

The Great Garden Adventure!

A Flag Activity

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- **Overview:**

- The Great Garden Adventure! is an activity that will get students moving, working together, and THINKING! You can make this a simple garden exploration or an introduction to a more complex investigation of looking at predator/prey relationships or good bugs/bad bugs. This is a fantastic way to have students discover the different areas of the garden and the creatures that depend on it.

- **Materials:**

- 3.5 in x 5.5 in Flag stakes (available at home depot ~\$8.00 for 100 pack)
- Permanent marker
 - Label the flags with the following:
 - A plant part that a bird might visit
 - A plant part an insect might visit
 - A spider's web
 - Where an insect might lay its eggs
 - Damage from an insect
 - Where an insect might make its home

- **Activity:**

- The teacher takes the class outside to the garden area and has them get into pairs or groups of three and then explains that each group will get a flag and they will need to work together to find what is written on the flag and "plant" their flag in the ground. After everyone has "planted" their flags, the teacher continues to explain that as a class, they will visit each flag and the group members will read what is written on their flag and explain why they put their flag where they did.
- This activity can be done multiple times to strengthen observation, communication, and interpersonal skills.

- **Variations:**

- Focus on predator/prey relationships in the garden
- Focus on good bugs/bad bugs existing in the garden



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