

Children's Worship Bulletin

Good morning, Kids' Word!

Do you like gardening? I like growing herbs and veggies in our veggie patch. It's a lot of fun to bury each tiny seed in the soil, then water it and watch over it as it begins to sprout up from the soil to become a leafy plant. It's even more exciting when the plants start bearing fruit! Not only are the fruits and veggies delicious, many of them have tiny seeds inside them, so we can plant them in the garden to make more plants, veggies and seeds.

That's what Jesus talks about in today's story. He tells the disciples, "Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds."

He's saying that the grain of wheat can't do what it is supposed to do - grow into a plant - unless it stops being a grain of wheat. Jesus says that it's like the grain of wheat died.

It's sad that the grain of wheat has to die. But, living as a plant sounds much better than living as a tiny grain, as a seed.

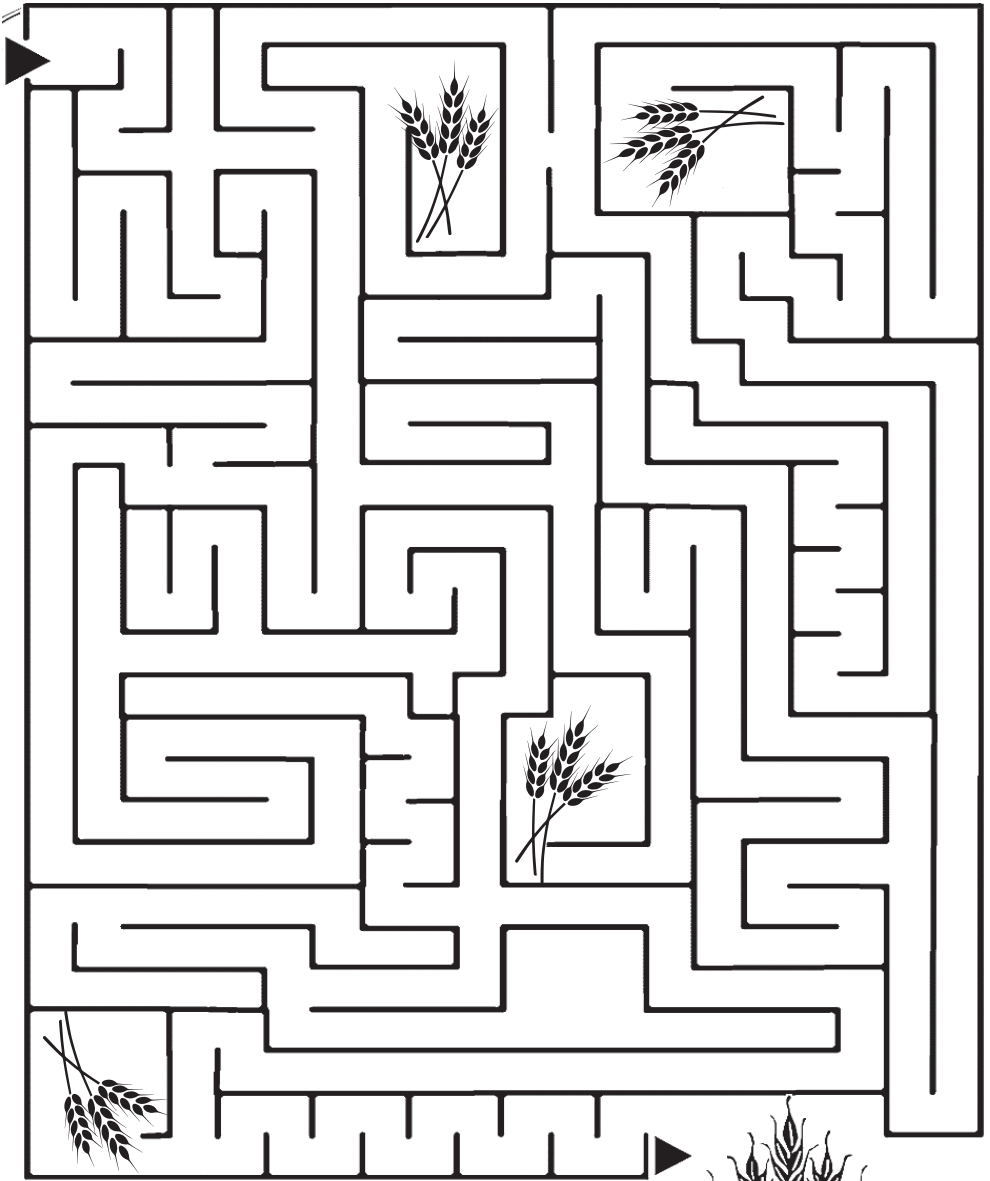
The plant can offer things the seed can't, like shelter, shade, and food. It can even grow more seeds, too.

Jesus is talking to the disciples about a grain of wheat dying so that it can become a plant is because Jesus knows that he will soon stop being Jesus in the way his disciples know him. Jesus knows he's going to die and then be resurrected. But once he's resurrected, he's going to be different.

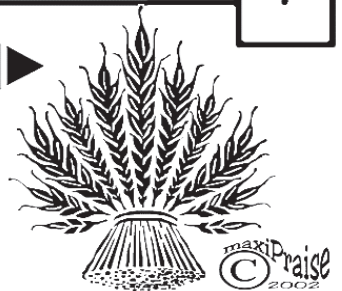
Jesus wants his disciples to think about his life, death, and resurrection in the same way they would think about a seed turning into a plant. He wants them to know that his resurrected life will be like a plant that keeps growing and has new seeds. His disciples will be like the seeds that are part of his new life. Seeds that will share God's love and healing just like Jesus did.

And, if we choose to accept Jesus' invitation to follow him, then we, too, can be seeds that are part of Jesus' new and better life that we can then share with others.

Have a great week! – Kristin and the Kids' Word Team



Make your way through the maze to the bushel of wheat at the end!





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- John 12: 24

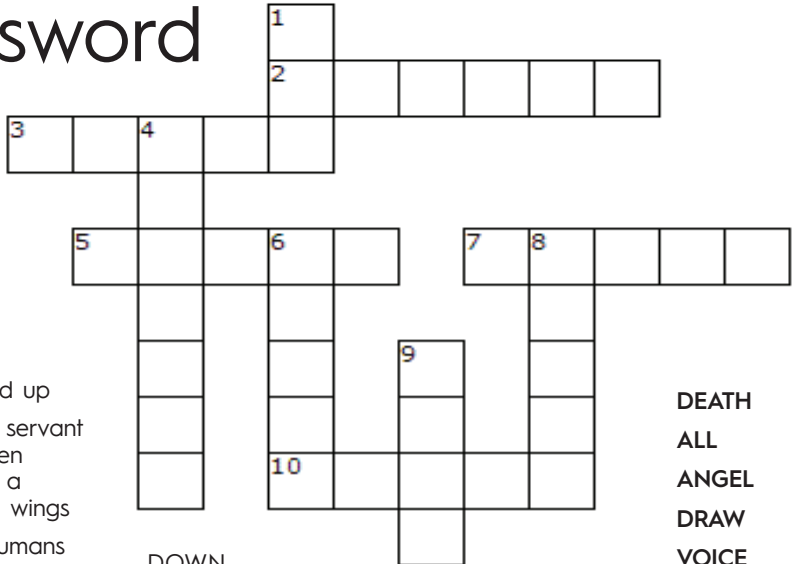
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- MEN
- SHOW
- NAME

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Crossword



ACROSS

- 2. To be raised up
- 3. A heavenly servant of God, often pictured as a human with wings
- 5. What we humans use to speak or sing
- 7. The Son of God
- 10. The end of life

DOWN

- 1. Everyone and everything
- 4. To bring praise and honour to God
- 6. A large group of people
- 8. The land surface of the world
- 9. to attract someone or something

- DEATH
- ALL
- ANGEL
- DRAW
- VOICE
- GLORIFY
- EARTH
- LIFTED
- JESUS
- CROWD

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