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- Adding compost and manure to the soil helps plants grow by providing nutrients they need.
- Compost is made from grass and other plant leaves which have decomposed to form a rich soil additive. Manure comes from animal waste, and contains valuable nitrates and minerals for plant growth. Combining compost and manure promotes healthy plant growth, and improves the soil for years to come.

God’s Word: Jesus told this story: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came looking for some fruit on the tree, but he found none. ⁷ So the man said to his servant who took care of his vineyard, ‘I have been looking for fruit on this tree for three years, but I never find any. Cut it down! Why should it waste the ground?’ ⁸ But the servant answered, ‘Master, let the tree have one more year to produce fruit. Let me dig up the dirt around it and put on some fertilizer. ⁹ Maybe the tree will produce fruit next year. If the tree still doesn’t produce fruit, then you can cut it down.’” Luke 13:6-9

*Jesus wants us to “fertilize” our lives with His teaching so we can do good things for Him. How can listening to God’s teaching help us do good things?

Activity: Do Activity Card Ls. 8 (Materials – crayons)

Garden work: Find a source of manure, and find grass and leaves for compost. Use shovels, hoes, or rakes to mix the manure and compost with the soil in each garden plot.

Activity Card Ls. 8



Color the picture of this girl adding good nutrients to her soil.