

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.

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 analogy is Jesus using?

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Who is the grain of wheat that Jesus is talking about? Do you remember what happens to Jesus?

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Last month, we looked at Jesus talking about fruit on the vine. Here he is talking about the fruit of the seed. How has Jesus' life affected the world?

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Do you remember anyone who had died? What do you remember about them?

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What "fruit" came from their lives?

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Do you think Jesus actually wants people who love their life to die? Or to hate their life? Or do you think he is talking metaphorically? What might He really want people to do with their lives?

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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. What do you know about St. Patrick?

**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**

