

FAMILY RESOURCES

GROWTH

THE GOSPEL READING FOR THIS WEEK IS Mark 4: 26-34

This week's theme

This week's theme is 'Growth'. We think about how things grow naturally without human intervention. We also consider how we grow in a similar way to the seeds in the parable.

Core extract from the Gospel (Mark 4: 30-32; for reflection throughout the week)

Jesus also said,
With what can we compare the kingdom of God,
or what parable will we use for it?
It is like a mustard seed,
which, when sown upon the ground,
is the smallest of all the seeds on earth;
yet when it is sown it grows up
and becomes the greatest of all shrubs,
and puts forth large branches,
so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

Gospel prayer (for use throughout the week)

Lord God,
your kingdom grows from
the smallest seeds.
Nurture the seeds of your love in our hearts,
that we may grow in the ways
of your kingdom;
for you reign as king for ever.
Amen.



Things to think about

- What do you want to do when you grow up?
- Do you think it will be easy or difficult to be a grown up?
- What will be different to being a child?

Things to do

- Sow some wildflower seeds in your garden. Perhaps you could plant those that encourage insect and butterflies.
- Make a **timeline photo book** with photos of you and your family at different ages to see how you have changed
- **Growing paper flower**

You will need: paper plate, paint or pencils for colouring, glue, paper,



Draw a line across the plate to show where the soil will be. Colour it brown.



Cut out and stick on a yellow circle for the sun and draw rays around it.



Draw a figure holding a watering can and colour in. Stick on one side of the plate. Draw water droplets coming from the watering can and colour in.



Draw and colour a few flowers and cut them out. Draw and cut out some leaves.



Cut a long strip of green card or paper and attach the flowers and leaves.



Carefully cut a slit in the plate at the top of the soil. Make sure it is wide enough for your stem and flowers to pass through.



Different ways to decorate your plate

Use a photograph instead of a drawing to make it more personal.

Make the flowers by using fingerprints, buttons or even magazine pictures.

Why not share your creations with us? We would love to see what you have been up to!
Please email any photos to education@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk or tag @LivCathedral on social media.