



Sunday, March 21, 2021
Serve & Follow John 12:20-30



What's the Big Idea?

We follow Jesus by helping others.

In today's story, Jesus talks about seeds. In Jesus' time, farming was a common occupation. Many people farmed to support their families and survive. Today, fewer than 1% of Americans are farmers. That's a big difference!



Read the story!

Find this week's story on pages 446-447 of your Spark Story Bible.

Where do you see Squiggles this week?



Talk About It

- 1) Jesus talked about seeds as an example of something that grows. What other examples could he have used about things that grow?
- 2) How are we like seeds? How are we different than seeds?
- 3) God made promises to Jesus. God makes promises to us. How do you show someone that you can keep a promise?
- 4) Think about ways you could learn about the needs in your community. Some may be really big. Others may not seem significant. What can you do to serve others in your community in big and small ways?

Pray: Dear God, make us seeds of your love. Seeds need sun, soil, and rain to flourish. We need love and support. Nurture us and help us grow, so that we can serve others and follow Jesus. Amen.

Live It Together

The next time you eat a piece of fruit, look for the seeds. Or, on your next grocery trip, see how many types of seeds you can find. Buy a few new kinds and have a seed sampling for your next snack or meal. Try pumpkin, sesame, sunflower, or poppy. Remember how Jesus believed you could grow to serve others.



Memorize It

Have a grown up help you send a video of yourself saying this week's memory verse to Sarah to have a sticker added by your name on the Memory Verse Star Chart! Sarah sends a prize when 10 stars reached!

Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. John 12:26a

Contact Sarah at Cell: 612.201.2916 or Email: solson@trinitylc.org

The Seed of Faith

Jesus taught his followers many things! He taught that faith grows out of a small seed. Sometimes the disciples didn't understand what he said to them, even though they were right there! Can you figure out some of Jesus' teachings written below? They are written in what is called phonetic style. That means they are written like they sound instead of using the correct spellings.

Give them a try!

1) Huevuhr servz mi must faloh mi.

2) Huevuhr servz mi thuh fahthur wil onhur.

3) Naw muh sol iz truhbuld.

4) Fahthur, glorehfi yur nam.

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1. Whoever serves me must follow me.
 2. Whoever serves me the Father will honor.
 3. Now my soul is troubled.
 4. Father, glorify your name.



Why was Jesus talking about seeds? He explained, "I will die and come alive again. Many people will serve and follow me."