

Dear parents/guardians/grandparents,

This month we are looking at the symbol of wheat.

The Beginner's Bible does not have every story in it. In your packet is a booklet with Jesus' story about the grain of wheat it. Please read it together.

- I wonder what the seed might tell us about dying.
- Did the seed tell itself that it wasn't going to grow?
- Can the seed stop itself from growing or dying?
- I wonder what this seed tells us about life.
- Is dying a bad thing for the seed?
- Does the plant look anything like the seed it started from?
- I wonder why Jesus told this parable.
- I wonder if He was just talking about seeds?
- I wonder who this grain of wheat might be.

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. This is a good time to remember loved ones that may have died. What good things do you remember about them? What "fruit" came from their lives?

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 together. 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.

-Brenda

**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**



