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(Based on a true story)

Gardening with Mum

Hi, Emily!
It's nice out,
isn't it?

Yeah! Can
I try? I want
to help!

The spade
might be too big for you.
Why don't you help me
weed the garden?

OK!

Let's be careful
not to pull out any
flowers. I'll show
you which ones are
weeds.

Do we have
to pull all the
weeds out? There
are so many!

We do if we
want the garden
to look nice.



Looking after
a garden is hard.

You're right.
But the work still
needs to be done.

Why did we plant so
many flowers? That's
just more work!

Why do you think
Heavenly Father made
roses so pretty?

I don't know.

Because He
wants us to have joy
when we see them.

It's like that song! "I'm
glad that I live in this
beautiful world Heavenly
Father created for me."*

That's why I don't
mind the hard work.
The flowers make me
happy.

They remind us of
Heavenly Father's
love!

"We should care
for the earth, be wise
stewards over it, and preserve
it for future generations."

President Russell M. Nelson,
"The Creation," *Liahona*, July 2000, 84.

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*Children's Songbook, 228-29.

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