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- If plants are growing too close together or have too many branches, they cannot grow properly.
 - Small plants can be close together, but as they get bigger, we may need to remove or transplant some of them to give the others the room they need. This is called thinning. Look at the seed package to see how much room your plants need to grow.
 - Cucumbers, squash, and tomatoes are plants that need to be pruned. This means pinching or cutting off some of the leaves and flowers so that the plant will produce bigger, healthier vegetables instead of lots of leaves or lots of small vegetables.
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God's Word: I am the true vine; my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch of mine that does not produce fruit. And he trims and cleans every branch that produces fruit so that it will produce even more fruit.
John 15: 1-2

*Sometimes God prunes our lives so we can live more like Him. When we are young, God often uses our parents or other adults to “trim and clean” the bad things out of our lives. We should be happy when people correct us because this helps us be more fruitful for God!

Activity: Do Activity Card Ls. 20 (Materials – crayons or colored pencils)

Garden Work: thin and prune your garden as needed

