



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 5, Lesson 24

The Growing Seed

Lesson Aim: To know God makes us grow.

THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "God made it grow."

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE KING WHO TEACHES

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to King Jesus. He tells us stories about His kingdom. Have you ever had a teacher tell you a story? (Children respond.) Jesus told stories, too! His stories are very special because they help us understand the kingdom of God. Today, we will hear the story Jesus told about the growing seed. Who do you think made that seed grow? (God.) That's right—God made it grow. That is our Whisper Verse today. Let's try it together. Review Whisper Verse together: "God made it grow." Include sign language.

Sing Bible Memory Verse and other related songs.

Just as God makes the seed grow, He makes His kingdom grow. One way He does that is through the money we bring as our offering. Let's give Him our money offerings now. Play: "Amazing Grace" as background music while collecting the offering.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

God makes our friendships grow, too. Now, it is time to hear from our new friend, Ranger Ryan the Lion.

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

Our God is mighty. He made everything and He makes us all grow! Sing: "He Is Mighty to Save." Let's sing praises to Him now for making us grow. Sing: "Sing Praises" and "Let Everything That Has Breath."

THE WORD THE GROWING SEED CLASSROOM PROMISE

Show the Lesson 23 "Lost and Found Sheep" craft sample. Last time, we learned Jesus finds us when we are lost, just like a shepherd finds his lost sheep. Who would like to tell the story of the lost sheep we learned last time? Let one or two children tell the story. Today, we will hear how Jesus told the story of the growing seed. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Mark 4:27.

WATCH THE WORD: MARK 4:26-29

Read poem. Display visual.

- A farmer plants a tiny seed;
- The seed grows night and day.
- It grows when the farmer falls asleep;
- It grows when he's wide awake.

- It grows from a seed to a great big stalk.
- The farmer asks, "How does it grow?"
- The One who makes it grow is God.
- The Bible tells me so!

Who makes the plants grow? (God.) Our Whisper Verse tells us the answer. Let's say it together: "God made it grow." Include sign language or hand motions.

When does the seed grow? (Day and night.) Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read Mark 4:27 from teacher's Bible. God makes the seed grow all day and all night.

THE WAY GOD MAKES US GROW

CRAFT: Growing Seed Packet

GAMES: Watch Me Grow, God Makes Me Grow

SNACK: Food for Growth

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Mark 4:26-29

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Praise Dance, Circle of Praise
STORY TIME