

OREGANO

Oregano is tough, child friendly and edible. It grows out of doors and indoors with equal vigor. It propagates easily by either seed, runners or cuttings. Beyond all this it minimizes the effect of type II Diabetes and serves the human body in a variety of other ways. *It is our nomination for a perfect FIRST plant for child and adult alike.* If oregano appeals to you please try the link to the left marked activities and scroll down to “Tire Garden’s” Oregano makes an especially fine tire garden and in most of the United States is perennial coming back year after year without replanting.



Why do we call Oregano child friendly?

First because it offers children a chance to be stewards of a living growing thing. This was God’s first command...to look after the earth and all living things. I at least do not think he has changed his mind. Being responsible for a plant is a great first step toward an attitude of stewardship. (Jer. 2:7. I brought you into a fertile land to eat its fruit and rich produce. But you came and defiled my land and you made my inheritance detestable.) The verse might be a little strong but the idea is simple...look after all of creation...especially living things.

Second because it gives children *something to do*. Young children can smell it, taste it, dry it, start new plants, bring it indoors and take it to school for show and tell. They can make tea with it, cook with it and sell it in little Styrofoam cups. They can read about it and learn about it. They can even make a school report on it. Oregano is interesting, one of the most interesting of all God’s plants.

Third because it (like all our plants) offers children some great opportunities for spiritual growth. Seeing and touching a plant leads to a SENSE OF WONDER. Learning that it is God’s gift to us leads to a SENSE OF HIS PRESENCE and to gratitude. Learning that he expects us to care for it and for all of creation leads to a sense of stewardship. Beyond these things is the ability of our Father to speak directly to our souls through the things he has created (Romans 1:20) which leads to KNOWING GOD BETTER...the best devotional possible.