

Week 21

Story

Connection

The Farmer's Seeds

Bible

Connection

...faith comes from
hearing the message
Romans 10:17

If you have ever planted from seed, you may have experienced some of the frustrations of planting seeds that for whatever reason just don't seem to take root and grow. In this week's bible story, Jesus shares with us the importance of a rich environment for the planting of these little seeds of faith. Spend some time thinking about your classroom environment and come up with ideas for preparing your "classroom soil" so that the little seeds of faith you are sowing each day are able to grow strong and produce much good fruit.

Seed Identification/Exploration

Purchase a variety of seed packets. Be sure to choose seeds of different types and sizes.

Place the seeds into a clear sealed plastic envelopes, one envelope for each type of seed. Laminate the seed packages. Find and print pictures of mature plants for the seeds that you chose. Add magnifying glasses and encourage children to try to guess which seeds go with each plant picture. Students can also use the magnifying glasses to examine the seeds more closely and talk about how they are the same or different.

Creation Corner



Provide students with a blank sheet of construction paper, glue and a variety of beans and seeds to create their own seed garden. Used coffee grounds are great for creating the soil.

Sensory

Using black beans as your sensory bin base; provide small plastic pots, shovels, silk flowers, vegetables, watering can, and anything else that you might use for planting.

Science

Supply students with dirt, seeds, containers and a spray bottle or watering can. Encourage students to plant and care for their little seeds. Students can record/count how many days it takes for the seeds to sprout and can record measurement of growth.

Cross

Connections

† Jesus used parables (stories) to teach us about God.

† Jesus wants us to be like the good rich soil where the seeds of faith can grow strong.

† Seeds of faith are planted in our hearts when we read God's word, the Bible.