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## **Might I suggest:**

The Enormous Vegetable Harvest (in BOOKPLAY) includes book titles, a presentation plan, & follow-up activities for home or school.

Variations on a theme: THE GREAT BIG ENORMOUS TURNIP (Russian folktale)

The Turnip by Pierr Morgan  
The Giant Cabbage: An Alaskan Folktale by Cherie B. Stihler  
The Giant Carrot by Jan Peck  
The Enormous Potato by Aubrey Davis  
Big Pumpkin by Erica Silverman (Halloween version with witch & other creepy characters)

This can be acted out, done as a flannelboard story or stick puppets, told orally, done with children suggesting who to get next to help pull up the turnip. Think of other vegetables & fruits that might resist picking and create a story with the children.

Variations on a theme: STONE SOUP (traditional version-Marcia Brown)

Bone Button Borscht by Aubrey Davis  
Cactus Soup by Eric A. Kimmel  
Fox Tale Soup by Tony Bonning  
Hammer Soup by Ingrid & Dieter Schubert  
Stone Soup by Jon J. Muth

If allowed at your location, the group could make stone soup. This could also be acted out with play food (big kettles are readily available around Halloween). Children can suggest what to add to the soup and you can create your classroom's version of the story for them to tell on the flannelboard.

Mix music & books:

Louis Armstrong's recording of "What a Wonderful World" with the picture book of the same title. Authors are George David Weiss & Bob Thiele with illustrations by Ashley Bryan. Bryan draws the song as a puppet show with Louis Armstrong as the puppeteer. A great way to introduce children to a great musician.

Burl Ives' recording of "Little White Duck" with the picture book of the same title. Lyricist Walt Whippo is listed as author with illustrations by Joan Paley. Interestingly, this is presented as a play, with the actors listed on the cover page, entering the stage on the next page, and the song beginning after that. There are slight discrepancies between the written text & Ives' version, but the children won't notice.

John Lithgow (also known as an actor) has written several picture books. Many come with a CD of him performing it as a song. One of my favorites is MARSUPIAL SUE about a kangaroo.