St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church Junior Church Activity Sheet 28th June 2020 - Trinity 3



Here is something to pass the time at home as we can't meet in church at the moment – a story and some activities.

Story

Here is a story that Jesus told. You can watch the story as part of the service.

"Imagine", said Jesus, when he was talking to the crowds of people who had come to hear him, "Imagine, a sower goes out to sow seed with his bag of grain.

He throws the seed out over the ground.

Some of it falls by the roadside, where there is no proper soil for it to grow in and the birds of the air come down and eat it all up.

Some of it falls on the rocky ground, where there isn't much soil for it to root in. It starts to spring up and grow but when the sun comes out, it dries up and shrivels away.

Some of the seed falls among the weeds and thorns. It starts to grow up but the weeds and thorns do too, and they choke it, so it cannot flourish.

But some seed, it falls in good soil, and it begins to grow and grow and forms great ears of corn, heavy with seeds that will feed us, or grow in their turn." When they got him by himself his friends asked him what the story meant.

"You can think of the seed as the good news of the Kingdom of God," said Jesus. "Some of it doesn't have a chance to make a difference and grow because evil things come and whisk it away. That's like the seed that fell at the roadside. The seed that fell on rocky soil and sprang up, but withered quickly, is like people who hear the message, and think it's great, but it doesn't take root in their hearts, so it quickly fades away. The seed that fell into the weeds, that's like people who hear the message but the hardships and troubles of the world, and other distractions, kill it off in their hearts.

And the seed that falls on good soil, that's the people who hear the message, and it changes their hearts and it grows and spreads and feeds everyone around them.



Puzzle

Here is a puzzle for you to show how things can grow. It is an old, old story of the man who invented the game of chess, which is played on a board 8 squares by eight squares so there are 64 squares. His king was so delighted that he offered him a reward. I don't want much, said the inventor, just give me one grain of wheat on the first square, two on the second, four on the next, eight on the next and so on, just doubling it up each time.

Splendid, said the king.

But then his treasurer told him what he had agreed to.....

There wasn't that much wheat in the whole kingdom.

You might like to have a go at drawing it on the grid, but you will soon run out of paper because the answer is that the total reward would be the number in the box on the next page which you will need to turn upside-down to read:



fifteen – grains of wheat hundred and nine million, five hundred and fifty-one thousand six hundred and quadrillion, seven hundred and forty-four trillion, seventy-three billion, seven This is how you say this number: eighteen quintillion, four hundred and forty-six

318,446,744,073,709,551,615

How about some popcorn?

You can make corn grow in other ways. Small grains of maize explode into popcorn and get bigger when you heat them. Ask a grownup if you can make some.

Word Search

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E	С	G		G	Ν	D	Y	D	Α	CORN EARS
D	L	Ν		Α	R	G	G	Ε	S	GOOD GRAIN GROW KINGDOM MESSAGE ROCKY
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