



## God Made It Grow

The Growing Seed  
Luke 15:4-7

Ranger Ryan carefully watched the logs on the campfire. He sat down and waited for his friends to join him. Soon, Granny B and Lello arrived and sat down near the warm fire.

"Where's Delbert?" Ranger Ryan asked.

"He's on his way," Lello assured Ranger Ryan. It wasn't long before Delbert ran up, excited to hear another story.

"Haw! Hello, Ranger Ryan! That campfire is so cool! What story are you going to tell us tonight?" Delbert asked excitedly.

"Tonight, I am going to tell you a story about a growing seed," Ranger Ryan answered with a smile. Then he cleared his throat and began, "Jesus said, 'Here is what God's kingdom is like. A farmer scatters seed on the ground. Night and day the seed comes up and grows.'"

"Haw! I love it when plants grow!" Delbert exclaimed.

Ranger Ryan smiled and continued, "Jesus said, 'The seed grows whether the farmer sleeps or gets up. He doesn't know how it happens. Without his help, the seed grows.'"

"What happens to the seed?" Lello asked.

"Jesus said, 'First the stalk comes up. Then the top and finally, the top fills with grain that's ripe and ready for the farmer to gather it!'" Ranger Ryan answered.

Delbert jumped up and pranced around the fire. "Haw! I love grain! People use it to make bread and cereal but I just eat it plain!"

Ranger Ryan and Granny B laughed.

"I love the way God makes plants grow—even while we are sleeping. God makes the plants in my garden grow," Granny B said.

"Why yes, Granny B, God is in control of everything, even the growing of one tiny seed," Ranger Ryan agreed.

"God is so good. Thank you for telling us the story," Lello said.

"If you meet me here again tomorrow night, I'll share another story Jesus told," Ranger Ryan said as he stood up.

"Haw! Ranger Ryan, tomorrow morning can we show you our garden? Lello and I have been working on it for a long time," Delbert asked.

"I'd love to see your garden. Right now, I need to put this campfire out," Ranger Ryan explained.

"And I need to get you two back to the barn for bed," Granny B said as she motioned for Delbert and Lello to follow her.

"See you tomorrow!" Delbert and Lello called.

Ranger Rick waved goodbye. He was sure this was going to be a great summer on the farm.