

THE NETHERLANDS

The Netherlands is a country in the continent of Europe, and a new location for CMS work. "The Dutch" is the name given to people from the Netherlands. CMS missionaries are teaching at a theological college. They are training future leaders to know God through the Bible, so that they can in turn teach people in churches across Europe.

ACTIVITY

Carrots are orange because the Dutch cultivated them to be this colour to honour the leader who brought them independence in the 17th Century, "William of Orange". Before this, carrots were white or purple.

Follow these instructions to grow carrot tops (green foliage) from a carrot. You may need an adult to help you.

MATERIALS:

- Carrot
- Glass
- Toothpicks
- Water

STEPS:

1. Cut the top from a grocery store carrot. You'll need about 2.5 cm of the top of the vegetable.
2. Stick a toothpick into either side of the carrot stump and balance it on top of a small glass. Tip: Use an old glass for this as you may end up with mineral stains.
3. Fill the glass with water up to and barely touching the bottom edge of the stump.
4. Set the glass in a light, but not too sunny window. Add water to keep it touching the edge and watch the roots sprout. You're growing carrots from carrots in a glass!

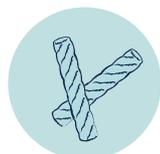


NOTE: These steps won't re-grow the orange part of the carrot but the foliage may grow flowers and seeds that can be used to plant new carrots.



Did you know?

There are more bicycles in the Netherlands than people.



Fun fact:

Dutch people eat the most licorice in the world (around 2kg per year per person)!

BIBLE CHALLENGE

Connect the Bible verse to its reference by matching the bicycle to its outline. Use these verses as encouragement to pray for the missionaries who 'go' and help the world know about Jesus.



He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."



Matthew 28:19



Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...



1 Peter 4:10



I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.



Luke 10:2



...the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.



Mark 16:15



He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."



Psalms 121:8



Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.



Philippians 3:14

HINT: USE YOUR BIBLE IF YOU GET STUCK

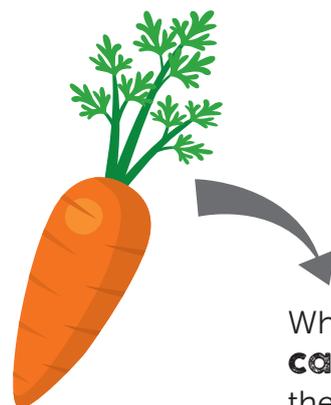
PRAY

Thank God

That CMS missionaries can teach the Bible to future church leaders in Europe.

Ask God

Pray for church leaders to grow as disciples of Jesus who can tell others about him.



Whenever you eat **carrots**, pray for the Netherlands!