story will end.

After:

Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- What did the little boy plant?
- What did his mom, dad and brother say?
- How did the boy take care of the seed?
- Did anyone think the carrot would grow?
- What happened to the seed after the boy watered and weeded around it?
- What did the carrot look like? Was it big or small?

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Sequence Cards

Print out the *Sequence Cards* and hand a set out to each child. Have the children put the cards in the right sequence and have the children retell the story. If desired, the children can color the cards and glue them on a piece of construction paper.

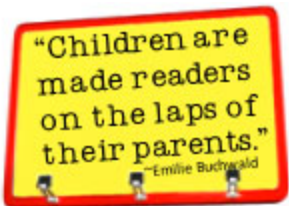
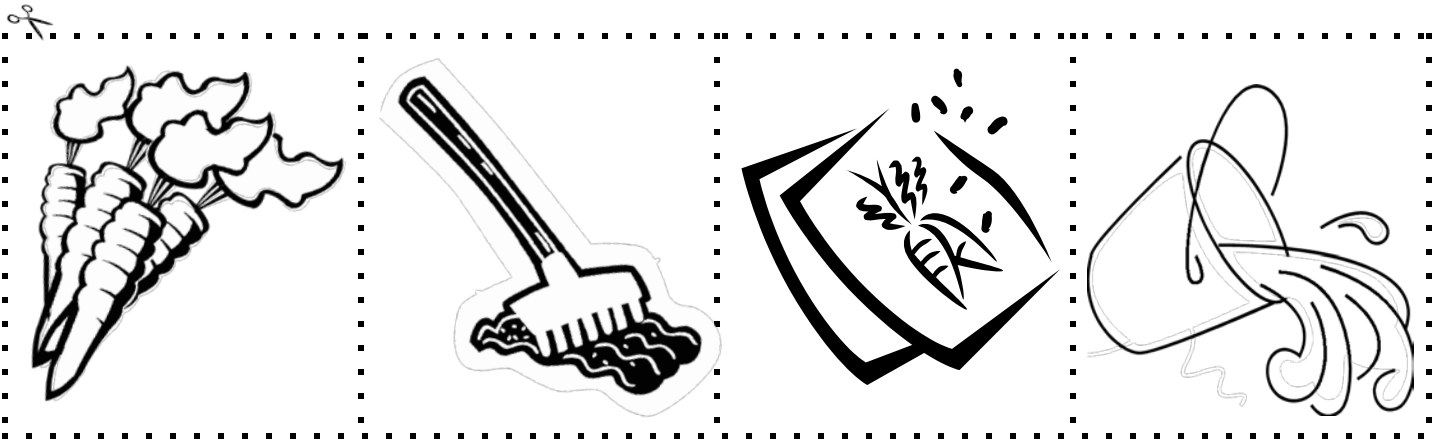
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