



## Ready, Set, Grow! Sketch

*Let the wise hear and increase in learning ... (Proverbs 1:5a).*

**[Please provide:** four actresses, four copies of the sketch for the actresses, flowers and containers as listed in the “Props” section below, one copy of each Bible verse label found at the end of the sketch.]

### **Cast:**

Rose Johnson – President of Hill Valley Garden Club  
Violet Springer – Secretary of Hill Valley Garden Club  
Marigold Hoffenstetter – Member of Hill Valley Garden Club and LWML  
Ivy Woods – Guest Speaker

**Props:** Table with assorted potted plants or flowers as listed. Label each flower with its name and Bible verse label provided at the end of the skit: sunflower – Proverbs 1:5a, forget-me-not – Psalm 77:11 (NKJV), bleeding heart – 1 John 3:16, gladiolus – Psalm 122:1, morning glory – Psalm 92:1-2, peace lily – John 14:27. Note: If you do not have live flowers available, use artificial versions or print photographs of each flower from the Internet, cut them out, attach each to a thin dowel rod or stick, and secure in separate containers.

**Setting:** Scene takes place at the Hill Valley Garden Club meeting hosted in Rose Johnson’s backyard.

[Table with potted plants and flowers is center stage. **Rose, Marigold, Violet** and **Ivy** stand behind it, facing audience.]

**Rose:** [Claps loudly three times.] Attention, ladies! The meeting of the Hill Valley Garden Club will now come to order. [Turns to **Violet.**] Violet, will you please read the minutes of the last meeting?

**Violet:** Of course, Rose. [Reads from script.] The Hill Valley Garden Club met last month at the home of Marigold Hoffstetter. We viewed her beautiful collection of ...

**Marigold:** [Interrupts **Violet.**] Excuse me, dear, but did you spell Hoffstetter with two “f’s” and three “t’s”? People are always misspelling my last name.

**Violet:** Let me see ... [Checks notes.] Yes, Marigold. I spelled it correctly this time. As I was saying, [Continues to read from script.] we viewed her beautiful collection of Australian violets.

**Marigold:** They were African violets, dear, not Australian.

**Violet:** Oh my goodness! I am so sorry. I always mix up my consonants.

**Rose:** You mean “continents”?

**Violet:** Those, too. [Continues to read from script.] After viewing the flowers, a lovely lemon cake was served. Ooh! I remember that lemon cake. It was so delicious! I really need to get that recipe.

**Marigold:** Well, it's in our church cookbook – page 92. I'm going to make it again next week for our LWML meeting. You should come. You can feed your body **and** soul.

**Violet:** If you're serving your lemon cake, then count me in!

**Marigold:** Good! You can come as my guest.

**Rose:** [Turns to audience.] And speaking of special guests, would you please join me in giving a warm welcome to our guest speaker, Ivy Woods.

[**Rose, Violet,** and **Marigold** clap politely.]

**Ivy:** Thank you, ladies. It is such a joy for me to be here today surrounded by all of you in this beautiful garden. [Gestures toward plants on table.] As you can see, I brought with me today a few of my favorite plants. Each one of these flowers helps me to grow.

**Rose:** You mean, you help the plants to grow. That's what gardeners do. We plant the seed in good soil, water it, and make sure it gets lots of sunshine so it grows into a healthy plant.

**Ivy:** That's right. But we also have a little growing to do ourselves and these plants can remind us of how to grow in God's garden.

**Rose:** So you are saying that today we are not the gardeners, we are the seeds?

**Ivy:** Exactly! And the first thing you're going to need is good soil and that soil is God's Word. So let's start off with one of my favorites – the **sunflower**. If any plant knows how to grow big and strong it is the sunflower.

**Rose:** I once grew a sunflower that was over ten feet tall!

**Ivy:** Yes, the sunflower is a great example of growth. So I wrote **Proverbs 1:5a** on the back of its container. It says, *Let the wise hear and increase in learning.* When we learn more about God and His Word, then we always grow in faith!

**Violet:** [Points at the table.] I see you have a **forget-me-not**. That's my favorite flower.

**Ivy:** It reminds me of another Bible verse. Perhaps you would like to read it to us.

**Violet:** [Reads from container.] *I will remember the works of the LORD; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old* (**Psalm 77:11** NKJV).

**Ivy:** God gives us His Word and helps us remember it in times of troubles. He helps us to remember His promises and what He has done for us.

**Violet:** That sounds like something we don't ever want to forget.

**Marigold:** It is good to remember God and His Word. When I think about how He has always been there for me in the past, it helps me to trust Him with my future.

**Ivy:** Not only does God help us with our troubles, He also helps us show love and compassion to others. [Holds up bleeding heart flower.]

**Rose:** Ooh! It's a beautiful **bleeding heart** flower.

**Ivy:** If you have ever tried to grow one of these then you know how important it is to water it regularly.

**Rose:** That is so true, but I just love that flower!

**Ivy:** Then I think you will also love what this Bible verse has to say. [Hands container to **Rose**.]

**Rose:** [Reads from container.] **1 John 3:16** states, *By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.*

**Violet:** That's quite a statement.

**Ivy:** Isn't it good to know how much God loves us? He sent His Son Jesus to die as punishment for our sins. His love is eternal and it never changes. We can always count on Him. Jesus is the living water that we need each day for spiritual growth.

**Marigold:** That's so true. God loved us first. He helps us show His love to others. God uses us to help water the whole garden of believers.

**Violet:** I must say this is a different type of gardening lesson than I expected to hear today, but I like it!

**Marigold:** I agree. Hearing God's Word proclaimed always makes me glad.

**Ivy:** That brings us to the next beautiful flower – the **gladiolus**. [Hands container to **Marigold**.] Here, Marigold, would you please read the next verse?

**Marigold:** [Reads from the gladiolus container.] *I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"* (**Psalm 122:1**)

**Ivy:** It is good to worship God on Sunday and give Him praise as we read and study His Word. We can also do that every day at home just as this **morning glory** reminds us. [Gestures at morning glory container.] Rose, would you please read the verse on the morning glory container to us?

**Rose:** [Reads from morning glory container.] *It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night ...* (**Psalm 92:1-2**).

**Ivy:** My morning devotions are always like a ray of sunshine that gets me through each day. I like knowing that all creation glorifies God. This flower which blooms in the morning reminds us to do the same as we begin each day glorifying our Lord.

**Violet:** But what about weeds? Are there going to be weeds in our faith garden?

**Ivy:** Unfortunately, in this world of sin there are always weeds. But God has an answer for that, too. You will find it in the verse on this **peace lily**. [Gestures at the peace lily.] Please read it for us, Violet.

**Violet:** [Reads from the peace lily container.] [Jesus said,] *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid” (John 14:27).*

**Ivy:** God gives us a different kind of peace when He takes away the weeds of our sin with His forgiveness. We don't have to be worried or afraid. We know that God is in control and promises to care for us in this world and the next.

**Rose:** I think with all that I am learning about God's Word the Holy Spirit is preparing me to bloom!

**Ivy:** Absolutely! As you know, each flower is unique and so it is with us. God has a different plan and purpose for each one of us here. He helps us bloom as we serve Him in various ways.

**Rose:** That's what makes His garden so beautiful.

**Marigold:** God helps us to bloom where we are planted.

**Violet:** And the Holy Spirit helps us to continually grow in our faith.

**Ivy:** Cling to God's Word and with the help of His creation be reminded of His garden of faith.

**Rose:** Thank you, Ivy, for sharing your unique gardening tips with us today. I know I could certainly use a little more digging into God's Word.

**Marigold:** Why don't you all join me next week at the LWML meeting for more Bible study? It's a great place to nourish the body and soul.

**Rose:** It has been a while since I attended, but yes, I think I would like to come.

**Violet:** Count me in.

**Ivy:** It sounds like a great idea. I say let's get ready, get set, and GROW!

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Plant labels for "Ready, Set, Grow!" Sketch

**Sunflower:**

**Let the wise hear and increase in learning. Proverbs 1:5a**

**Forget-me-not:**

**"I will remember the works of the Lord; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old." Psalm 77:11 (NKJV)**

**Bleeding heart:**

**By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. 1 John 3:16**

**Gladiolus:**

**I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Psalm 122:1**

**Morning glory:**

**It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night. Psalm 92:1-2**

**Peace lily:**

**[Jesus said,] "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." John 14:27**