

# Dill

**Dill** seed can be sewn directly into the garden either in fall or spring. It grows well in a tire garden (see activities) and is a foundation plant for most butterfly Gardens (see activities). Dill has been cultivated for thousands of years and is mentioned in Holy Scripture.

## **Matthew 23:23**

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cummin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.



**Bible Lesson:** Most churches take up a collection because they need the funds and because it is set out in scripture. Personally I believe that even children should participate in the tithe. At the very least they should be aware that their parents participate. The more important thing is that they learn about justice, mercy and faithfulness...BOTH giving it and receiving it. I remember a particularly difficult child age four...the words Unholy Terror come to mind. One of his worst habits was trying to escape the pre school by climbing the fence the instant your head was turned. I was constantly pulling him off the fence for a timeout. One day I asked if he would rather have a timeout or Mercy. He asked what Mercy was and I said "Mercy is where you say you won't do it again and you don't get time out." He said "I'll have mercy please." But the really curious thing is that he actually gave up climbing the fences. Remembering to show our children justice, mercy and faithfulness is important. It is also import to reward them INSTANTLY whenever we see it in them..in their behavior.

**Using Dill in your kitchen:** My own personal favorite is dill leaves chopped and added to onion flavored dip. It goes well also in sour cream. If they grew it themselves children will like a little sprig on their macaroni...like they were in a fancy restaurant. The dill leaves can be easily chopped and dried and stored in a jar. It can be used to season sandwiches or anything you like. The seed has a bit stronger taste but is perfect for making dill pickles.