

Dear Student,

This month we are looking at the symbol of wheat.

In your bible, please turn to John and read Chapter 12 verses 20-26 (p.1097).

Some context for this passage: this takes place right after Jesus rides into Jerusalem (what we celebrate on Palm Sunday). People from all over were in Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover, including Greeks who had heard about Jesus.

What happens to the seed?

Can the seed stop itself from growing or dying?

What does this seed tell us about life? Is dying bad for the seed?

Was Jesus just talking about seeds? Who might this grain of wheat be?

Do you remember anyone who had died? What do you remember about them? What "fruit" came from their lives?

During the season of Lent, Christians tend to spend time looking at their lives. This short parable has us looking at death, and toward the Easter Celebration that we know is coming.

In the packet are some seeds and soil and small pots to plant them. We're using bean seeds because they are larger than wheat seeds. You need to soak them in warm water overnight before you plant them. Watch your seeds grow. After a week, pull some sprouts out and see what has happened to the seeds. Are they still there? What about after a couple of weeks?

As we are right near St. Patrick's day, there is a coloring page about St. Patrick. There is also a color by number wheat field worksheet.

**I fear nothing,
because of the
promises of
Heaven; for I have
cast myself into the
hands of Almighty
God, who reigns
everywhere. As the
prophet says: Cast
your burden on the
Lord and he will
sustain you.”**

**Patrick of Ireland
c. 386–461**



