

# Ages 3-6

## Projects from the Grocery Store

The classic houseplant for children is a sweet potato vine. Stick four or five toothpicks in a sweet potato about 2/3 of the way up the potato. The toothpicks will suspend the potato in a wide mouth jar so that it will grow roots and vines (takes about 6 weeks, a great project for Jan./Feb. You might do one for you and let each child do his own. It always amazes me how young children like to have something of their own...a good beginning for their sense of self...but the next step is understanding that it is yours because God made it for you and then made it possible for you to have. At meal time you might ask children "whose potato are we eating?"

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**Caution:** *It is not common knowledge that the leaves of the sweet potato plant are toxic. Warn your children and keep the project out of the reach of toddlers. Carrots and Parsnips work almost as well and are safe.*

### ***Other child friendly plants from the grocery store:***

**Avocado** seeds grow well if you have a sunny spot in your home.

**Lemon, Orange, Lime and other citrus seeds** grow well in a Styrofoam cup.

**The top of a pineapple will grow:** If you are interested in complete instruction the best we know of are at: <http://www.rickswoodshopcreations.com/Pineapple/pineapple.htm>

**When you clean the pepper** ...any variety...save the seeds and dry them out. In late Feb. plant them according to the instructions for "sensitive plant" and when warm enough set them outdoors in a tire garden.

**Genesis 1:11** Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing **plants** and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so.