

MMM Online Lesson Plan, Elementary, The Gardener

Date of lesson:	
Teachers	
Book, author	The Gardener , by Sarah Stewart, pictures by David Small
Location:	Meeting House Library
Theme:	Resiliency and compassion Scripture: Isaiah 51:3 For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.
Greeting	[Greet students individually as they come on. Try to get a response from them to test their sound.]
Opening:	<i>I have some questions for you: Have you ever tried to comfort someone who was sad, or mad, or scared? What happened?</i>
Introduction:	<i>The story today is about a girl who lived during the Great Depression when many people were out of work and a lot of people were sad and scared, kind of like now. She had to leave her family in the country and live with her uncle in the city. Let's find out what happened.</i>
Read book:	The Gardener , by Sarah Stewart, pictures by David Small YouTube Version: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SX-pW_OxMnl
Reflection:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>I wonder what part of the story you liked best.</i> • <i>I wonder how it feels to do things for others and make them happy.</i> • <i>I wonder when there was a time you cheered someone up, or another person made you feel better.</i>
Letter writing	<p><i>There are Friends in the Meeting who can't go out during the pandemic because their health isn't good. I have a list of people who have asked for pen pals.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>I'll pair each of you with one of the people on this list.</i> • <i>Use a piece of paper and markers or pencils.</i> • <i>Draw a picture of something you love to do and write a note on it, like Lydia did. If you're trying to think of what to write, just describe the picture and say you hope they like it. That's all you need to do.</i> • <i>After class we will send the pen pal's mailing address to your parents.</i> • <i>They can help you mail the note to your pen pal. They may even write back.</i> <p>[Use list below to pair students with pen pals.]</p>
Closing:	[Farewell until next week. Invite students to join their families as they sit in Meeting for Worship starting at 11:15AM]
Announcements Message to families	Elementary: In a lesson on resilience and compassion, students will listen to The Gardener , by Sarah Stewart. During the Great Depression a girl leaves her rural home to stay with her uncle in the city. An avid gardener, she finds a way to cheer the people around her in a time of worry and want. After reflecting on the story, the class will write notes to older Friends in the Meeting who have requested pen pals.

