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• The seeds we plant may not be the only things that grow in our garden.

• Weeds are plants we did not plant and do not want. Their seeds may already be in the soil, or may blow in on the wind, or be carried in by insects or animals.

• They crowd the plants we did plant and they use the nutrients in the soil that our plants need.

• Weeds need to be pulled out when they are small. Don’t let them grow big roots! They will be much harder to pull then.

**God’s Word:** 8 But now put these things out of your life: anger, bad temper, doing or saying things to hurt others, and using evil words when you talk. 9 Do not lie to each other. You have left your old sinful life and the things you did before. 10 You have begun to live the new life. In your new life you are being made new. You are becoming like the One who made you. This new life brings you the true knowledge of God. Colossians 3: 8-10

*Often we need to pull out the weeds in our lives also. Bad habits that are not Christ-like need to be stopped before they grow too big and are very hard to change. What weeds can you work on pulling in your life?*

**Garden Work:** Take some time to look over your garden and discuss what are actually weeds and what are your new little plants. Talk about weeding carefully so as not to disturb the new plants. Take turns weeding!