

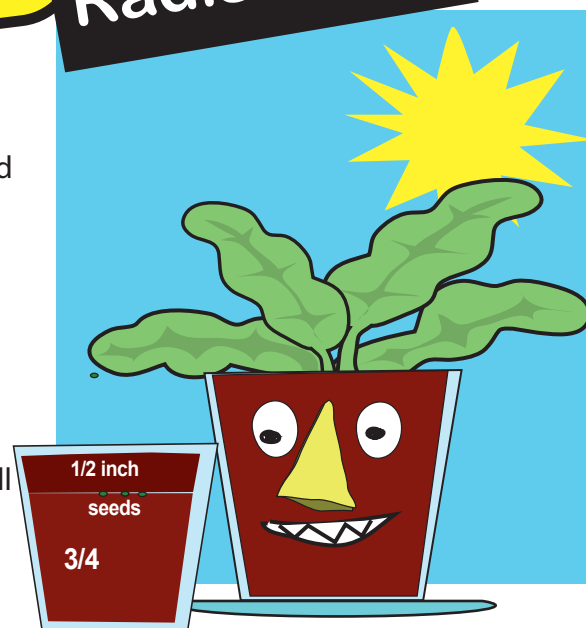
## Experiment of the Month:

## Radish Kids

### You will need:

Clear, plastic cup  
Construction paper  
Scissors  
Glue  
Potting soil  
Radish seeds  
Ruler  
Water  
Small plate

1. Have an adult poke a hole in the bottom of the cup.
2. Decorate your cup with a nose, mouth and eyes cut from construction paper.
3. Fill the cup  $\frac{3}{4}$  full with soil and add 4 radish seeds, covered with  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch of soil.
4. Water the seeds and put your Radish Kid on a small plate in a sunny place.
5. Check your Radish Kid daily to watch the "hair" grow and keep the soil moist.
6. In a few weeks, a radish root will grow in the soil. If you transplant it outdoors, it will grow big enough to eat!



### Ask Questions:

What does a plant need to grow?  
What parts of the plant can you see above and below the soil?  
What foods do you eat that grow in the ground?  
Can you think of the names of some vegetables and fruits?

### Sing a Song:

#### The Garden Song by David Mallett

**Inch by inch, row by row,  
Gonna make this garden grow.  
All it takes is a rake and a hoe  
And a piece of fertile ground.**

**Inch by inch, row by row,  
Someone bless these seeds I sow.  
Someone warm them from below  
'Til the rain comes tumblin' down.**

For the song's tune and more verses,  
search for "Inch by Inch" on youtube.com.

### Play At Home:

At the grocery store, pick out foods that grow from seeds. Ask your parent if you can find a food you've never tried to take home and taste.

### Read a Poem:

#### Planting by Dick Wilmes

I took a little seed one day  
About a month ago.  
I put it in a pot of dirt,  
In hopes that it would grow.  
I poured a little water  
To make the soil right.  
I set the pot upon the sill,  
Where the sun would give it light.  
I checked the pot most every day,  
And turned it once or twice.  
With a little care and water  
I helped it grow so nice.