

# LIVING GOD'S WAY

LENT SPIRITUAL RESOURCES WEEK 5 COURAGEOUS HOPE 21st MARCH 2021 LENT 5

## ABOUT A SEED...



Have you ever bought a packet of seeds? Maybe the packet had a picture of some beautiful flowers, or perhaps you wanted to grow some healthy vegetables.



But there is one problem about a packet of seeds. If you want to have the vegetables or the flowers you have to go into the garden, dig some soil, carefully plant the seeds, water them and look after them until they grow into plants. If you leave the seeds sitting in the packet indoors what do you think will happen to the seeds?!

As we are getting near the end of the season of Lent, our Bible readings start to help us think about Good Friday and Easter Day. In today's reading, Jesus is telling his friends what is about to happen to him.

3 Jesus said to them, "The time has come for the Son of Man to receive his glory. 24 It is a fact that a grain of wheat must fall to the ground and die before it can grow and produce much more wheat. If it never dies, it will never be more than a single seed. **John 12:23,24**



*See if you can find any seeds to plant – it would be good to find a couple of different types. Which seed do you think will grow first? Plant most of your seeds in some soil, keep them somewhere warm and water occasionally. Leave the seeds you didn't plant on a plate. Don't water them! Talk about what might happen! Were you right?*

## ABOUT JESUS...

Jesus was explaining to his friends that people were going to turn against him and that he would soon be killed. His friends were very upset. He told them about the seed that has to "die" in the ground so that it can grow and produce flowers and fruit. We



know that seeds don't really die in the soil, but it can seem like this when you're waiting for a new shoot. We have to HOPE that they will grow!



*Talk about why Jesus might have talked to his friends about a seed dying.*

## UNFAIR CHAINS

*Jesus's friends knew that he was good and kind, it really wasn't fair that he was killed.*

Are there things in the world that you think aren't fair? Use some long strips of paper. Draw or write anything that isn't fair on each one. Ask a grown up to tape or staple the strips into a paper chain. Listen to some quiet music that you like and think about God knowing all about every single unfair thing.

**PULL THE CHAINS APART AND THANK GOD THAT JESUS UNDERSTANDS WHEN THINGS ARE UNFAIR.**

