

Sunday Club – 13th June 2021

The following is one way of delivering this session with children. This week we explore the environment in which God's kingdom values flourish.

Opening activity:

Look at pictures of yourself and other members of your family when you were babies or young children. Talk/think about what you could do when you were the age you were in the photos. What could you do then? How does that compare with what you can do now? How did the change come about? What has helped you to grow? What helps us to grow spiritually?

Opening prayer:

Creator God,
thank you that you have planted us here.
Thank you for roots of friendship,
and the fruit of the Spirit.
Amen.

Open the Bible at Mark 4.26-34

Print the story and cut into 5 pieces then rolled into scrolls. Before reading the story, invite your child(ren) to open and read the scrolls and try to place them in the right order. Then as you read they can check and reorder if necessary.

[Mark 4.26-34 ICB - Jesus Uses a Story About Seed - Then - Bible Gateway](#)

Stop and share:

- It's worth noting that while we are involved in sowing, tending and nurturing growth, it is ultimately God who makes it happen.
- Explain what is meant by harvest: to gather in ripe crops ready to eat or use.
- Jesus was a great storyteller who used parables – stories to help people learn more about God, explaining things that are sometimes hard to understand using things we see around us.

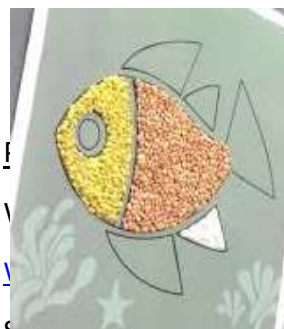
Talk Together:

- When have you felt like you have really grown in something?
- What do you think Jesus wanted people to understand about growth?
- How can you create the right environment for God's values to grow in your life?

Craft Activity – A seed collage - Create a symbolic picture of God's kingdom.

You will need: paper/card, PVA glue, spreaders, a variety of seeds/pulses

Make an image or picture using seeds glued into place. Here are some ideas or search the internet for others.



Go with God

Consider together what you have explored, what that means for each of you and how it might influence your daily lives.

Invite your child(ren) to hold their craft and consider:

- how God helps them to grow and develop
- how God's values can grow in them
- how they might help others to grow.

Closing Prayer:

Creator God, send us out to be
ready to learn from your words,
ready to grow in faith and
ready to sow the seeds of your love.

Amen.

Other ideas for family worship:

An alternative is provided by Hull minster (1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13).

<https://hullminster.org/family-resources>

Kid's Church – There is not a service scheduled for this week, but you might want to look back at a previous one. They are great fun and very interactive.

[Rev Chris Lee - YouTube](#)

Please note that the Rochester Diocese's Ministry at Home has now ceased.