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Science activity

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herb



shrub



tree



Science exploration

Take a walk in your neighborhood. Are there more shrubs, herbs, or trees?





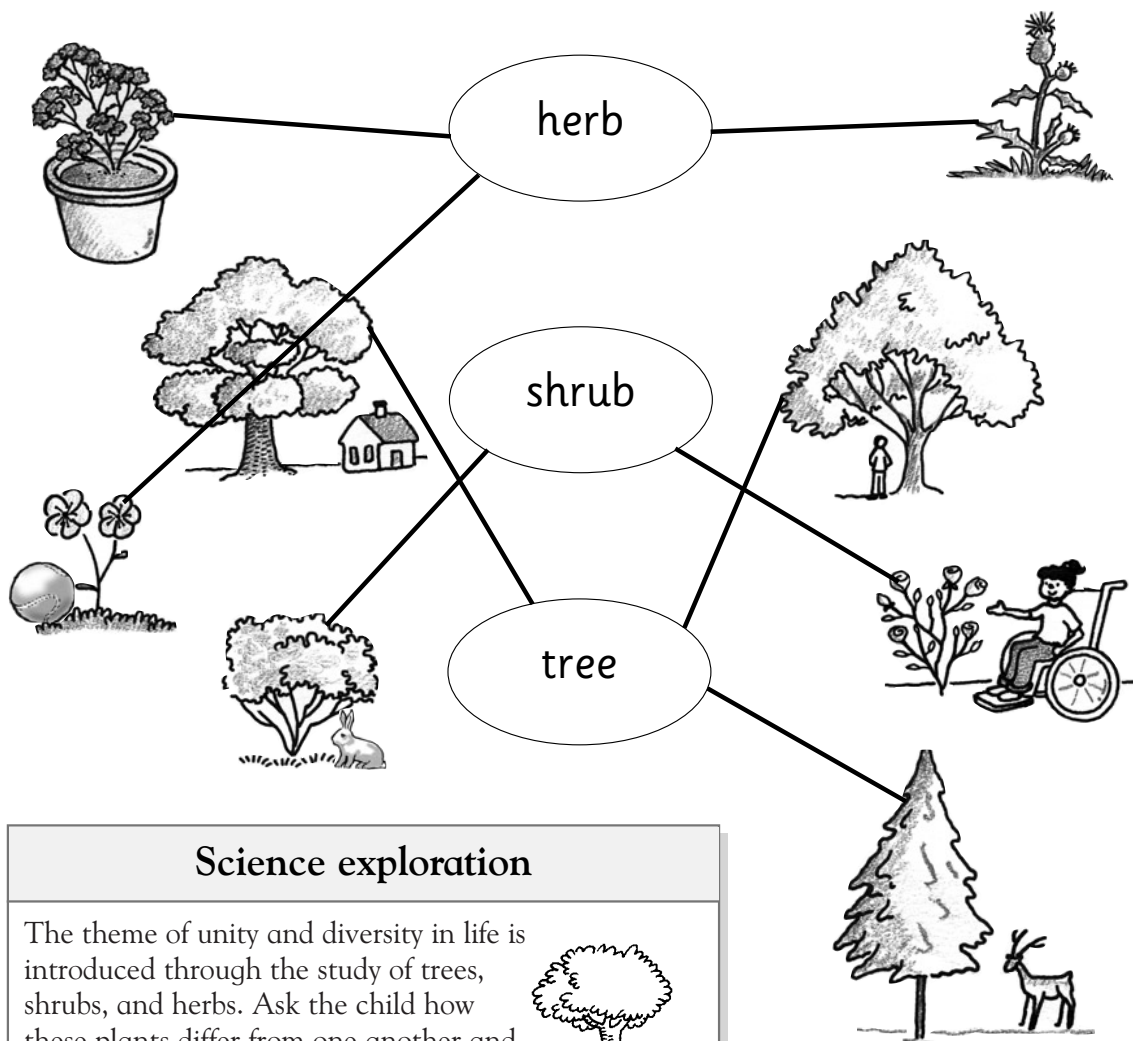
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The theme of unity and diversity in life is introduced through the study of trees, shrubs, and herbs. Ask the child how these plants differ from one another and how they are alike.

