

Sunflowers for Opac Preparing to plant



These women are tilling the soil and chopping weeds with their hoes.

In Uganda there is a rainy season and a dry season. There is no snow, no winter. It is warm or hot all year long. But in March the rains come, and then it is time to plant sunflowers seeds.

The soil has to be ready for the seeds. There cannot be any weeds or grass in the field. Everyone pitches in to help.

The people use hoes to chop up the weeds and to make the soil soft for the seeds.

Then it is time to plant. Every woman is given 4 ½ pounds of seeds. She will plant them in her own field, and she will watch as they grow.



Sunflower seeds ready to plant



Sunflower seedlings

After planting, comes the watching and waiting. The women and the children wonder, will the seeds sprout? Will the birds and the field mice find the seeds and eat them? Will there be enough rain?

Have you ever dug in the ground? Have you helped get a garden ready for plants and flowers?

Dear God,

We thank you for the good earth you have given us, for the dirt we dig in, the soil we plant in. We thank you for seasons and times – for spring and summer, fall and winter. We thank you for rainy seasons and for dry seasons, all the times of the year. Amen.

He gives rain on the earth

and sends waters on the fields. *Job 5:10*